



May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 15:5-6 NIV

THE BODYBUILDER

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Connecting

The commercial centered on a concerned teenager. She feared her parents were getting more and more isolated in their lives, while she was connecting with people. After all, she had over 600 friends on Facebook! Meanwhile, we see the parents riding bikes in the country with two other couples, enjoying each other's company. The point of the commercial is that the parents, with their four friends, are really connecting more with people than the daughter.

I am not against social networking. I e-mail, I Facebook, I text, I blog (but I don't tweet – gotta draw the line somewhere!). I've reconnected, on some level, with old friends, and I use social networking as a tool to communicate with people.

But "real" connections take more than social network connections. Real connections take face to face time with people (the Bible uses the phrase "one another"). Real connections take time. And in our busy world, they're hard to make!

So, how can we connect?

Call someone.

Help someone who has a need (and if you have a need, let us know!).

Join a community group. We just finished leader training, and you'll hear more soon about groups for the fall. Join the group; make a commitment to regularly be part of the group.

Come to Adult Bible Fellowship on Sunday mornings. Make it a commitment. In the foreseeable future, we're talking about important issues and trying to understand what God's Word says about those issues.

Invite people to your house or to join you for lunch, dinner, or coffee. Include people you don't know! Need a phone number? Call the church!

Connections won't happen automatically. Be intentional. Enjoy one another! Be the "bike riders".

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Roger

Celebrating 25 years!

Join us Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, as we take a look back at what God has done through BBC.

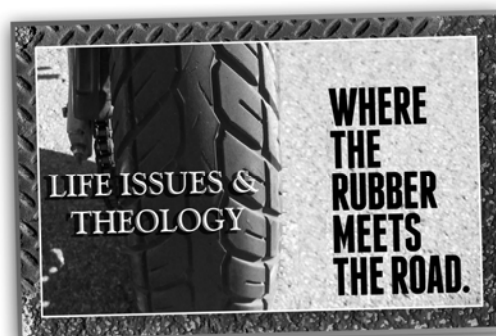
- Dinner Saturday night \$10/person

BBC Family Update

- Congratulations to Micah and Carly Wells in the birth of Maddox Joshua. He was born August 5th and weighed 8lbs 6oz and was 21.5 inches long.
- Pray for our missionaries Paul and Cindy Rushing as they transition off the field of Turkey to working at the Christar headquarters in Richardson, TX.
- Congratulations to Tracy Hallak as she began her new teaching position at Stephen F. Austin State University.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

new series



Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the sanctuary.

fellowship

Join one today...

...and take that Next Step!

Evening of Prayer

September 12th at 7:00pm



community groups

friendship

support



Join us weekly at our regular meeting time every Thursday from 7-8:30PM

For more information please contact Rick Bartmas at 903.241.0772 or Roger or Karen Jones at 817.707.5363

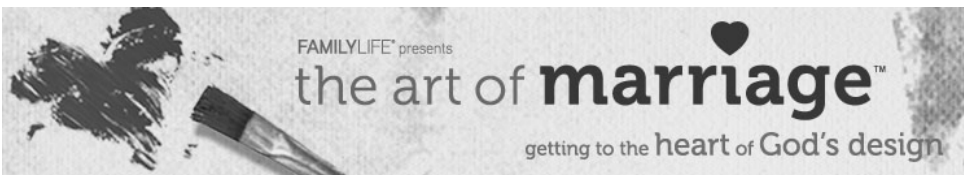
you're invited

PLEASE submit newsletter items to the church office no later than Monday, September 26th.



The official book launch and signing party for Andrea Harrington's book **Hope Deferred**.

Thursday, Sept. 15
5:30-7:30pm (come and go)
Times Ten Cellar—1100 Foch Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107



The Art of Marriage Conference is coming to BBC September 9-10. Registration is required and space is limited. This event will be open to the public, so register now!
For more information, please contact the church office.