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## ON THE CALENDAR

### Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6-8pm  
Windermere-Living Hope  
UMC  
14035 Euclid Avenue  
East Cleveland

### 3MB Only Bible Study & Recreation

Thursdays 6:00pm at  
COFA

5949 Engel Avenue  
AND

### Adult Bible Study at 7pm

### Weekly Worship Service

Sunday Afternoons at,

1:30pm

COFA

5949 Engel Avenue

### The Couples Club

Game Night!!!

May 22, 6-8pm

Held in the

Sandra Rose Fellowship Hall  
at COFA

5949 Engel Avenue

### Ladies Night Out!!!

Friday, May 21, 2010

Ruby Tuesdays, 7pm

24325 Chagrin Blvd.

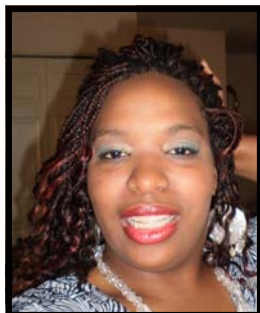
### 3MB Movie Night

Friday, May 21, 2010

Location to be announced

## DEFINITION OF SUCCESS!

Letter from the Editor...



If I was to take a random survey and ask people; "Name 10 successful people", the list would probably include people like President Obama, LeBron James, Russell Simmons, Oprah, and Tyra, to name a few. When you talk about someone closer to home that is successful, people tend to forget some of the most successful people:

## The Couples Club

### Valentine's Day Weekend

On Saturday, February 13, 2010, four couples and one GenNex member met at The Olive Garden on Bagley Road in Middleburg Hts. for dinner. Founders Marvin Smith and Faith Lloyd-Smith, were joined by Darrien and Wanda Wilkes, Michael McCoy and Shawn Minter, GenNex member, Mengis

Single Moms, The working parents living paycheck to paycheck, but not letting their children want for their needs, the person effected by layoffs, or even the abused man, woman, boy, girl, child that continues to go on with her life past her ordeal.

In the bible, it states in (Matthew 25:14-30) "Well done, good and faithful slave! You were faithful over a few things. I will appoint you over many things. Enter into the joy of your master" During these set of verses, it talks of gifts and talents that were given out and how people took the talents and worked them to their best to gain more talents.

Have you ever stopped to think that in order to make it to success, you may need to

stay faithful over your situation FIRST. You know that job that you slack at, and complain you need a new one, that for whatever reason, IS STILL THERE! Wonder why? The single mother looking for a helpmate in any shape he can come, and you PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR HIM, wonders why Mr. Right has not come along. The teen that feels that they have to be an adult to get respect, in their language, their dress, and their actions, wonders why no one respects him! Remember that you don't define success, God does! So stay steadfast and he will give you your just rewards!

**We're on the web!!!**

**Check us  
out at:**

[www.marvelousfaithministries.com](http://www.marvelousfaithministries.com)  
[www.thecouplesclub.org](http://www.thecouplesclub.org)  
[www.LadieSmith.com](http://www.LadieSmith.com)  
[www.3mandb.com](http://www.3mandb.com)

the new couple history and purpose of The Couples Club.

Before the evening ended, the couples set plans for the next event which will be a Bowling outing to be held on Friday, March 12, 2010. The location is to be determined. Be sure to watch your email for details on this outing. You can also feel free to call 216-322-1059 for updates on all events.

Samuels, and newlyweds and The Couples Club first-timers, Tony and Natoya Minor.

Being the eve of Valentine's Day, the restaurant was crowded allowing for at least 45 minutes of pre-meal fellowship time. Couples were very eager and ready to jump right into the Italian cuisine once seated. The evening gave

When you attend an event, feedback is helpful if you enjoyed that event and that location for future planning.

When you patronize businesses or respond to ads that we have listed, be sure to let them know that you saw it in Love

## WHY RE-INVENT THE WHEEL?



The Couples' Club has been around and thriving since February of 2002! We praise God for His awesome vision and favor! There have been drier spells and then events that simply flourish!

