

# Marriage Matters

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## NEWS FROM IT TAKES THREE MARRIAGE MINISTRIES

Hello everyone and welcome to Issue Two of the It Takes Three Marriage Ministries Newsletter. We are keeping our promise to keep you up to date with the things going on with this ministry.

As we enter this new year of 2009, we are committed to continue to pray for each and every one of you. Last year was filled with many highs and lows. On a high note we have our first African American president but on a low note we are in one of the worst economical times this country has experienced. Statics has shown that finances in a marriage are one of the leading causes for divorce. We must not become part of those statics! Let's touch and agree that we will not only keep our covenant relationship but we will also help someone else keep theirs. We know God has even greater blessings this year for us and this ministry if we trust Him for everything and doubt Him for nothing.

We thank you for your support in 2008 and thank you in advance for your support in 2009. We are excited about the things God has given us for this year and look forward to sharing them with all of you.

*God bless you and we love you,*

*Reverends Gordon and Marilyn Oliver*

*Holy Spirit Led,  
Holy Bible Fed*

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## Upcoming Events



*Bedford Springs Resort, Bedford, PA*

On Saturday April 4, we will have bowling with your baby fellowship again at the Andrews AFB bowling lanes, starting at 4:30pm. The couples are looking forward to winning a trophy; some of us have already started practicing!

Plans for our 2nd annual

retreat have been finalized. It will be November 6-8 2009 at Bedford Springs Resort in Bedford, PA. All married or engaged couples are invited to come and have a great time in the Lord. This is an opportunity to invest in your marriage! We feel that if we can invest in

other things we can certainly make and investment in our marriage. Take some time out for you and your spouse to spend quality time in a very beautiful facility. God can and will restore our marriages if we just take the time to spend with Him and each other. Detailed information is located on the website for this event.

Also don't forget we continue to have our monthly bible studies, held every first Saturday of each month at the Hampton Inn in Waldorf, MD. Please check the website for any changes or updates and while you are there checkout the photo gallery, you might see your smiling face.

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# Monthly Bible Studies Growing in Numbers

We started off the New Year with our monthly bible study in January and were blessed to have 18 couples in attendance. We have to admit we were caught by surprise with the number of

couples who showed up but a growing problem is the kind of problem we welcome. We continued our series "Did I Say That" understanding the marriage vows. This series has really

blessed us all as we are reminded of the promises we made on our wedding day and how important it is we keep those promises.

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## Valentine's Day Retreat



*Revs. Marilyn and Gordon Oliver*

On Saturday February 14 Valentine's Day, It Takes Three held its first Valentine's Day Get Away at the fabulous Ritz Carlton Hotel in Tysons Corner, VA. This event included a one-day seminar, dinner at the Cheesecake Factory Tyson's II Galleria mall, over night accommodation at the hotel, and breakfast Sunday. We signed a

contract with the hotel for 10 couples but God sent us 20 couples from 7 different churches, praise the Lord! The feedback we received was so positive that we have already booked the hotel for 2010 Valentine's Day! Make sure to mark your calendar and be prepared to be blessed by God.



*Couples participating in the Ministry's Valentine's Day Retreat*



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