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Make an Investment

I recently had the opportunity to provide premarital counseling to 3 young couples. This is one of my favorite pastoral duties. There is openness, honesty and anticipation of a bright future in these couples. Interestingly, almost simultaneously, I had a front row seat to 3 marriages that were ending or on the brink of ending – all married more than 25 years. In a quiet moment, I took some time to wonder what happened? How does a couple get from the giddy, excited, I cant wait to be married stage to the disillusioned, hopeless, let's throw in the towel stage? Sometimes it happens very quickly, sometimes it takes decades.

Of course there are many reasons marriages end – infidelity, abuse and dishonesty are just a few. But more often than not, it seems like it is a long, slow slide into complacency. This is not a complete addressing of the subject, but hopefully a call to action. Whether you think your marriage is at a 9.5 or a 1.5 on

a 10 point scale, don't get comfortable, because it takes some work!

I would hope no one would ever purchase a car and then neglect to change the oil, rotate tires and provide other routine maintenance, yet expect the car to provide years of reliable service. Your marriage is no different. I have a couple ideas to help you maintain your marriage relationship.

1. Pray together – Make a commitment to begin and end the day in prayer. Lift up your marriage and the marriages of others. Of course, add other things as the Spirit leads, but pray for your marriage.
2. Read the bible together. No elaboration needed.
3. Make an annual investment – Attend a conference, read a book together, pick up a video and watch it. Better yet, invite another couple or 2 to join you. Additional perspective and accountability will increase the benefit of your investment. Commit to making a significant investment in your marriage each year.
4. Encourage and serve one another. You can be your spouse's most influential advocate or most detrimental discourager. Make a decision to help your spouse become all God intended them to be as you cheer them along the way.

5. Find a recreational activity or hobby you can do together. A couple that plays together stays together.
6. Be intentional – make your marriage a priority. Revisit the car analogy: No washes, no vacuuming, no oil changes, no maintenance at all and your car will be a serious mess in short order. Those things don't just happen by themselves; you have to be intentional if they are going to get done. The same is true in your marriage.

This is just a short list of suggestions. Tackle a couple of them this summer or come up with your own. Be the one to start the conversation – don't expect your spouse to initiate. If your spouse gets out ahead of you and is the one to get the ball rolling, thank him or her and get on board! Get off the slippery slope of relationship deterioration that is the result of doing nothing. Make an appointment for your next marriage maintenance activity.

God divinely gives your spouse to you – bring glory to Him by treating him or her as such. Make the investment.

Live a life worthy of your calling,

Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January - April 2018

Total Giving:

\$52,500 (total General offerings) vs.
\$46,000 (total Budget is 11,500/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$43,000 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$36,000** (total pledged YTD, \$9,000 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance **\$13,400**

YTD general offerings **\$52,500**

YTD total expenses **\$46,300**

April 30 cash balance **\$19,600**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$30,612.67	\$33,300.00
Missions	\$6,187.33	\$6,200.00
Plant & maintenance	\$4,413.33	\$3,300.00
office	\$2,066.67	\$1,500.00
discipleship	\$638.33	\$70.00
Property Ins	\$883.33	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$166.67	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$666.67	\$300.00
Outreach	\$200.00	\$10.00
Worship	\$796.67	\$325.00
TOTAL	\$46,631.67	\$46,205.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$0

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,300.00

Current Building account:

\$26,000.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick



Men's Fishing Outing

Saturday, July 14

8AM - Noon with lunch following.

Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Contact Greg Maxey (gmaxey52@gmail.com; 205-3495) for more information.

Road Construction Update

We received a letter from the engineers of the Gillett Street road construction.

They state that construction is scheduled to begin late in the week of May 21 with delivery of contractor equipment, materials delivery and setting up traffic control.

The next major item will be storm sewer installation. Then street excavation will begin. All intersections will remain open except when work is occurring in the intersection.

The contractor intends to work from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



Along with the scripture and message that is sent on Friday morning, Brenda will include a note about what the road to church looks like!