Many churches, organizations, and ministries have begun couples ministries and support groups which is truly awesome and necessary. We, at The Couples Club and Marvelous Faith Ministries believe in networking, sharing resources, and collaborating on events. If your group is hosting an event, please let us know about it. We will print the information in Love Notes so that the many people who read Love Notes, by email, internet, U.S. Mail, and community circulation will know about your event as well and may choose to participate. We need many options and resources, as often times, events may conflict with our personal schedules so having more than one event to choose from is very beneficial.

Couples, we urge you and encourage you to join with us in The Couples Club. We share our information and the information of other organizations regardless of denomination, race, faith, creed, and other differences as long as they encourage basic principles to "right living" and they are not against basic biblical principles. Being a member of The Couples Club will keep you informed of ongoing events that will strengthen your relationship with your mate.

Why re-invent the wheel by establishing new ministries or events or by trying to do what others are already doing? If someone is doing something and doing it well, let's collaborate and "all work together for the good of those who love the Lord and are

called according to His purpose!" We can make the devil mad by "re-nominating instead of de-nominating and make a greater impact for God's kingdom with the power that is in numbers.

So when you see an event in Love Notes that sounds of interest to you or your mate, check it out. Attend, and let them know that you are from The Couples Club, you saw their event in Love Notes and you wanted to come check it out. Be sure to come back and share how the event went so that we can publicize your information and let others know. Let's work together!

### Marriage Mentors

Are you a Christian couple, married for five years or longer with a stable marriage? Are you willing to share your success with another couple? Then consider becoming a Marriage Mentor! MFM and The Couples Club are seeking committed married couples to nurture and encourage other couples in their relationship. Mentoring other couples will even help your marriage become stronger.

Please contact us at marvelousfaith@yahoo.com or at 216-254-2614 to learn more information about becoming a Marriage Mentor or receiving services from a Marriage Mentor.

### TCC T-Shirts

TCC T-Shirts are available for just \$10 at MFM! Call 216-322-1059 to get yours. They come in various sizes, light blue, grey, and white. The t-shirt sports the ever-so-chic logo of The Couples Club designed by Darryl Johnson some seven years ago. Get yours today to wear to your next event with The Couples Club!

### TCC Game Night!!!

The Couples Club is BACK!!! Our last event was in February so it is time to get together again! The May event for The Couples' Club is Game Night!!! Anyone who has attended Game Night with The Couples Club in the past knows that this is an event NOT to be missed!

Come on out on **Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 6pm for Game Night** as only The Couples Club does it!!! There will be a light dinner prepared by Chef Marvin Smith and games by Wanda and Darrien Wilkes, Sr. The games are lots of fun! We play group games with men against the ladies, team games, and couple games!...with prizes! There is no cost for this event but a freewill offering will be taken. No one has fun like us when it comes to Game Night!!! This event will be held at Community of Faith Assembly, (COFA) 5949 Engel Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44127.

You don't want to miss this event! This event, as most events with The Couples Club is open to married, engaged, and even dating couples! We have just two rules...  
1.) Leave the kids at home...and  
2.) Bring or even just tell another COUPLE!!!

In The Couples Club, we have come to realize that as relationships grow, so often couples neglect time for each other. Couples revolve their relationship around their children.... and inevitably grow apart. Couples, one day wake up realizing, "wow, we have nothing in common anymore." "The kids are gone. What do we have in common?" Many times, couples will say, "I don't even like you anymore.".... This is a danger zone. We want to make sure that we NURTURE our relationships. Come on out and spend some time fellowshiping with some other great couples. Please know that you are never too young or too old for The Couples Club! Join us!

# Relationship Humor

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money.

Just before he died, he said to his wife...'When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me.'

And so he got his wife to promise him, with all of her heart, that when he died, she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

Well, he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, 'Wait just a moment!'

She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away.

So her friend said, 'Girl, I know you were not foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband.'

The loyal wife replied, 'Listen, I'm a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him.'

You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!?!?!'

