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Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home

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FamilyLife

It's spring here in Little Rock. The days are getting longer, and everything is in bloom. I love spring, it's hope and a new start for everything. I love starting a garden, but don't love it so much in July and August. I love spring cleaning, but the results don't seem to last that long. It's so much fun to get married, but a lot more work to stay married. Maybe your marriage is in need of hope and renewal. Maybe it just needs a cleaning, but FamilyLife is sure to have what you need. We have lots of small group studies, books, free radio programming online and workbooks for individuals or couples.

Also, a wonderful video resource, *The Art of Marriage* (see www.theartofmarriage.com) rolled out recently and it is perfect for a church or small group. Over 2,100 events are scheduled in the U.S. right now from coast to coast including 26 events in Kansas alone. This is an incredible event to attend or even choose to host at your business or church. This is also the time of year when our Weekend to Remember Getaways are in full swing all around the U.S., and it's not too late to sign up for one—see www.familylife.com/Groups/SteveBayer We'd be happy to help you find the perfect resource—just give us a call! Blessings to you and thanks so much for allowing us to serve at FamilyLife!

STEVE, LILA, MARSHALL AND MADDIE

2,000 attend FamilyLife Love Like You Mean It Cruise last month!

-The cruise was used to help us put God first in our marriage. For the first time ever we prayed together—specifically about our marriage, goals, and commitment to Christ. My wife and I are closer than ever before, and we have a new interest in helping other married couples.

-We feel more connected. We are a blended family with five kids between us and ex-spouses so we have lots of challenges. The cruise helped us put our marriage above all other things so we can survive our blended family issues and to help others too.

The Great Commission Foundation

Lila and I recently became aware of a service that we wanted to let you know about. The Great Commission Foundation is an arm of Cru which offers complimentary gift & estate planning services for friends of the ministry. The professionals at the foundation are committed believers with years of legal and financial services experience. They have helped hundreds of ministry partners like you pay lower taxes, take care of their loved ones and dependents, and leave more than they had ever thought possible to the ministries and charities of their choice. Even if you have an estate plan, they have found that nine times out of ten they can improve your position. In the last 10 years, they have helped God's people direct more than 1 billion dollars in assets to the beneficiaries and charities of their choice. The Great Commission Foundation can be reached at [1-800-449-5454](tel:1-800-449-5454). Their service is available whether you would choose to include our personal ministry in your plan or not.

- Pray for Lila as she has follow-up optometrist appointments to see if she has Glaucoma.
- Pray for Lila as she leads the Bayer home school effort for Marshall and Maddie.
- PRAISE as we see some potential Budget Coaching possibilities through our church and for the opportunity to take part in FamilyLife's *Marriage Oneness* study that just completed with our new Community Group!
- PRAISE that the friendships for Marshall and Maddie seem to be building. Steve is making some new connections through a recent Men's Fraternity series.
- Pray for several of our Ministry Partners, family member or friends who have or are attending Weekend to Remembers in Wichita (3/9), Kansas City (3/16, 3/30) and Little Rock (4/27).
- PRAISE-1,441 people attended Weekend Getaways so far in 2012 & over 250 have trusted in Jesus there!