

Marriages in our country are in crisis even within the Christian community. In The Chapel's continued commitment to support and encourage marriages, and build them on the foundation of God's Word, it was decided to develop a mentoring ministry.



OUR MISSION



The purpose of marriage mentoring is to lovingly invest in the preparation, maximization, and restoration of lifelong marriages by walking alongside less experienced couples, helping them to apply God's principles for marriage as they

navigate a journey the mentor couple has already taken.

TESTIMONIALS

"Meeting with you has helped more than I can put into words." LM

"Thank you again so much for all of your wisdom and input into our relationship . . . You have helped us immensely, and my fiancé and I are so grateful for all you've taught us, and the relationship that we've begun." LG

"Thanks for the other night. You both were/are such an encouragement to my husband and I. Thanks for taking the time to help couples like us!" KB

TITUS 2:4-7

"These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, to live wisely and be pure, to work in [care for] their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind."

MORE INFORMATION

Do you have some questions? Want to get started?

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MENTORS
building strong marriages through mentoring



WHAT IS MENTORING?

It is a healthy, more experienced couple purposefully investing in another couple to effectively navigate a journey that they have already taken.

Others have noted that mentoring is one of the most powerful tools we have for influencing human behavior.

THREE TRACKS

The Chapel's Mentoring Ministry focuses on three principal areas:

- 1. Need to Prepare -**
Mentoring seriously dating, engaged, or newlywed couples.
- 2. Need to Maximize -**
Mentoring couples from good to great marriages.
- 3. Need to Repair -**
Mentoring couples that are struggling in a particular area.

FINDING A MENTOR

Whether you are a couple seriously dating or in a courtship, or have been married a number of years and desire to move your marriage from good to great, or are a couple weathering hard times, you may be interested in a mentoring relationship.

How do we take the next step?

We will arrange a time to meet with you, fill out a short questionnaire, and prayerfully match you with a mentor couple.

What is the first meeting like?

Your mentor couple will then contact you to arrange a time to meet. The first meeting will be focused on getting to know you as a couple—your background, goals for the mentoring relationship, and working out a meeting schedule.

What will mentoring be like?

Mentoring can take on various forms and length of time, and is decided with your mentor couple. Some will go through a book to guide and provoke discussion, while others can periodically get together with their mentor couple for encouragement and support to help navigate through a particular issue.

What does it cost?

\$30 per couple for notes and books.
Online *Prepare and Enrich* counseling survey is \$35 per couple (worth the cost!).

BECOME A MENTOR

There are three character qualities essential for every mentor couple: warmth, genuineness, and empathy. In addition, husbands and wives together, have to agree that they both have a heart to minister to couples and that God is leading them to serve together. It has been found that couples married 15+ years are best prepared to mentor.

Do I have to have a perfect marriage?

No, in fact there is no perfect marriage, but both you and your spouse need to be in a healthy place to be effective. The single most important factor in successful marriage mentoring is who you are as a couple.

The Boomerang Effect

There is a unique result inherent in a mentoring ministry that others have called the Boomerang Effect:

By helping another couple form and live out their dreams, one's own dreams for marriage are reawakened and fulfilled.

The mentoree couples' enthusiasm and gratefulness are energizing, and the areas they need work in are often reflective of what the mentor couple can do better to move their own marriage toward greater fulfillment.

Do I need training?

In short, the mentor training ground is life itself, as mentoring is simply a setting for sharing wisdom through life experiences. Nonetheless, there is training to prepare you to work with couples, as well as develop mentor skills and tools.

Is mentoring for us?

Here is what we would encourage you to do:

- 1.** Pray for God to show you His heart for marriages.
- 2.** Talk with your spouse and make sure God is leading you both to be involved.
- 3.** Attend an informational get-together if you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor couple.

BUILDING STRONG

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THROUGH MENTORING