'I sure did,' said the wife.' I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a check.... If he can cash it, then he can spend it.' "

## Collaboration is KEY!!!

The bible tells us in Romans 8:28, "For we know that all things work TOGETHER for the good for those who are called according to His purposes." MFM has truly adopted this theme scripture as well. MFM has begun working in collaboration with many other entities realizing that no one person or organization can be all things to all people. We all need each other.

In about 2006, MFM built a collaboration with Broadway United Methodist Church, pastored by Rev. Dr. Yvonne Conner. The men and boys of 3MB would play basketball at BUMC on Saturday mornings which would be open to the community. 3MB in exchange would assist with light custodial duties at the church, assist with the community meals program, and would worship with BUMC on the 4th Sunday.

In 2009, further spiritual collaboration was birthed when MFM "outgrew the house" at former ministry headquarters in East Cleveland. Spiritual covering, Rev. Dr. Tony Minor offered MFM the opportunity to utilize the building of Community of Faith Assembly Church (COFA) which is where the once 6:30 pm Evening Worship Service of MFM became the now 1:30 Afternoon Worship Service that it is today.

Also in 2009, the youth ministries of MFM initiated a collaboration with Teen Start, Inc. a non-profit youth serving organization founded and directed by Rev. Stanya Greathouse, that focuses on teaching youth and young adults the necessary life skills that they need to be successful. 3MB and Teen Start are partnering in efforts to provide contract re-entry services to boys involved in the juvenile justice system to reduce the recidivism rates.

MFM's most recent collaboration began this year in 2010 with POTW, Power of the Word Ministries. POTW is a church led by Pastor Derrick Minor. MFM's co-pastor, Min. Faith Lloyd-Smith happened to be in the T&J Christian Bookstore in East Cleveland and was conversing as per usual with Pastor Derrick while shopping, which all T&J customers generally do. During the conversation, the two realized how much they had in common within their churches! Pastor Derrick mentioned that his congregation was predominantly college students and young people. He further shared various types of information about Christian rap artists as that was what Min. Faith was shopping for. Min. Faith then invited Pastor Derrick to come and minister at MFM and to bring his congregation. Long story short, MFM LOVED Pastor Derrick and POTW, POTW LOVED MFM and there birthed its latest collaboration! 2nd and 4th Sundays are now merged worships between the two churches. Pastor Derrick preaches at MFM on the 2nd Sunday, formerly 1st Sunday. This may vary, but please know that at least twice per month, MFM and POTW worship together and at least once per month, a powerful message is brought by Pastor Derrick Minor! Call 216-322-1059 216-322-1059 if interested in learning who is bringing the message on any given Sunday.

New on 3MB Website! 3MB Retro Games! Log on to your website at [www.3mandb.com](http://www.3mandb.com) to play games. Change the high score if you're good enough! Compete with your 3MB Brothers! Be sure to sign in on the Guest Book. Coming soon 3MB Online Photo Album created by *Dyna Smith*. Also, coming soon 3MB&G page, LNO page, and Girl Talk page. Be sure to thank Mr. *Darryl Johnson* when you see him for creating our AWESOME website!!!

Be sure to bring a change donation to all MFM events. Bible Study, 4H meeting, 3MB Basketball, Sunday Worship, and Girl Talk Group. Coins or even a dollar bill add up and help towards snacks, food, supplies, gas, prizes, paper, ink, stamps, and activities. Let's support our ministry.

MORE THAN JUST A CHURCH!!!

LOVENOTES

## Sunday Afternoon Worship

Borrowing a line from our "other" favourite church, "Church 'N the Mall", pastored by Dr. C.J. Matthews, "It Is Not Your Grandmother's Church"!

The MFM Sunday Afternoon Worship Service is like none that you've ever attended before! It is truly not your grandmother's church! This service is geared towards young people. Youth, young adults, and the young at heart gather at 1:30 in the

afternoon every Sunday for an afternoon of high energy praise and worship, Christian Hip-Hop and Rap music, sharing, fellowship and ofcourse a good word from the Lord.

