

MacArthur Blvd Baptist Church

Marriage Ministry: *Pre-Engagement Mentors*

Are you in a relationship that may be moving toward marriage? Then a Pre-Engagement Mentor is for you. The Bible is full of instruction on the wisdom of receiving counsel; Proverbs 11:14 says, “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.” Before you ask or answer one of the most important questions of your life—*will you marry me?*—a wise couple will avail themselves of wise counsel. This is the purpose of our Pre-Engagement Mentors—a wise couple who can come alongside you and provide guidance on the next steps of your relationship.

MBBC is committed to placing high priority on marriage; this begins right here in the pre-engagement phase of a relationship. We place a high priority on marriage because we believe that the primary purpose of marriage is to display the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. The Gospel is vitally important, and so marriage is vitally important.

This information sheet will provide you with answers to commonly asked questions concerning our pre-engagement mentoring ministry. Attached to this sheet is an application to be paired with Pre-Engagement Mentors. If interested, please fill out this application and submit it to the church office.

What’s included in pre-engagement mentoring and how long does it last?

For pre-engagement mentoring, you will work through a short booklet with your mentors titled, *Pre-Engagement: 5 Questions to Ask Yourself* by David Powlison and John Yenchko. You will meet with your mentors approximately 5-6 times in order to work through this booklet and address any other questions that might arise. The frequency of your meetings will be determined by you and your mentors.

There are two requirements for those desiring Pre-Engagement Mentors:

1. The couple must be active members of MBBC.
2. The couple must/will regularly attend a Bible Fellowship group.

How much does pre-engagement mentoring cost?

The cost for pre-engagement mentoring is \$8. This will include two copies of the *Pre-Engagement* book.

How do I get started with Pre-Engagement Mentors?

Fill out the attached application and submit it along with your payment for the marriage mentor ministry (checks payable to “MBBC”) to the church office. You will be contacted by a member of the MBBC pastoral staff.

Pre-Engagement Mentor Application

Today's Date: _____

Personal Information:

Mr.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Children? (Include names & ages)

Previously married? Yes No

How many times? _____

Divorced? Yes No

When was it finalized? _____

Widowed? Yes No

How long ago? _____

Number of years previously married: _____

How many times in a typical month do you attend church? _____

Are you actively involved in a Bible Fellowship Group? If so, which one?

Employer: _____

Length of employment at current job: _____

Highest level of education completed: _____

Hobbies/interests: _____

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Name: _____

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Email: _____

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Please describe your availability on a typical week. What times/days would you be able to meet with your mentor? What times/days could you NOT meet with your mentor? In what area of DFW would you prefer to meet with your mentor?

Relationship Information:

How long have you known each other? _____

How long have you been in a romantic relationship? _____

Is your family supportive of the relationship? Yes No

How did you meet? _____

I have read and understand the requirements for the MBBC Mentoring Ministry (*please sign*):

Mr. _____ Miss. _____

After completing this application, please submit it along with your payment to the church offices.

Make checks payable to “MBBC”

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A member from our staff will contact you soon regarding your request for a marriage mentor. Thank you for your commitment to make marriage a high priority.