



January 2011

# Marriage Connection



Community  
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**This Year CMB has Something for Everyone!**

## Singles



On March 11th & 12th, singles from around the tri-state will learn "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk or Jerkette" at the 2nd Annual CMB Singles Weekend in New Harmony.

The program will give a practical guide to help avoid the "jerks" and find "the one" who's right for them.

If you know anyone who might benefit from a program like this, please encourage them to give us a call or check out our website ([makeitlast.org](http://makeitlast.org)). Look for the "no jerk" symbol that is featured in this article.

The entire weekend only costs \$40 per person and includes the program, all workshop materials, Friday's dinner, and Saturday's lunch.

Accommodations must be made directly with the New Harmony Inn.

## Engaged



CMB has the perfect opportunity for couples getting married to **prepare their relationship to last a lifetime**. The Marriage Insurance workshop will be at Kirby's Private Dining Downtown. Couples will learn fun relationship tools for their upcoming marriage in a romantic atmosphere.

Cost is only \$50 per couple and includes all workshop materials, delicious breakfast and lunch, a free on sight portrait from Davis Digital Photography, and a day focused on **making their future together successful!**

Registration is at [www.makeitlast.org](http://www.makeitlast.org) or by calling 812-477-2260. They can also visit the CMB booth at upcoming area wedding expos for a **special discount!**

## Married



On Valentine's Day the Discovery Lodge will transform into a beautiful winter retreat for married couples to enjoy a wonderful evening featuring:

- Mike Blake as our Emcee
- Dining by Enjoy It! Catering
- Live Music and Dancing by After Hours Jazz Quartet
- Live and Silent Auctions

An evening of fine dining and romance all to support healthy marriage programs for our community. Doors open at 5:30pm with the dinner and program beginning at 6:30pm.

Cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per couple **before January 14th**. (\$100 after). Call 812-477-2260 for more info.



Educating and equipping the community for lifetime marriages.

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You can also find us on Facebook.

## Weekend to Remember

Community Marriage Builders in cooperation with Family Life is bringing the **Weekend to Remember** back to Evansville on March 25th through March 27th of 2011. We are really excited to have Family Life back in our community as 2007 as the last time they were here.



The hotel for the weekend is Le Merigot. The weekend costs \$159 per person, \$318 per couple plus the hotel. Reduced getaway registration rates are available for groups, pastors, seminary students, military personnel and marriage counselors. [Get details at Familylife.com/Weekend](http://Familylife.com/Weekend) under rates and offers or call 1-800-FL-TODAY for more information. You can join our group from Community Marriage Builders (CMBEvansville) or form your own group and **save half the price of admission**.

Whether you are newly engaged or have been married for 50 years, you will leave the getaway with encouragement, hope and practical tools to build and grow your relationship.

### Pastor's Marriage Tip

The Old Testament book of Song of Songs begins with this blush-invoking statement: "Kiss me again and again, for your love is sweeter than wine. How fragrant your cologne, and how pleasing your name! No wonder all the young women love you!" (Song of Songs 1:2-3 NLT)

Why would a statement like that be included in the Bible, God's Word? It reminds us how important mutual admiration and praise is to the marriage relationship. It's easy to take one another for granted and forget how special your spouse is and what attracted you to him or her in the first place.

Song of Songs jolts us out of our apathetic slumber and encourages us to get downright graphic in our mutual admiration as husband and wife. So go ahead; give it a try.

Pastor Dan Gross  
New Hope Community Church

### It's Good to Double Dip!



I want to challenge the community to make a donation to Community Marriage Builders, as we have been given a matching donation from a local foundation. Now is the time! Make a donation and have it matched dollar for dollar.

I'm calling you to be a part of impacting local couples, children and families....the sacrifice of giving always proves to be a positive investment.  
- John Phillips, Executive Director



Start the year off right by committing to at least one date a month with your spouse. The [Dating My Spouse Program for 2011](#) is designed to help you set regular date nights each month by providing discounts at local restaurants on the second full week of each month.

This year's list of participants include our favorites from past years like the Red Geranium, Tin Fish in Newburgh, and Chik-fil-A as well as some [new additions](#) like [Boston's Gourmet Pizza](#) and [Art Party Evansville](#),

Get your button today at the CMB office, The Vineyard Christian Bookstore or online at [makeitlast.org](#). Cost for the button is \$25 and can be used multiple times during the Dating My Spouse week.



Make dating your spouse the one resolution that you keep this year.

## Auction Action

How many of you have experienced the excitement of bidding in a silent auction? Remember finding that one item that you just can't live without? Have you ever circled a particular table during the final moments, crossing your fingers and giving death stares to that one person who has been out bidding you all night? Think back to that feeling of victory once you realize that you had the highest bid. **VICTORY!!!**



Community Marriage Builders is happy to announce the return of our Silent Auction to be held at the Sweetheart Banquet on February 14th, 2011. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation to our auction. Please contact Marguerite Vincent or Carmen Embrey @ (812)477-2260 for additional information.

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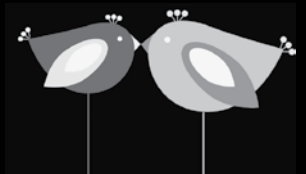
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## Look for Love Birds in the Spring!

Keep your eyes open for our upcoming Spring Weekend at Lake Barkley Lodge in Kentucky. It will be a great weekend to just relax in the great outdoors and also spend some time growing closer as a couple. The weekend will be spread out over Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 in order to give couples more free time together. The cost of the weekend will include both Friday and Saturday night at the lodge as well as 3 meals. The early bird price of \$125 per couple ends March 18 and is subject to availability. If spots are still available after March 18 the price will be \$250 per couple.



## Upcoming Workshops and Events:

**8 Habits of a Successful Marriage** Dinner and a Workshop on Sundays, Jan. 9 and 16 from 4-8:30pm at the CMB Location.

**Relationship Fitness (PAIRS)** on Thursdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3 from 5:45-7:45pm at the Dunigan YMCA. Childcare is provided.

**Winter Weekend** in New Harmony on Fri. and Sat., Jan. 21 and 22.

**CMB's Sweetheart Banquet** on Feb. 14 at the Discovery Lodge.

**Marriage Insurance** at Kirby's Private Dining on Saturday, Feb. 19.

**Duct Tape & Candlelight (LINKS)** workshop at the Women's Hospital in Newburgh on Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 from 6-9pm.

**"No Jerk" Singles Weekend** in New Harmony, March 11 and 12.

**Make it Last (PAIRS)** at CMB office on Sundays, March 13 & 29 from 4-8:30pm.

**Weekend to Remember** at Aztar Convention Center on March 25-27.

\*\*Check out our website for all other programs @ [makeitlast.org](http://makeitlast.org)

The newsletter is going digital.

For some time now the CMB Marriage Connection newsletter has been available via email. If you have not yet switched to an e-newsletter you can send us an email at [office@makeitlast.org](mailto:office@makeitlast.org) to let us know.

It is important that we have your email address because September of 2011 will be the last newsletter delivered by regular mail. Starting in November 2011 the only way to get a paper copy of the newsletter mailed to you is by purchasing a \$25 annual subscription. Our e-newsletter however will continue to be sent at no cost.



Contact CMB at 812-477-2260 or 800-443-8594 for reservations and information on events & happenings.

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