We have recently formed a collaboration with Power of the Word Ministries, led by Pastor Derrick Minor. This church's congregation consists mainly of college students. Pastor Derrick, having brought a powerful message on the

February 14th of this year, has agreed to minister at MFM on 1st Sundays. Second Sundays messages are generally brought by a Guest Speaker, 3rd Sundays, Min. Art Obleton brings a profound word from God, and 4th Sundays one of our very own youth or young adults share a message.

MORE THAN JUST A CHURCH!!!!... We are about MINISTRY... meeting the needs of the people!

## 3MB Basketball & Girl Talk

During the months of May and June, there will be no 3MB Basketball or Girl Talk meetings. The month of May will be dedicated to seeking more volunteers, while the month of June will be utilized to orientate new volunteers and for ongoing training of current and

new volunteers.

If you or anyone that you know may be interested in providing volunteer mentoring services to Cleveland area youth, please feel free to contact us at 216-322-1059 216-322-1059 or by email at [marvel-](mailto:marvel-ousfaith@yahoo.com)

[ousfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:ousfaith@yahoo.com) and someone will connect you with Rev. Stanya Greathouse of Teen Start, Inc. for further information and directions.

MORE THAN JUST A CHURCH!!!

## "Help is On The Way!"

MFM Youth Ministries is now collaborating with another organization! The Girl Talk portion will now be a Teen Start Program. Teen Start is an organization that teaches life skills to young ladies ages 9 to adult. Youth ages 9 to 12 are in Pre-Teen Start. Although 3MB will continue to be the brother

program to the ladies of Teen Start, they will also benefit from the curriculum and programming. Teen Start is founded and operated by Rev. Stanya Greathouse. We look forward to the great things that God has in store for us as 3MB and the ladies of Girl Talk come under the leadership of Teen Start. For

more information on the Teen Start program, visit them online at [www.teenstartinc.com](http://www.teenstartinc.com).

MFM mentors and MIT's will be trained by Teen Start staff in June.

MORE THAN JUST A CHURCH!!!

The 2nd Annual Dads and Daughters Social (DADS) Banquet was a humongous success! Fourteen dads and surrogate dads attended this event with their daughters, surrogate daughters, granddaughters, nieces, step-daughters, and goddaughters. The event began at 6pm and ended at 9pm.

The men of 3MB prepared a scrumptious dinner which consisted of smothered pork chops, roast beef in gravy, baked potatoes, tossed salad, corn on the cob, and biscuit dinner rolls. A February birthday cake was served for dessert recognizing our February birthday girls, **Deyvonna, Marnita, Alicia, Patricia, and Jaida**, whose names all appeared on the 1/2 chocolate, 1/2 yellow 1/2 sheetcake.

Girls who were all dressed in their Sunday best were each presented with a long-stem carnation before dinner by the men and then they were given a small heart-shaped box of chocolates.

**DJ, Aaron Morris, AKA "Tute"**, had entertainment to engage all! He opened the evening with theme songs from various old sit-coms which the audience was challenged to guess. Daughters had to guess the theme music from "Hill Street Blues", "Cheers", "The Jeffersons", "Good Times", "Maude", "The Golden Girls", "MASH", "The Cosby Show", "The Flintstones", and many more. After that, so the little girls would not feel left out, he then shared tunes from "Go, Diego, Go", "Madagascar", "Rescue Rangers", "Alvin and The Chipmunks", and the "Backyardigans". He was absolutely phenomenal! After that game, DJ Tute played lots of old school music for the dads. He began by calling out, Min. Marvin Smith with a song by the Ohio Players, "The Funky Worm" and then engaged a "Soul Train" Line. Dads and daughters retroed their way through at least two songs! DJ Tute, ended the evening with our classic DADS tradition song of Luther Vandross' "Dance with My Father Again". It was simply beautiful! For this dance, fathers who had multiple daughters were assisted by the young men and boys of 3MB who danced with their additional daughters.

The youngest daughter present was 3 year old, Inglesh Liburd, while the oldest present was her 27 year mother, and daughter of Min. Marvin Smith, Dyna Smith.

Relationships were truly transformed at this event. Min. Darryl Johnson, Webmaster for MFM, shared his testimony related to the improvement of his relationship with his new 14 year old daughter by stating, "I think last night made a difference in our relationship."

