

As we close out the year, I want to thank all of those involved in the Family Life Ministry. I want to thank the Teachers who facilitated the various Ministry Classes/Sessions, our guests, and of course, all of you who participated in our sessions. As we look forward to the New Year we encourage more of you to participate in our weekly sessions which provide, information & resources, support and encouragement. In 2016, Our Grief Ministry provided counseling support to our saints and visitors; the Marriage Enrichment Ministry continued to reach out to our married and engaged couples; Our True Change Ministry focused on awareness of and commitment to change; and our Friday Night small groups grew into what we now term, Friday Night Fellowships and continued to provide physical and spiritual nourishment.

In 2017 Our Ministries will focus on:

Grief Ministry – Providing counseling and support to our saints and visitors; working more closely with families to address grief concerns including suicide; Suicide Workshop for Youth; Workshops for the congregation concentrated on issues germane to members and the community at large; and using social media as mechanism for encouraging messages, outreach and support.

Marriage Enrichment – Reaching out to our married and engaged couples; providing resources to encourage having and maintaining God-Centered, successful marriages; and hosting a Marriage Retreat.

True Change – Assisting our troubled saints in strengthening their faith and recognizing the power within to recover from the storms of life; focus on issues related to Self-Esteem; communication; overcoming addictive behaviors; and hosting special events which will include a series of quarterly movie nights.

Parenting With A Purpose – creating homes that are God-centered, strong and encourage us to raise children with a heart toward God; partnering with the Youth Ministry and Grief Ministry to participate in workshops and events that focus on issues critical to our youth.

Friday Night Fellowships – Continuing with interesting topics, speakers, and the opportunity to fellowship and reach out to the community at large.

Our Family Life Ministries are here to help. In 2017, won't you consider participating in a group session for one or more of our monthly ministries? Let us know how we can help and improve our ministry to serve you better. If you'd like to work in or assist in any of our ministries, please see Brother or Sister Veale or our ministry coordinators: Alicia Dorn, Mark Rudolph, Darryl McNeill and Sonya McNeill.