

“Better Marriages” Offers Local Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Better Marriages of Georgia invites you to consider making your marriage the best it can be through attending a weekend marriage enrichment retreat, “Mountain Top Marriages,” held February 23-25 at the Marriott in downtown Chattanooga. Not only will there be more than 10 workshops lead by experienced, trained couples, there will also be ample opportunity to explore Chattanooga throughout the weekend, so you can get the most out of this special, intentional time spent with your spouse!

The mission of “Better Marriages” is to promote better marriages by providing enrichment opportunities and resources to strengthen couple relationships, increase intimacy, and enhance personal growth, mutual fulfillment, and family wellness. For more information about this special opportunity, visit <http://bettermarriagesga.org/>.

February is Love Your Library Month!!!



The entire month of February is dedicated libraries of all sizes, books of all kinds and the people who love to read. There are three ways you can help celebrate St. Mark's library.

1) Check out books! Our church library has a diverse collection of just over 4,000 books! Anyone can check out a book using the computer or by signing the clipboard near the check-out counter. Remember there are no fines for overdue books... EVER!

2) Donate a book in memory of or in honor of someone you love. You can choose and purchase a new book then bring it to the library where a bookplate with your name and the name of your loved one will be placed in the front of the book.

An easier way to give a book to the library is to designate a monetary gift for the library. Designated funds will be used to purchase books needed in the collection to either replace worn out, but beloved copies of book, or to add current reading materials to the collection. Library books generally cost between \$5.00 and \$25.00 each, so there is a good price range that will fit in most budgets.

3) Participate in the church library programs. Right now there is a Reading Challenge posted on the bulletin board just outside the library that includes 10 different types of books to read over the year. There is also an Artist Call Out requesting original artwork bookmarks to be given out over the coming year. In February, we will have a Blind Date with a Book program where you can come into the library to choose a wrapped book to borrow. This is a great way to try something new without judging a book by its cover. We will have a churchwide Book Swap later in the Spring and a Children's Storytime and Summer Reading program when school is out.

Libraries are such a wonderful place and we have a great library at St. Mark's! The library is open during regular service times on Sundays and on Wednesday nights. However, if you are at the church for an event and the library is closed, any member of the staff will be glad to let you use the library for you!

British author, J.K. Rowling said "I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a book." You are invited to come and find the magic in the St. Mark's church library.

Be a sweetheart and show some Love for St. Mark's Library in February!!!