Mountain Top Marriages

"The Upward Trail"

Newsletter

March 2020



Hope you are having a great New Year!! 2020 Started out strong and we have been on the run since January!

Jan. 17 & 18 we hosted our annual Chateau Avalon romantic marriage overnight in Kansas City. Steve & Karen Gradwohl blessed the group with their special music. We filled the conference room and couples were refreshed, restored and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Jan. was the kick- off for the Charis Christian Center Church home groups. We hold a marriage group in our home twice a month on Monday nights. We have around 9 couples that attend. We have food, fellowship, a short teaching and prayer.

Jan. 31st (Fri. night) was a huge event held at our church (Charis Christian Center). We had 100 couples that came for a "Celebration of Marriage" Night.

There were 3 of us couples that shared during the teaching time. A beautiful Italian meal was catered by Russ and Amber Giveans and after the meal it was fun and games as specific couples were chosen to play the "Newly Wed" game.

Feb. 28,29 was another weekend retreat at the El Tesoro Retreat Center in Woodland Park, CO. We ended up with

15 couples! Russ & June Gordon and their son Matthew always help by buying, cooking and serving all the meals. June also does much of the registration work. Then Russ and June also share their testimony of God's faithfulness during the teaching. Tim & Meg Britton are also part of our teaching team. Both couples are on our ministry board.

March 7 (Saturday) we have a ministry board meeting scheduled. We have seven couples that all work with us to help us do what we do! We could not do the ministry without them.

March 13 & 14 we will be teaching a weekend seminar in North Kansas City at House of God Community Church for Pastor Jay Jalarue. He is from Liberia. We are excited about this new connection.

April – May. We hopefully will be going on a planned mission outreach back to Europe. We have stops planned in London, France, Vienna, Hungary, Amsterdam and back to the UK. One of our executive board members, Tim & Meg Britton will be going with us.

We plan to use

the train system in Europe and have several meetings and events while in the different areas. We are praying and believing that the coronavirus will be contained and will not be a hindrance to our "across the pond" mission plans!

May 25-29 is the annual Rocky Mountain marriage retreat in Estes Park. We are beginning to take reservations already. So, plan to come! This year Pastors Will

and Barb Graham from the UK will be helping us minister. They are powerful and you will want to be part of this retreat!! Special music will be provided by Steve & Karen Gradwohl.

Every summer during June & July we leave our itinerary open so that we can enjoy some needed vacation and visiting friends and family time. We do not have it all figured out yet, but it will be a great time.



August 8th we have another ministry board meeting scheduled at the beautiful Pen Rose House in Colorado Springs. It is open to 501c3 ministries free to use for various meetings.

August 14 & 15 we have scheduled a brand-new venue at the Hotel Elegante' here in Colorado Springs. This weekend will be a special advanced teaching theme for couples that have attended a previous marriage weekend. We will be sharing on the topic of Identifying lies and strongholds within the marriage relationship and replacing them with the Word of God and truth! Hope many of you can come back! It is a Christian run hotel and they will even come pick you up from the airport if you fly in to attend. They also give you the same seminar discount if you want to stay before or after the seminar dates to do some sight seeing in the area!

September 5, 6, & 7 is the annual Labor Day Weekend retreat in Branson, MO. We have been hosting this retreat at our condo which is located at Stonebridge

condominiums near Silver Dollar City.

Early in October we fly back to Alaska to minister at a church in Valdez. Since we used to live in Fairbanks, we will also return there to see good friends.



October 30-31- El Tesoro Retreat in Woodland Park, CO.

November 15-21 is the annual Cross Points Church Missions Conference which we attend each year. We were sent out many years ago as missionaries from this church and they have supported us financially and with their prayers for a long time.

Be sure to check out our website @ www.mountaintopmarriages.org for new meetings that may be scheduled and for ministry updates.

We are also on FACEBOOK at Mountain Top Marriages. We have been posting short teachings for the past couple of months called Health and Healing in Marriage. Enjoy and share the teachings on your own Facebook page. The series can also be found on U Tube under Mountain Top Marriages.

If any of you that want to help us in our mission to change the divorce stats and teach couples how to have a Biblical Mountain Top Marriage and give to our ministry, just go to our website to pay pal or you can mail us a check made out to Mountain Top Marriages. Thanks for your prayers!

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