Before leaving for the evening, 20 year old, Diasha Smith stated, "I had the best time of my life! Thank you!"

Great thanks go out to the ladies of MFM, **Mrs. Folami Triplett, Mrs. Wanda Wilkes, and Mrs. Melanie Ragland** for their awesome transformation of the COFA Fellowship Hall! They moved things out of the hall with the assistance of Min. Darrien Wilkes, Sr., swept and mopped floors, set up red, white, and pink helium filled balloons, put out red, white, and pink table cloths, and put red candles on each table.

Also great thanks go out to **Rev. Stanya Greathouse**, CEO of Teen Start Inc. for coming all the way from Columbus, Ohio to assist in serving and clean up with the entire event.

Additional great thanks go out to the young men and boys of 3MB, **Lovelle Cash, Royston Smith, Andrew Smith, Ryan Smith, Roger Smith, Jr., and Aaron Tyler Smith** for their serving plates, beverages, waiting tables, escorting, and clean up.

Finally, BIG Kudos go out to DADS Coordinator, **Mr. Ceylon "Trip" Triplett, Sr.** for planning this entire event! Trip stated, "We went from five dads last year at the house, to thirteen dads this year at COFA! We are going to need an even bigger location in 2011!"

Praise God for increase and improvement of family relationships!

The next DADS event will be dinner and a movie at Loehmann's Movie Ten in Wilmoughby Hills on Chardon Road and dinner at the Golden Corral afterward. This event will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010. Call coordinator, Ceylon Triplett, Sr. for more information at 216-650-1120 .

## MFM Spotlight

This month instead of having a Couple Spotlight and a 3MB Spotlight, MFM would like to pay special tribute to **Miss Mellaine "Layna Joi" Ragland!** In 2009, Mellaine was required to take the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Mellaine was so nervous about having to take the test. Every week during bible study, worship service, and any other time that MFM assembled, Mellaine's prayer request was for help and success on the OGT. There were other young people who had the same struggle and concern. When the time came for Mellaine to take the test, a special prayer vigil was held for her and the others. When Mellaine received her test results, she found that she had passed all parts of the test on the first time which is a very rare task!

The greatest blessing related to this is that Mellaine embraced the fact "that to whom much is given, much is required". Mellaine wholeheartedly exemplified the MFM Theme Scripture of Galations 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ". Mellaine took it upon herself that her three brothers in Christ that would be required to take the test in 2010, would not have to struggle with worry or concern the way that she did.

From September of 2009, all the way through March of 2010, each Thursday night, Mellaine tutored Marvin Ragland, Jr., Andrew Smith, and Darrien Wilkes, Jr. on OGT preparation. Mellaine was very serious and intent on her plight. When the gentlemen entered, they were required to surrender their cell phones to her, she had lessons planned for them and she administered them!

Now we would be remiss if we neglected to point out Mellaine's "support staff"! Mellaine's parents, Antonio and Melanie Ragland were equally as involved! Melanie provided transportation (Cont'd on bottom page 7 )

Ladie Smith & Co. say...

## START SNITCHIN'



Tell the WORLD about JESUS!!!

For Booking contact Min. Marvin Smith at 216-322-1059 Those of you who do not yet have a copy of "This is My War Cry", fear not. Copies can be purchased in Blessings Bookstore, T&J Christian Book store, online from CD Baby, on the Ladie Smith website [www.LadieSmith.com](http://www.LadieSmith.com) or by calling manager, Marvin Smith at 216-322-1059.

### Love Notes Needs Writers!!!

If you have attended an event with MFM or The Couples Club, and would like to share your experience please feel free to email your article or pics to us at [marvelousfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@yahoo.com) by the 25th of each month and we may publish your article, poem, or other work !!!

### Lady D cont.

LS-Well Lady, I do thank you for your time.

LD-Your welx, Girl.

LS-Any last encouraging words?

LD-N.E.R.D-Never give up, Encourage others, Respect your elders, and

# Lady D in the house!

LS-It's Lady D, right?

LD-Yep, that's me!

