

COMMON GROUND

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I realize that not all of you are married and my intention is not to marry you off. I believe that it will happen soon enough for almost all of you. My intention in sending you this is for you to see if you as a person, a roommate, a friend, a student are heading in the right direction as a future spouse. Are you cultivating habits today that will make you a good and loving husband or wife. Are you taking action today in your life that you want your children to emulate or are you going to have to teach them by the mistakes you made.

Someone shared with me today that we are first married to sin and it dies and then we are married to the law but the law is to rigid. Finally we are married to Christ who is perfect and leads us to perfection. Another healthy way to look at the beatitudes below is in your relation with Christ. Is this where your relationship is with him or is your relationship more like a dysfunctional marriage. I hope that you will strive to enhance your relationship with Christ and that you will take step to make your union with him a more perfect one.

BEATITUDES OF MARRIAGE

Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate, and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world, and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vow of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to one another.

Blessed are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set apart some time each day for the reading of the Bible and for prayer.

Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to one another, and who make their home a place "where seldom is heard a discouraging word."

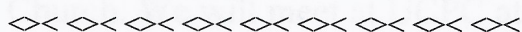
Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship service of the church, and who work together in the church for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out the problems of adjustment without interference from relatives.

Blessed is the couple which has complete understanding about financial matters, and have worked out a perfect partnership, with all money under the control of both.

Blessed are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their homes to Christ, and who practice the teachings of Christ in the home by being unselfish, loyal and loving.

-- Author Unknown



WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: "Lunch Bunch" --Have a free lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall)
Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30pm.

MONDAY: Music Practice -- Come to the office at 4pm to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

SDAY: Vespers -- A casual worship service, Wood Center room E&F, 7:30pm.

THURSDAY: Dinner & Bible Study -- At 5:30 PM we meet at the office and go to the home of David Moore for a great home cooked meal and a casual bible study.

SUNDAY: Leadership -- Open to anyone interested in planning UCM activities and willing to make a commitment to leadership. UCM office @ 6pm.



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 7th: Contra Dancing at Pioneer Park. Cost is free if it's your first visit and \$3.00 if you have been before. Meet at the Office at 7:45 to car pool there.

Friday, March 14th: Spring Break Extravaganza II. We will serve, sing, and ski our way to a great spring break. Cost is \$125.00 per person if you don't ski and \$175.00 if you want to ski.

Friday, March 28: Game Night! Bring out your board games and a snack and let the fun begin. We will meet at the office at 7PM and we will announce later where we will play.

Saturday, March 29th: Game Day at the Pioneer Home. We need 5 volunteers including 1 or 2 drivers. Meet at the office at 1:30 and the games will begin at 2.

Sunday, April 6th: UCM Annual Dinner at University Community Presbyterian Church. We will meet at UCPC at 4pm to prepare lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. The dinner will begin at 6pm followed by a slide show, singing, and sharing.

UCM Retreat Spring 2003

February 22-23
Comfort Inn-Fairbanks
UCM Office 474-7804

Saturday

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| 9:00 am | Meet at UCM Office 3 rd Floor Constitution Hall/Quiet Time |
| 9:45 am | Leave to assigned worksites: Habitat for Humanity, Love Inc.- Log Splitting |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch- On your own in each group |
| 1:00 pm | Worksite- Love Inc.- Deliver Wood |
| 2:00pm | Worksite- Pioneer Home- Play Games |
| 4:00 pm | Return to Comfort Inn |
| 4:30 pm | Free Time |
| 5:00 pm | Dinner/Free Time |
| 7:00 pm | Guest Speaker- Karen McElroy- Love Inc. |
| 8:00 pm | Break |
| 8:15 pm | Praise and Worship Time |
| 9:30 pm | Free Time |
| 11:30 pm | Lights Out |

Sunday

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| 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 10:00 am | Checkout and Leave |
| 10:30 am | Arrive at University Park Bible Church |
| 11:00 am | Morning Service |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00 pm | Go Home |

What to Bring:

Bible
Note Book and Paper
Toiletries
Personal Medications
Snacks
Board Games

Cards
Water Bottle
Swim Suit
Church Clothes
Work Clothes



Be Still and Know That I am God

Psalms 46:10 Says "Be still and know that I am God." It is important for us to take time away from the busyness of life and focus on God and what is His will for us.

During this quiet time or time alone with God you might want to:

Pray: Praising God for who He is, Thanking Him for the things He has given you, confess to Him your shortcomings and finally ask for things you or others might need. Also it is a good idea to listen to God and what He may be saying to you.

Read your Bible: Take time to read one or more of these stories. The Offering of Isaac Genesis 22:1-18; God providing in the Exodus Exodus 14, 15:22-27, and 16:1-21; David and Goliath I Samuel 16 and 17; The Temptation of Jesus Matthew 4:1-11; Jesus Walks On Water Matthew 14:22-36; The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37; The Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16:19-31; The story of Noah Genesis chapter 3-6; Moses Calling and Mission Exodus 3-6; Daniel and Friends Daniel 1-3; The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32; and The Parable of the Sower Mark 4:1-25.

Also: The book of Mark or the book of Philippians from the beginning!!!

Read a Christian Book: "What so Amazing about Grace" (Unbroken Chain Chapter 6, Lovesick Father Chapter 4, and No Oddballs Allowed Chapter 12, Grace Healed Eyes chapter 13 or Big Harold: A Story Chapter 16)

or "In The Eye of The Storm" (From Calm to Chaos Before you begin and Chapter 1, The Woodcutters Wisdom Chapter 15, The Sacrificial Visitor Chapter 22, The Photo and The File Chapter 10, The Miracle of the Carpenter Chapter 14, and Laws of the Lighthouse Chapter 16)

Also: Fireseeds of Spiritual Awakening, The Great House of God and The Theology of the Hammer from the beginning!!!

Also I think this is a great time to make a list of things the you need to get done.

Enjoy this time with God and know that it is available to you everyday!!!