

HONOR ENJOY PRIORITIZE

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MARRIAGE
Mentoring

At CCC, we're committed to building and maintaining strong and healthy marriages. One of the ways we do that, is by equipping and partnering seasoned couples with others who desire their marriage to be influenced by another couple who's walked the journey of marriage ahead of them. Although every marriage mentor couple has received training, they are not counselors or experts – just people like you, willing to share their life and experiences with others.

Couples are connected based on life experience

definition: *men-tor*:

- A model, an encourager, an empowerer.
- Takes a personal and heartfelt interest in other couples' development and well-being.
- Offers support, patience, enthusiasm and a challenge, while guiding other couples to new levels of competence.

Perfect for:

ENGAGED couples

Prepare for your marriage, not just your wedding. Mentors are available to assist our pastoral staff in their work with engaged couples on the premarital journey.

NEWLY marrieds

Building a strong foundation sets up success. Mentors are available to connect with newlyweds periodically over the first year of a couple's journey. They'll be a great encouragement and "sounding board" as you experience your "firsts" together.

SEASONED couples

Everyone's Marriage can get better. Mentors also are available for couples who've hit a bump in the road, or simply want to make their marriage better, sharpen their marriage and see the value of learning from the experiences of others.

WHAT'S BEEN SAID about marriage mentoring

“We have met with a mentor couple for two years and have **gained a lot of insight and understanding** about marriage and life. Sometimes we go to dinner; sometimes we just meet at church or in our homes. We enjoy meeting with them so much!! They know exactly what we are dealing with and **we can be transparent and trust them.**”

“We began our marriage with a mentor couple. **At first we were hesitant** toward mentoring but as time went on we grew to love these people. We sometimes have devotions together and pray. They have experienced many of the same situations we have in our marriage. We're grateful to know them and glad we did this 'mentoring thing.'”

“Having come from dysfunctional homes we were concerned that our backgrounds would create problems in our marriage. Our marriage mentors **helped us through fear and doubt and led us to see that there was hope** for our relationship even through the hard times. It's really great to have another couple to talk to and pray with.”

“As newlyweds, we were interested in having a couple to talk to who was older, non-competitive and experienced. It has worked out perfectly. They are the best couple for us. We can discuss anything and they understand right where we are. **They encourage and help us, cry with us and laugh with us.** We are so thankful that our pastors have allowed this mentoring program to be part of our church!”

When to get started:

○ For NEW couples, the best time is before your premarital counseling is over. The CCC Pastor officiating your wedding should discuss the Marriage Mentoring Ministry with you during one of the sessions.

○ If you've not had the opportunity to connect with a marriage Mentor before your wedding, consider doing so shortly after the “dust settles;” establishing a strong foundation is critical.

○ Consider an annual touch point with a mentor around the time of your anniversary. This is a great way to be proactive rather than reactionary and keep the maintenance of your marriage a priority.

○ If you're NEW to CCC and would love to take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your marriage, we invite you to use the contact below.

How to get started:

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