



FAQ'S FOR GRACE MARRIAGE AT RURAL HILL

Grace Marriage is an exciting ministry designed to enrich, protect, and grow your marriage. Using Biblical, grace-based materials you will have time to talk with your spouse and explore ways to enrich your relationship. Grace Marriage is an intentional commitment to grow in your relationship with each other and the Lord.

Four times a year husbands and wives meet with other couples in various stages of life to explore different aspects of marriage. The sessions are called marriage coaching. Marriage coaching is an intentional and proactive approach to re-focus on positives in your relationship. Marriage coaching is *not* a lecture. It is *not* marriage counseling or group therapy. It is *not* a seminar or conference. It is *not* a place where you will be forced to share your deepest secrets. Quite simply, it *is* a Biblically-based marriage maintenance model that can revolutionize your relationship. Couples in their 20s to couples in their 80s are involved in Grace Marriage and have been greatly blessed by participating!

Who can attend?

Any married male and female couple may attend. A couple does not have to be a member of our church to participate. You are welcome to invite family, friends, or neighbors whom you think might benefit from participating in this ministry.

When are the sessions held?

The 2018 coaching dates are February 3rd, April 28th, August 18th, and November 10th. Sessions will be held at the Rural Hill Church of Christ building from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breakfast snacks and lunch are included. Participation requires making a commitment to attend all four sessions.

Who will we be with?

You will be in a group with your spouse as well as other couples who want their marriage to grow. Ten couples, plus a trained facilitator couple, will walk through the day's material together. Spouses will have personal time together throughout the day to privately discuss the topics addressed. Groups will have mixed ages. Newly marrieds as well as couples who have been married for decades will be involved. Remember, Grace Marriage is about spending time with your spouse, not about being with close friends. Although you will get to know others in your group better, the purpose is to spend time with your husband/wife and focus on your marriage. over...

What about childcare?

Coaching days last 6 ½ hours. That is a long time for children to be at the church building, even if they have activities. We believe that most children would be happier in their own home or with family/friends they know. We also want to give couples freedom to focus on each other without feeling the need to check on the kids if they are just down the hallway. For these reasons childcare will not be offered. Consider the coaching days as an extended date – time for just the two of you.

What does it cost?

What does a normal date night cost if you go out to eat and see a movie, or if you go to a ballgame or concert? \$75? \$100? More? The cost for four *days* of marriage coaching, including all materials, snacks, and dinner is just \$200 per couple *for the year*. That is less than 54 cents a day for a year. We encourage you to consider your participation fee as an investment in your marriage. What a great Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gift.

How do we sign up?

Go online at ruralhill.org and click on the “Grace Marriage” bar at the bottom of the home page. You may also sign up in the Lobby at the gazebo.

How do we pay?

You may pay on the church website or by check at the Grace Marriage signup table. A *non-refundable* fee of \$100 is due upon signing, and the balance is due by the first session (February 3) Please see Rex or Dan if you need to spread the fee beyond more than two payments. If you have the financial means and the desire to help, any money collected above the \$200 per couple fee will go toward assisting others.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. Participants must be registered by **Sunday, December 17, 2017** so we have time to order all materials necessary for the first coaching day. We are expecting our first year's class to be full. Don't hesitate - go online and sign up today. The next opportunity to participate will not be for another year. Registration for the 2018 session begins November 12th.

Please contact Rex or Dan for more information or with any questions.

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