



## Steve & Lila Bayer

**Serving with FamilyLife to make every home a godly home**

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### Celebrating our 30th Wedding Anniversary but concern about our culture

Last week we took a few days off....Maddie stayed with her sister in Fayetteville and Marshall stayed with a friend here in Little Rock while we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. As we've begun our third year at FamilyLife headquarters after moving from Topeka, KS, we've been reminded that the Lord has given us a wonderful marriage and family.

But, we know that many families face incredible struggles, and it is becoming more of a challenge to keep marriages intact. There are even those out there who would like to define the terms "husband" and "wife" as hate speech! Our leadership here has recognized that there is a growing urgency and are determined to multiply the number of people equipped to help.



To celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary we thought we'd take a re-enactment photo of an anniversary thrill we had at the Topeka, KS zoo a few years ago when we got locked in at closing time and had to escape by climbing over the fence!



In the past couple of years, FamilyLife has developed a number of QUALITY resources that can be used by an individual, couples, small groups, or even larger group events. This means that YOU can be part of the solution to reach people for Christ! You don't have to be an expert to help someone. We recently had some friends ask about materials for a young-married small group. We recommended "**the art of marriage**" small group version (a church-

[www.theartofmarriage.com](http://www.theartofmarriage.com) hosted weekend event track is available too) that lasted six weeks. Here are a few quotes from those that attended:

- *We had a blast with these young couples and all of us learned from the videos and discussions. We are amazed at these young kids' desire to grow closer together with Jesus as the cornerstone of their marriages. It is such a blessing to share our lives with them. You've blessed all of us!*  
~Judy & Tony Pleviak, Topeka, KS Small Group Leaders
- *We have been through several marriage studies and this one has by far been the most encouraging uplifting and meaningful to us and help us grow closer not only in our marriage relationship, but also in our walk with God. We really enjoyed the personal testimonies of couples who "have been there" as well as the Godly leaders who shared biblical truths.*
- *There was always a person to connect to through the story that was told in each session by real people. Each session had a mix of wisdom from Pastors, words to think about, someone's personal story and most important scripture that connected it all together. And, we loved the date night ideas-we have ideas for the future!*

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- *We've had a tough year coping with a number of things and we're definitely feeling added stress in our marriage. It was encouraging to hear that this is normal and to just get a refocused perspective of marriage.*

Thanks so much Tony & Judy for sowing into the lives of couples who are a few years behind you!

Do you know people that are married, engaged, dating or even singles that would like to get married someday? Of course you do! The *Art of Marriage* is a great way to connect people with Christ's love for them and encourage them. This resource is available for a small group environment or a Friday night/Saturday event that can be hosted by your business or church! We would love to help you explore how to become **Homebuilders** like Judy and Tony—that is, sowing into the lives of others. Is the Lord calling you to bless others by investing into them?

In Christ,  
*Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie*

### The FamilyLife Mission Statment

To effectively develop Godly marriages and families who change the world one home at a time.

### Our Vision

Every home a Godly Home

To see Steve & Lila prayer letters and information about how we can help you minister to your family, friends or peers visit [www.bayerfamilylife.com](http://www.bayerfamilylife.com)

### Steve & Lila's Prayer updates

- **PRAY** for safe travel to Colorado as the four of us attend our required Cru U.S. Staff training in July at Colorado State University.
- **PRAISE** for Marshall (Chick-fil-a) and Maddie's (babysitting) jobs that have gotten off to a great start!
- **PRAISE** for over 30,000 people that have attended the *Weekend to Remember Getaways* since January 1st and for 1,367 people who have said that they trusted in Jesus Christ as their Savior at these events!
- **PRAY** for our department as we attempt to reorganize some responsibilities to be better able to serve local volunteer teams that promote and organize the *Weekend to Remember Getaways* and also to better serve people who want to minister to their neighborhoods, churches, businesses, by using FamilyLife locally hosted resources.
- **PRAISE** that the Lord has given us the blessing of 30 years of marriage—June 4th!