LS-Why Lady D?

LD-I got it from my sister, Ladie Smith. It was kind of like I was her "mini-me", but as I got older, I became Lady D.

LS-At what age did you become Lady D?

LD-At the age of 14, we had a show at Randall Mall on my birthday. That is when I announced that I would no longer go be the name of Lil' Lady D.

LS-So Lady, what's your favorite color?

LD-I have several. They are red, blue, black, white, green, and....sometimes pink.

LS-So basically the rainbow!

LD-Not exactly. I just like wearing colors that no one else will.

LS-Why did you join Ladie Smith & Co.?

LD-I really just felt like I had a purpose in that ministry.

LS-So what exactly do you do?

LD-Everything, Girl! I rap, I sing, I dance....



LS-....is there anything that you don't do?

LD-I do everything! What is there not to do?

LS-So you said you had a purpose in the ministry. What exactly is it?

LD-My purpose is to reach out to teens with bangin' beats and spectacular lyrics!

LS-If you had to compare your style to any artist, who would it be?

LD-Lil' Mama. She's got raw beats and crazy lyrics. Man, she's the coldest!



LS-Okay, okay, who's your best friend?

LD-My ride or die is Erica, AKA, E-Baby. Big ups to the Bestie!

LS-What's your favorite food?

LD-My favorite food is Chinese food. Oooo, and NOODLES! I LIKE noodles!

LS-Lady, I know this is a touchy subject, but how were you affected by the recent tragedy of your group member, Nemo?

LD-I was hurt. I felt like a part of me was taken away from me. I love that guy. I mean, he's my brother-in-law. (tears)

LS-Do you feel like the shows are different without him?



LD- Everything is. But I think the show must go on. I mean if it comes down to just me and Ladie again, you know we're going to bring it. Go hard or go home, Son. I just miss his Scooby Doo laugh.

LS-What is the craziest moment you ever had with a fan?

LD-OMG! We were on Wade Park and we had just done a show when some little kids asked for our chewed gum and sweaty tissue! We had sooo much fun with them. They were hilarious. That is when Nemo signed his first autograph. Good times. Good times.

LS-Before we end this, I have one more question. What is your favorite song off of the "This is My War Cry" album, the new album, and your favorite show?

LD-Wow, my favorite song off the old album is definitely "Soldier". I don't have one off the new album yet but I definitely like the remix to Rihanna's song, "Umbrella" that Ladie wrote. OMG! Youth Jam 2006 was sooo

supercalifriggy.... You know what I'm saying...that was definitely the favorite. That and Hope Academy Canton. Big ups to y'all! Hope y'all do well on the OAT's this year!

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# Independent Young Adults

(This article is from Spring 2009 but information still applies.)

## Remember your first apartment?

Congratulations go out to our youth who are making strides towards independent living! On Saturday, April 4, 2009, three young men from 3MB moved into their first very own "Bachelor Pad", as they were once called! **LaRay Cash, Andre Moultry-Davis, and Lovelle Cash** have a place to call their own. Please be sure to congratulate these young men when you see them! Additionally as it relates to becoming independent, Dyna and Diasha Smith have found an apartment that they plan to move into in the very near future. Please congratulate these young ladies as well! When spring cleaning this year, don't throw out those old household items or even take them to the Goodwill. We have many college students and young adults who are attempting to be independent by working and going to school associated with our ministry. These young people all work very hard in MFM by facilitating community service, assisting others, transporting and mentoring our youth, and providing concerts...all free of charge! Let's bless them in return and help them on their way. They are our present and future leaders. Call MFM at 216-322-1059 and let us know what you may have that our young adults may be able to utilize.

## MFM Graduates

MFM has at least four young people graduating from high school this year! Let's continue to keep **Mario Abernathy, Julian Hurt, Rahnisha Merritt, and Valencia Williams** lifted in prayer as they complete their senior year in high school. Love Notes will update you further as to their completion.

