

## Why Build Strong Marriages?

The most foundational thing from the Bible about marriage is that it is God's creation not mankind. As we continue to understand this great mystery called marriage, the more we understand that it is all for God's glory.

## Our Mentorship Ministry

When you're married, sooner or later you come to the realization that marriage is difficult at times. All marriages have their highs and lows, good times and bad times. But know these two things to be true: **First**, whether you are at a high point or low point God knows this and greatly desires for you to have a community of people around you. (Romans 12:15) **Second**, the Marriage Mentoring Ministry and Leadership of LifeSpring Church are here when you need another couple to lead you through or walk with you through those highs and lows.

## Why a Marriage Mentor?

- **Gather** as married couples and Model Marriage in our Church.
- **Grow** a vibrant LifeSpring Marriage Community.
- **Give** to the body of LifeSpring
- **Go** by praying for marriages individually and collectively.



## **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A MENTOR COUPLE?**

The role of the Mentor Couple is to be an authentic witness to the truth and beauty of the Church's teaching on marriage and family. This personal encounter will help couples deepen their faith, and improve particular areas of growth. Ultimately, the mentor couple is there to help the engaged and newly married fall more in love with God and with each other.

## **Who are the LifeSpring Mentor Couples?**

- **Pastor Steve and Susan Holdaway**
- **Bill and Angela Steitzer**
- **Tim and Kelly Will**
- **Andy and Linda Manchigiah**
- **Cordell and Carol Bullis**
- **Jeff and Julie Opperman**

**All Biblically Trained and Certified  
With More Coming!**



## **MARRIAGE MENTORING**

For a *Vibrant* Marriage  
Community at LifeSpring Church?

*Let a mentor  
couple walk with  
you*



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## **What is a Mentorship Ministry**

**Type of Relationship:** Mentoring is an informal relationship. You meet with a mentor in a variety of settings (i.e., meals, phone calls, planned meetings). Sometimes there is an agenda (i.e., goal to set or problem to solve), while other times you meet just to check-in with each other.

**Duration of Relationship:** Mentoring can be a long-term relationship, we intend it to be 4-6 months, 8 months maximum. A couple desires a mentor because they value their character and want their perspective on a variety of life challenges (both small and large).

**Focus of Relationship:** Mentoring tends to be more holistic. Due to the duration of the relationship, mentoring tends to focus on character formation represented in the challenges and choices discussed.

**Basis of Advice:** You value the advice of a mentor because of their character. You know them personally and, therefore, admire how they care for their family or manage their professional-personal life balance.

*"Your Marriage Mentor walks through life with you"*

## **Benefits of Mentorship for Your Marriage**

- Somebody knows how and when to pray for you.
- You have a sounding board.
- You have someone who is not just for you, but also for your marriage.
- You have access to wisdom you don't have yet.
- You have someone to speak the truth to you.
- You have someone who can help you see how your actions may impact your spouse.
- You have someone who can help you identify and set priorities.
- You have someone who's tracking your progress.
- You can glean from both their successes...and their failures.
- You have built-in double dates.

## **Why A Mentorship Ministry**

### **Key Offerings *Marriage Statistics***

- Couples are marrying later in life (30 years for men and 28 years for women in 2018).
- 47% of all First Time Marriage end in a divorce (2017).
- The number of U.S. adults cohabiting with a partner is on the rise. (54% believe cohabitation is ok).
- 4 out of 10 New marriages involve re-marriage for at least one partner.
- **Love tops the list of Americans' reasons to marry.**
  - ✓ About nine-in-ten Americans (88%) cited love as a very important reason to get married.
  - ✓ Making a lifelong commitment. (81%)
  - ✓ Companionship (76%)
  - ✓ Fewer said having their relationship recognized in a religious ceremony (30%), financial stability (28%) or legal rights and benefits (23%) were very important reasons to marry.
  - ✓ Divorce Rate for couples over 50 has tripled since 2017.