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FamilyLife Day of Prayer held April 9th in Little Rock



On Tuesday, April 9, FamilyLife held our annual day of prayer at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. FamilyLife and Cru hold these events to remember that none of our work would be possible without the Lord's help, and to seek His direction and favor. Our theme was "In Step with the Spirit", which kicks off a 3-month study of the Holy Spirit at our twice a month staff meetings.

During our day of prayer events, we have praise and worship time, a message from Bob Lepine and Dennis Rainey, and time to pray and reflect alone. In the afternoon, we spend time corporately and in small groups praying for the different departments at Family Life, other ministries of Cru, and for you our prayer and financial partners, friends and family.

This year the weather was great-- by afternoon, we were all seeking some shade! It was also fairly windy, so by the end of the day, we felt pretty worn out physically, but refreshed spiritually!

Thanks for praying for me (Steve) last month as I traveled to Dallas to the **Weekend to Remember Get-away** there. Attendance was 501 (yes singles do attend!) and five people there trusted in Jesus Christ as their Savior! I talked with several couples during the weekend about their next steps and saw many making decisions to advance ministry plans for their churches or businesses. Also, I was able to meet long-time and new Dallas team volunteers that are passionate about seeing Jesus lifted up in families in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.



“This last weekend I invested in our MARRIAGE. It was EYE OPENING and AMAZING CONNECTING WITH HER. I CAME HOME WITH REAL TOOLS TO TURN A GREAT MARRIAGE into an EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE: Parenting skills, husband skills, leadership Skills. There were young couples, old couples, remarried couples, engaged couples and couples thinking about getting married. No matter WHO or where your relationship is, there were couples there that represented my past struggles and victories. I will return in one year for another AMAZING weekend with the most important person in my life. We have 7 children and 5 grand babies and are a blended family and have a “BLENDED FAMILY” ministry using Ron Deal’s (FamilyLife) resources. Forgiveness is a real thing Jesus Christ gave us recently: Thanksgiving this year was spent with my daughter and all our kids, including my ex-wife and her spouse. ALL THE PRAISE goes to JESUS CHRIST for making this happen.” ~ Anonymous



The Dallas **Weekend to Remember** in March was attended by 501 people. Pictured here is the local Dallas Volunteer Team who are reviewing and praying over feedback forms where people described how the Lord worked in them and their relationships over the weekend.

You are an incredible blessing to us—we have the opportunity because of your prayers, finances, encouragement and faithfulness to provide the environment and resources to allow this kind of story to take place.

THANK YOU!

Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie

Prayer updates

- Thanks for continuing to **PRAY** as I (Steve) help our Region Managers lead and recruit new Staff and Home-builders (volunteers) in the Western half of the United States. The Mountain Region Team meets for a weekend of training for volunteers in Colorado April 26-28.
- **PRAY** for two items regarding our video driven marriage Event, the **Art of Marriage**. First, for our Global Department’s application for government approval to distribute it in China. You might recall the **Weekend to Remember Getaway** materials have been distributed legally there now for two years! And second, production of Spanish voice-overs for use in the Hispanic community, in Latin America, and around the world.
- **PERSONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**; Marshall and Maddie took their Iowa Basics tests last week so hopefully we’ll know soon how they are progressing in school this year. Thanks for continuing to pray about our little health items we’ve mentioned before; Lila’s knees and eyes and Steve eyes (macular degeneration).
- Thanks for your donations for our funding overall and also for the special gifts for our U.S. Staff training that we are required to attend in July at Colorado State University. We are within \$1,000 of the trip being funded.
- Whether you’ve been married 50 years or 5 weeks will you **PRAY** about attending or even leading the **Art of Marriage** in your church, small group or business? Or can you attend and encourage a friend to attend the **Weekend to Remember Getaway**? There are a number of ways to get discounts for you and others—call Steve or Lila or drop us an email for more detail and see the schedule at www.familylife.com/events.