## Praise God!!!

MFM is sooo thankful to God that **Nehemiah Stanley** is finally back home! It has been a long 13 months! Prayer indeed changes things. Many of you may remember reading in the March 2009 issue of Love Notes about the wrongful incarceration of Nehemiah. On Monday, April 19, 2010, Nehemiah was released! Every Sunday for the past year, at least one person has requested prayer for Nehemiah and now he is back home and even more on fire for the Lord! On Sunday, April 25, 2010, Nehemiah brought the message at MFM, sharing his powerful testimony. Nehemiah has agreed to lead the MFM Praise Team on Sundays in Praise and Worship. Welcome Home, Nehemiah! We missed you but we are sooo glad to have you home! As you continue to share your experience, and your story, know that your struggle was not in vain!



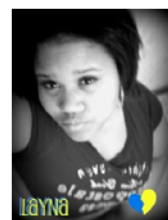
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## Upcoming Events

Coming real soon, it will be time for another MFM Bowling Party!!! Join us for an evening of BIG FUN!!! For just \$12 you will be able to enjoy an evening filled with 3 hours of bowling, shoes, food, and even door prizes! Purchase

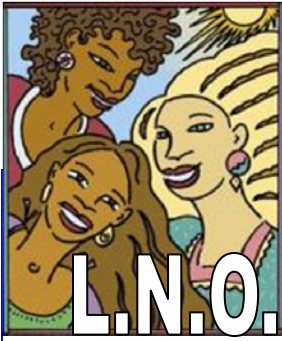
your tickets by calling Rosa Foster at 216-533-4613 or by calling 216-322-1059. This will be an event the entire family will be able to enjoy! Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit repairs for the ministry's 25 passenger bus. Tell all your

friends, come out and have a great time with us, and help us get the bus repaired! Watch your email, U.S. Mail, and Facebook for updates and a date and location for this event!



to and from tutoring for the boys and Antonio, who has now been nicknamed "Chef 3MB", provided meals for them weekly!!!

Kudos to you, Mellaine for truly upholding all that MFM stands for by, "being your brother's keeper" and "leading by example"! And ofcourse we cannot forget her parents! Antonio and Melanie, we know that that apple obviously did not fall far from the tree!



## LNO Calendar

At these events, we may have a speaker, discussion, game, and more!

Generally these events are on the last Friday of every month when the guys have Movie Night.

Call Faith at 216-254-2614 or Rosa at 216-533-4613 to RSVP or for information.

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# GIRL TALK: Real Girls, Real Talk

As of Saturday, November 29, 2008, the MFM Girl Talk group was launched! This group meets every Saturday from 11am until 1pm at Marvelous Faith Ministries, 1882 Beersford Road. The group, facilitated by Ms. Marilyn Williams, is currently using curriculum from Youth Specialties called "Becoming" which teaches about becoming a young woman in Christ. This group of young ladies ages 11-19 serves as the sister group to 3MB although they are their own "sisterhood". The girls and young ladies are bonding quite well. Ms. Williams is assisted by Ms. Dyna Smith. They are seeking more young adult mentors for the group as well.

The group is developing a name for themselves. They are considering Radically Revolving Around F.A.I.T.H. which is an acronym for Finding Assur-

ance In The Holy Word.

Every Saturday they open with journaling, some type of team-building activity, and they then have group discussion. The girls and young ladies create some type of craft. They are looking forward to scrapbooking, learning to crochet, and all types of other activities. Each week at least four fortunate young ladies even receive a door prize! And all of that is not enough, there is a breakfast spread of some sort every week! One week there was pancakes, eggs, and sausage, another week oatmeal, bagels, yogurt, and fruit, and this week, there will be waffles and sausage!

Each young lady has received a Biblezine which is a magazine version of the New Testament created especially for young ladies filled with beauty tips

and things that would be of interest to a young lady today. Everyone was also given a bookbag for their things which they decorated and a journal.

Although there is no cost for the group, a freewill offering is taken each week.

Want your young lady between the ages of 11 and 19 to participate in Girl Talk? Just email us at marvelousfaith@yahoo.com or call 216-254-2614 for more details.

