



**Being Married God's Way - The Husband & Wife Class - March 1st - May 17th**

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Thirty three years ago, my husband and I couldn't figure out why the "faith" we were professing at church was not being lived out in our marriage at home. The answer was really quite simple. We didn't know what our faith taught about marriage. Oh we knew what God said about not committing adultery, but we had no idea what He said about the "how to treat each other and the marriage with respect" part. Did the Bible even teach that? We didn't know, because we weren't seeking God in our marriage, plain and simple! Why would we do that? Wasn't being a Christian and being involved in church enough to guarantee a successful marriage? NO, it wasn't - not for us anyway. And it didn't seem to be enough for the couples we went to church with either!

I searched for a Christian book that could teach us how to live with and love each other even when we didn't feel like it. And we weren't feeling like it, a lot! Every book I picked up on Christian marriage talked about how the wife was supposed to be submissive and the husband was the head of the wife. I stopped reading those books!!! In my quiet time one morning I begged God to write that book I was looking for through me, using our marriage to teach us what we needed to know to be married HIS way. He is so faithful.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 tells us this about the God we serve: "Then you will call upon ME and go and pray to ME, and I will listen to you. And you will seek ME and find ME, when you search for ME with all your heart." We did seek HIM. We did call upon HIM. We did pray to HIM. HE did listen! We searched with all our heart and found He has a beautiful, peaceful, and perfect way for marriage.

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# **F**IRST Impressions Update

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

There is no replacement for the impact you can make on other people.

Join a team (greeters, ushers, parking attendants, etc.) and help us take our first impressions to the next level.

Sign up in the Worship Center lobby on January 26th or visit [fccsignups.info/FirstImpressions](http://fccsignups.info/FirstImpressions). A luncheon & training session for new and current volunteers will be held on Sunday, February 9th.



## MOVIE NIGHT!

### Young Adult Mission Trip Fundraiser Friday, January 31st

We are excited for our second Movie Night Fundraiser. This a great way to spend time with your family and friends while also supporting missions.

From 5:30-7pm, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a Chick-fil-A dinner for \$5 per person (family max charge of \$20) with the proceeds going to

support Fairmount's Young Adult Mission Trip to Costa Rica. **Meals MUST be reserved online\*\* by January 29th - sign up at [fccsignups.info/MovieNight](http://fccsignups.info/MovieNight).** All meal purchases also enter you into a drawing for FREE Chick-fil-A for a YEAR!!

**The movie will begin at 7pm and is FREE whether you purchase a meal or not.**

**\*\*Registration is only necessary to reserve a meal. Please DO NOT REGISTER if you are NOT planning on eating so we can have an accurate count for food. No registration is necessary to attend the movie.**

Tax deductible donations towards the trip may also be made that evening. We hope to see you there!

### The Husband & Wife Class - March 1st - May 17th *(continued from page 1)*

How much training do we really get before we say, "I do"? Two years later, we often find ourselves wondering, "What did I do?". And that's just for those of us who grew up in the church! Wouldn't it be great if there was a class that taught us how to be married God's way? As a result of lessons learned over the last 33 years, God has allowed Ray & me to mentor other couples by sharing the same process He led us through. The Husband and Wife Book is a 12-week Bible Study that tells the truth about marriage - God's Truth!

Who is this class for? The husband who wants to learn how to be a godly husband. The wife who wants to learn how to be a godly wife. The couple thinking about getting married. The divorced person who wants to make sure it doesn't happen again. The couple with a good marriage that needs a little Biblical tweaking. The couple who is barely hanging on or perhaps is already on the way to divorce court. The single mom or dad who wants to learn how to seek God in a relationship before getting married again. The parents whose children just want mom and dad to love each other.

**Fairmount is presenting The Husband & Wife Class starting March 1st through May 17th from 11am-12:15pm in the Family Life Center.**

**For planning purposes, please register by February 9th.** Registration forms are located in the church office. You can also email [robin@thehusbandandwifeclasse.com](mailto:robin@thehusbandandwifeclasse.com), call or text Ray or Robin Williams at 804-291-6193, or visit the kiosk in the Worship Center lobby on February 2nd and 9th.



# Super Sponsorship Sunday

## International Justice Mission

International Justice Mission, an Impact Samaria mission partner, is a global organization partnering with local justice systems to end violence against people living in poverty. IJM partners with local authorities in 19 program offices in 11 countries to combat slavery, violence against women and children, and other forms of abuse against people who are poor.

