

MARRIAGE BUILDERS CLASS

Programs

THE MARRIAGE BUILDERS' CLASS (MBC) MEETS EVERY SUNDAY IN THE CAFETERIA OF THE ANCHORAGE BAPTIST TEMPLE AT 9:30 A.M.



The Marriage Builders' provides married couples a unique setting to learn Scriptural insights that apply to daily married life. Our class is multi-generational with couples from all walks of life, races, and socio-economic levels who are committed to growing in faith and reaching the lost for Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to experience the tremendous work God is doing in and through the Marriage Builders' Class. Our social interaction activities provide everyone an awesome opportunity to enjoy great Christian fellowship and build friendships lasting a lifetime. Connect with us on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the cafeteria for Christ-centered, Biblically based teaching on marriage, money, family, friends, relationships, and religion

CLASS STRUCTURE:

MBC has established several MBC teams within the class. These teams have been established to maintain the sense and feel of a small class atmosphere. These teams are based on the number of years couples have been married. Presently, MBC has nine (9) teams: Engaged/Newly Weds, Married 1 year, Married 2 years, Married 3 years, Married 4 years, Married 5 years, Married 6-8 years, Married 9-15 years, and Married 16 or more years. Each team has a couple who leads the team and a couple who is the associate leader. These TEAMS provide an immediate connection point for guests and friends.

KIDS' KORNER:

We created Kids Korner for kids and their parents. MBC has a donated television and children's Christian videos. We roll the TV out of our closet every Sunday morning to a small section of our class, turn it on, set up small kid's chairs and call it Kids Korner. Parents can arrive early with their kids, knowing that their children are welcome and that we have kid friendly breakfast snacks. The kids really enjoy coming early to watch Christian cartoons with their friends and sometimes they become the motivator for mom and dad to arrive early.

Remember Bring the KIDS, they will enjoy Veggie Tales.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED SUNDAYS:

Breakfast is served happens about every four to six weeks on Sunday morning. It is an extra special time when the ladies of MBC volunteer to prepare egg casseroles, and bring them to class at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. We put all of the special breakfast items together and create a mini breakfast buffet. We advertise the event to everyone and encourage them to arrive early (about 9:30) to enjoy fellowship and breakfast. Every time we host a Breakfast is Served Sunday, MBC members and guests always arrive earlier and enjoy the time together. Our ladies volunteer to set up and clean up so it doesn't create a lot of extra work for any one person.



DOUBLE DATES:

Pastor Glenn and Debbie reserve Monday night, Thursday night, Friday night and occasionally Saturday or Sunday to double date with couples who attend MBC. We announce that double dates are available to couples who want to double date with us and leave it up to them to contact us and schedule a date. We have found that double dating is a great way to really get acquainted with other couples. It has become so popular that our Team Leaders are double dating with their members and enjoying their times together. It has helped connect our class closer together. We usually Dutch treat on our double dates except if we are with a couple we know can not afford the expense.



DINNER FOR SIX FELLOWSHIPS

This exciting program is designed for MBC members to connect in Christian fellowship while enjoying dinner together. Anyone can participate in the program in any given month. Group Leaders have forms for people to sign up on Sundays. Anyone can be a host or they may choose to just be a participant. We rotate the responsibilities of the hosting every month so everyone who desires to host two other couples will have an opportunity. Hosts contact the two couples randomly selected for them and arrange an appropriate time and date for everyone to get together for dinner and fellowship. Kim Gilligan is overseeing this ministry.



MOM'S n MENTORS:

M&M's for our ladies meets once a month at 10 a.m. in room 110. MBC's Moms -n- Mentors connection groups are designed for ladies. Our ladies laugh, learn, experience life and glorify God, together. Our relational topics include: helpful hints, media review, and relevant Biblical truths for busy lives. Of course the ladies have festive foods and child care is provided free of charge.

T-ZONE for MEN ONLY:

T-ZONE is a ministry designed for MEN with testosterone to burn. Activity driven, *T-ZONE* members will find tons of man stuff to do. The *T-ZONE* Club requires commitment to spiritual growth and physical involvement, all within a Godly environment. *T-ZONE* men play hard, work hard and enjoy life in "The Zone", guided and blessed by God almighty. *T-ZONE* men understand the importance of keeping fit spiritually and physically. As a *T-Zone* member you can bring your guests to our special events. Activities throughout the year include: basketball, football, bicycling, rock climbing, camping, tennis, paintball, 4-wheeling, snow machining, hunting, fishing, archery, shooting, cardio-workouts, weightlifting and more.

SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST:

About every four to five weeks MBC are invited to a Men's only Saturday morning breakfast buffet. We meet at the How How restaurant at 9 a.m. In addition to a great breakfast we enjoy sharing personal testimonies, leadership principles, Biblical truths, and family experiences.

MBC ACTIVITIES:

MBC tries to schedule two activities each month. Our philosophy is to schedule one activity each month for couples only and one activity each month for the entire family (including children). Some of our activities are coordinated with activities and events that are promoted to the entire church. MBC encourages couples to participate in activities and events that are sponsored by the church. In addition to these types of activities MBC schedules a variety of events such as: Chuck E Cheese, Taco Take Overs, Bowling, Twister with a Twist, Volleyball in the Park with a picnic, Go Carting, and even All Night Date Nights.

BABY MONITOR:

Our class is very procreative. We have found giving couples a little extra attention during the time they are expecting is vital to building relationships. We have placed a Baby Monitor sign on our wall and as couples announce their pregnancy we place a picture of the couple and their projected due date around the sign. Sometimes we don't have a picture of the couple, but we still put up their names and due date. This reminds other class members to pray for the couple and the pregnancy.

MILITARY MONITOR MARQUE:

Many of our class members are in the military. Some of them receive deployment assignments to areas of conflict around the world. We have placed a Military Monitor sign on our wall recognizing all branches of the US military. As our military are deployed we place a picture of them on the board with their name and ask people to remember them in prayer. Sometimes the couple decides not to have this much public recognition and we certainly honor their request.