



MARRIAGE EDUCATION AND RESOURCE CENTER

October, 2020 The Marriage Education and Resource Center (MERCY)



During one of our first meetings with a couple, the husband asked, "What do we do when we have tried everything and the marriage is still not working?"

I (Penny) don't know where it came from, but I said, "It is a heart thing. You have to change your hearts." I don't think either of them said anything and afterwards I felt I had probably offended them. I felt so badly. I didn't want to drive them away and I remember David and I talking about it and me telling him I hope I didn't hurt their feelings and they probably would never come back. That has been several years ago and we are still friends with this couple. And while at the time I didn't recognize it, it had to be the Holy Spirit prompting me to speak those words. I now realize how true it is. It's all about the Lord changing hearts and He is the only one who can do that.

Upcoming Marriage Events

Online Couplettime Zoom Meeting
Friday, October 30, 2020
8:30 p.m.



We're really enjoying meeting with couples online and hope you will mark your calendars to join us. We will be sending out a reminder and a link to the online Zoom meeting in the near future.

The Authority of Love Conference
Friday, October 23, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We can read all the books on marriage, go to all the counseling/mentoring available, but until we allow Jesus to change our hearts, our marriages are not going to be all we want, and the Lord wants, them to be.



Grace and peace,
Penny and David

What To Do When You Feel Disconnected From Your Spouse

Sometimes the culprit is busy schedules that have you going in different directions. Sometimes your spouse might be in a funk or preoccupied with a project at work. Maybe you had a spat. Feeling disconnected occasionally is totally normal. Marriage has ups and downs and peaks and valleys. Don't sweat this, but be proactive. You've noticed it—let's do something about it! Watch this video by First Things First.



We wanted to make you aware of this conference that will be held in Chesterfield, MO that you can attend virtually.

You will enjoy worship and teachings from author and speaker, Greg Williams. Greg is passionate about delivering the biblical standards concerning marriage, family, and purity to a generation that has forgotten them. His message is timely, challenging and encouraging.

VIRTUAL registrants will be given an online link to conference prior to the start date. All virtual attendees must supply a working email address. Virtual registration is for those who wish to register as one person or a group of persons. The Virtual Registration cost is as follows:

\$35 - Virtual Link

To register, [click here](#)

Registration deadline is
10/22/2020.

Need Some Conversation Starters
For Your Together Time?

Marriage Dynamics
INSTITUTE™ 

**A counselor-led workshop for
couples in crisis.**

A New Beginning is a turn-around weekend designed to help couples who



Do you wish you had more meaningful conversations with your spouse? Meaningful communication builds intimacy and keeps you and your spouse connected. If you need some prompts to deepen interaction with your spouse, family or friends, we hope you will check out our Conversation Baskets.

There are Conversation Baskets for everyone -- couples, family and friends, women's friendship, seniors, Christian children and seasonal ones such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If interested, [click here](#)



What To Do When You Think Your Spouse is Lazy?

If you think you are married to Mr. or Mrs. Lazy and you are tired of being the *responsible spouse*, you may want to check out this article by John Daum , Facilitator with First Things First.

feel stuck in an unhealthy marriage, couples who are frustrated and unhappy, and couples considering divorce.

Following are upcoming online workshops:

October 23-25

November 13-15

December 11-13

For more information, [click here](#) or call 615-628-3014 or 1-800-627-0751.



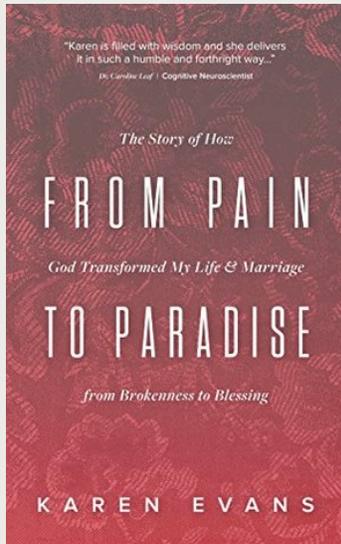
Crazy in Love is an all new online Series from marriage Edu-trainers Jay and Laura Laffoon. Once a week you will be entertained while strengthening your marriage! Crazy in Love is broken down into 4 segments. (Each segment contains 4 live events)

1. Just Plain Crazy will explore the reasons relationships struggle and will give you the tools to calm the crazy. October 13, 20, 27, Nov 3

2. Crazy Talk delves into the reasons communication is so important in a healthy marriage and will give you key phrases that will improve your relationship immediately. November 10, 17, 24, Dec 1

3. The Crazy 3 has us looking at the BIG 3 issues in marriage, Money, Sex,

click on this
link



We all experience emotional pain. Whether it's from ongoing relational wounds or past hurts, this pain can threaten to destroy your marriage,

family, and your life. But what if there was a way to reach past that pain and experience total healing and restoration for you and those you love? In *From Pain to Paradise*, Karen Evans takes you on an autobiographical journey through the hurts of her past. Through her vulnerable testimony, she'll show you how to restore relationships, heal broken marriages, and gain victory over emotional pain through the power of the Word of God.

This is one of our newest resources at MERCY.

& Inlaws. You will learn how one simple change will impact all BIG 3 issues.

December 8, 15, 22, 29

4. Embrace the Crazy will show you how in 14 short days you can make 2021 the best year for your marriage!
January 5, 12, 19, 26

Because it's LIVE you will get Jay & Laura in real time AND you'll get to ask questions in our LIVE CHAT ROOM. Because it's Jay & Laura you will LAUGH and have fun as you learn. Because we care, we will keep the videos "ACTIVE" so if you miss a show you can watch it at your leisure, OR go back and watch it again to reiterate the teaching

You can purchase tickets for one segment at a time or bundle all 4 for the price of 3!

BONUS! If you bundle all 4 you will receive 2 FREE ebooks from the Laffoons.

Regular Registration
\$49/segment
\$149/entire series

[Register here](#)



Thank you Donors

Thanks to everyone who supported us during the Give for Good Louisville 2020 campaign.

It was our best year yet. Please know you are making a difference in couples' and families' lives. Perhaps the best way to express our appreciation is to let you read what a few of our couples have recently shared about the ministry:

We are eternally grateful to MERCY for the time and commitment (and wonderful friendship) we

received from this organization. Finally, we have the wonderful marriage we both desired for so long!

Anonymous

When everyone around you is saying your marriage is over, MERCY equips you to save it!

Denise

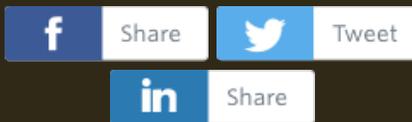
"We can't thank you enough for your time, prayers and advice you gave us. Things are good!"

A. C.

"You saved our marriage!"

C.M.

We hope you have been blessed by seeing the impact your gift has on couples like the ones above. For them and so many more, let us say **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts. If you didn't get an opportunity to make a donation on September 17 and would like to, you can still donate on our website - by clicking here



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