### Did you know:

- There are more than 40 million slaves globally - that's more than ever before in human history.
- Slavery is a multi-billion dollar industry generating \$150 billion annually.
- Slave owners prey on the poor and weak - 1 in 4 victims of modern slavery is a child.
- Human trafficking is a major issue in the U.S. - more than 100,000 children are sold for sex in the U.S. each year - 83% of sex trafficking victims in the U.S. are U.S. citizens.
- Children as young as 12 years old have been documented as being sold for sex in the U.S.

### IJM works to:

- Rescue and restore victims by finding enslaved people, bringing them to safety, and walking alongside them until they are restored.
- Bring criminals to justice by relentlessly pursuing them in court to ensure that traffickers, rapists, and other criminals go to jail so they cannot abuse, exploit, or enslave others.
- Strengthen justice systems by providing training, mentoring, and support to police, judges, and other community leaders to slow down and stop the cycle of violence. They also continuously and rigorously collect data, monitor, and evaluate their programs to make sure they are having a real effect on justice systems and targeted people groups.

**Large events, such as the Super Bowl, can lead to increased instances of human trafficking due to a high influx of visitors.** Miami, home of the next Super Bowl, has the fourth highest rate of calls per capita made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2017 (Polaris). Florida as a state has the third highest rate of human trafficking cases reported. (Polaris) That's why New England Patriots veteran players, Benjamin Watson and Matthew Slater, decided to leverage their public platforms to combat human trafficking on behalf of International Justice Mission. Coinciding with National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Watson and Slater led a group effort to pledge a combined \$2,000 per point scored by the Patriots during the Wild Card game on January 4th. Together, they raised \$38,924! With players and their families publicly supporting IJM, they hope to drive awareness among Patriots fans and others that modern-day slavery still exists and we can join the fight to end it.

**Take a stand to protect innocent people from being beaten, abused, raped, and enslaved.**

**Become a Freedom Partner by pledging \$25/month (or more) in support of International Justice Mission.**

**Visit the kiosk in the Worship Center lobby on Sunday, February 2nd, for more information and to get started.**

## Baby Bottle Campaign

The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) of Metro Richmond provides compassionate care to women and men unprepared for pregnancies by offering resources and practical assistance for life-affirming choices.

**Your CHANGE can CHANGE LIVES!!**

Fill a baby bottle with change, bills, or a check (made out to PRC of Metro Richmond) to support the PRC or just make a donation.

**Pick up a baby bottle from the basket in either lobby on January 19th & 26th. Return your filled bottles by Sunday, February 9th.**

For more information on how the PRC helps change lives, visit [prcrichmond.org](http://prcrichmond.org).



## Manna Sunday

February 2nd  
Most-Needed Items

Each month, our goal is to send 1 ton (2000 lbs.) of food and supplies to the MCEF Food Pantry for our neighbors in need. **Currently, these items are most needed: baked beans, pasta sauce, jelly, instant oatmeal packets, black eyed peas, and shampoo.** Visit [4mcef.com](http://4mcef.com) for more information and to see a current list of most-needed items.



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## OUR CHURCH

### NEW MEMBERS

**01/12/2020**

Tyler & Jamie Kirks - T

**01/15/2020**

Ron & Esther Nickens - T

**01/19/2020**

Chris & Olivia Patterson - T

B=Baptism, T=Transfer

### ATTENDANCE & GIVING

	01/12	01/19
<b>8:15</b> Traditional Worship:	129	139
Children's Worship:	3	3
<b>9:30</b> Contemporary Worship:	498	479
Children's Worship:	62	54
Online Views	84	115
<b>11:00</b> Traditional Worship:	199	162
Children's Worship:	86	80
<b>11:15</b> Modern Worship:	352	367
Online Views	45	60

Total: 1,458 1,459

**Bible School: 609 585**

**Budget Requirements: \$49,127 \$49,127**

**Budget Receipts: \$40,418 \$41,438**

### Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 16th at 12:30pm

All couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend this celebration of your commitment to one another. Invitations have been mailed to those couples we are aware of. Please call or email the church office if we missed you!



### Fresh Hope

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

A peer-to-peer support group for those with a mental health diagnosis and their loved ones.

[freshhope@fairmountcc.org](mailto:freshhope@fairmountcc.org)

## SERMON SERIES



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