## Ladies Night Out!!!

Ladies, join us once each month as we gather together to fellowship together! In the past, LNO has hosted "Pamper Me" Parties, evenings out at restaurants, an ice cream social, shopping days, and sooo much more! Grab a

special lady in your life, mom, grandma, sister, daughter, niece, god-mother, or just a GIRL-friend, and come on out as we fellowship together! Sisters, we need to get together!

I remember the days of old, sitting at my aunts and mother's feet, listening as they shared their stories. This is the transference of wisdom! Ladies, let us not let that legacy die. Let us continue to share time and stories with our younger sisters! Come on out for "Ladies Night OUT"!

## Widow's Ministry:

About two years ago, the Lord gave us, "care for the widows". At the April outing, we were joined by one of the widows associated with the club. We are truly blessed by their presence and their wisdom. We encourage you to bring a widow that you know to an outing of The Couple's Club or to the Ladies Night Out event each month.

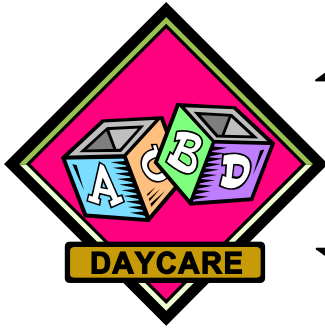


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Sandusky, Ohio	
<b>Lighthouse Community of Faith Church</b>	Donation
<b>Min. Debra Wilson</b>	Snacks for 3MB
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<b>Windermere/Living Hope Church</b>	Bible Study Meeting Space
<b>Mr. Aaron Tutt Morris</b>	<b>DJ Services for DADS Banquet</b>

**MFM needs donations for snacks/  
meals for 3MB&G. Families or whom-  
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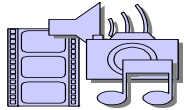
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## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

In past issues of Love Notes, this was a comon article, "Prayer Changes Things". We just want to remind all couples to pray for one another. Pray for all of the couples on our mailing list. Those that you meet at events and outings, pray for them by name. We don't have to know specifically what is going on in their lives but just know that the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy our relationships so we all need prayer and support. Remember to keep all of the couples associated with The Couple's Club in your prayer list. Pray for their relationships, their families, and that God's will be done in their lives. If you would like your special prayer requests listed in this newsletter, please submit them to [marvelousfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:marvelousfaith@yahoo.com) before the 25th of each month. Our club's theme scripture is Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of the Lord." We *are* our brothers

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## Engagements and Wedding Bells

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin and Marilyn Fair as they celebrated their nuptials on Saturday, April 3, 2010. The bride is a member of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Congratulations happy couple and welcome to the wonderful world of matrimony!!!!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TCC**

June, 2010– Bowling!!! Location to be announced!

July, 2010– Goodtime III Dance Cruise!!!

We are going to have LOADS of FUN at these upcoming events!!! Remember, leave the kids at home...and bring another couple!!! See you soon!

Spend quality time with your loved one



"Don't let this be the only way you'll spend time together!  
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least once a month!"

## The Couple's Club Mission Statement

As Christian couples, we seek to unite and fellowship on a monthly basis in support of one another. We desire to have good, clean and wholesome fun in the name of Jesus. We seek to witness to unbelievers in a non-threatening, non-judgmental way, leading by example. We are non-denominational. All are welcome regardless of age, race, religion, nationality, color, or creed. Our key goal is to nurture our relationships and "Re-Kindle that old Flame". Our Motto is: Just COME and BRING another couple! ***Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2, KJV)***

## ROMANTIC TIPS.....

Couple's clubber, Darryl Johnson recommended that every issue of "love Notes" offer romantic tips! So here are a few!

- Play scrabble® together, using as many "love" words as you can.
- Think up a list of silly little pet names for times when you're alone together.
- Send a care package to work filled with treats like food, photos, candy, a love note, heart-shaped confetti, etc.

## Technology Update!

### **Technology Update!**

**MFM will begin using Evite invitations, email, and of course Facebook posts for most events for those of you who are online so that we may get a better idea of who is attending events! Watch the web for communication from MFM, TCC, LNO, Faith Lloyd-Smith, or Rosa Foster! See you on the WEB!!!**