

life events

Throughout Your Life

As a church, our people want to be there for you in good times and bad. From birth to death, and everything in between, we desire to care for you and share the love of Christ in real and meaningful ways. Whether you allow us to share with you in the joy of a birth, provide a place and resources for a beautiful wedding,, or hold your hand as you grieve the loss of someone dear to you, the people of Sherwood Oaks know that there is more to living life together than sharing a pew on Sunday mornings.

Live life with us, and know that we're here for those important moments in your life

have questions?

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weddings

Weddings at Sherwood Oaks

As a congregation, Sherwood Oaks Christian Church (SOCC) has a very positive view of marriage. We believe that marriage is an institution created by God for teaching mankind how to exercise the virtues of commitment, sacrifice, love and grace. SOCC desires to celebrate the union that God bestows on two people as they become one flesh while honoring the Giver of all good things.

Therefore, the purpose of the SOCC Wedding Ministry is to prepare engaged couples for a life-long, God-glorifying marriage, to assist in the preparation of the wedding ceremony and to provide resources after the wedding to help the couple maintain and enrich their marital relationship.

A couple considering a wedding at SOCC should:

Contact the Wedding Coordinator to see if the church is available on the date you have selected for your wedding. The date can be tentatively scheduled pending an initial conference with the Pastoral Care Minister. Since wedding dates must be coordinated with the ministry needs and programming schedule of the entire church, some dates may not be available.

- The couple should meet with the Pastoral Care Minister for approval and to confirm the date.
- Pay a \$75.00 deposit to secure the building.
- Contact the minister you desire to perform the ceremony.
- Meet with the assigned Wedding Coordinator to discuss wedding plans.
- Complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

Contact: Lyne Brown at 334-0206 or lbrown@socc.org.

premarital counseling

Building Strong Marriages

If you are planning to marry, please make arrangements for you and your fiancé to attend our Marriage Preparation Program.

In order to give couples the best start possible, Sherwood Oaks requires couples to complete an approved marriage preparation program. The "Starting Strong" class is limited to eight couples, so reserve your place now. Be sure to sign the marriage covenant and take the FOCCUS marriage preparation inventory as soon as possible. If you are going to get married at SOCC, you need to participate in this program. It is one part of our commitment to building strong marriages.

Each class will include couple interaction and lessons will focus on conflict resolution techniques, communication styles, children and parenting issues, finance, beliefs and values, commitment, how to affair-proof your marriage, and more. Scripture honors marriage. The Bible records Jesus' attendance at a wedding in Cana, and He often used wedding traditions to illustrate His message of faithfulness and preparedness.

The SOCC leadership is committed to building strong marriages as an accurate reflection of the mysterious union of Christ and His church.

The pre-marital "Starting Strong" classes meet for 6 weeks and are offered in January and July.

To sign up for "Starting Strong" contact Mary Moll at the church office or at mmoll@socc.org.

family commitment sunday

Twice each year we set aside time in our morning worship services to celebrate Christian families. Parents, as the primary spiritual leaders of their child, publicly commit themselves to raising their child according to Christian principles. At this time the church family also commits to support, care for, and pray for these parents and their children.

Parents with new babies or those new to SOCC with little ones up to age 24 months are invited to participate in this commitment Sunday.

Our next Family Commitment Sunday will be celebrated June 29, 2008.

For more information please contact Marilyn Kinkead mkinkead@socc.org or Jon Pinney jpinney@socc.org or call the church office at 334-0206.

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Our mission is to be a source of encouragement and support to those experiencing the loss of a loved one by providing food for the family during this time of need. This ministry prepares and serves meals for funeral dinners, families who have lost a spouse, parent or child and for persons hospitalized or too ill to cook. Meals are provided upon request. Contact Mary Moll at 334-0206 ext. 217 to arrange for meals.