

Building Lasting Relationships, Inc. (BLR)

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MARRIAGE SEMINAR TOPICS:

1. Finding Mr. or Mrs. Right (for singles)
2. A Church's Responsibility to Singles (Never Married & Divorced)
3. God's Purpose for Marriage
4. Critical Warning Signs for Your Marriage
5. Communicating with God
6. Communicating with Your Spouse (Five Love Languages)
7. Reopening a Closed Spirit (Learning to Forgive)
8. Fighting Fair
9. Show Her the Money (Marriage and Money)
10. Roles and Responsibilities (Who Is Going to Clean the Toilet?)
11. Developing Mutual Sexual Fulfillment
12. The Kiss of Death—the Secret Sin of Pornography
13. Affair-Proofing Your Marriage
14. Why God Hates Divorce (God Does Not Hate Divorced People)
15. Making Your Present Marriage Your **Last One**
16. Learning to Compliment your Spouse
17. Balancing Marriage/Family & Career/Ministry
18. What to Do When All Hell Breaks Loose
19. Before the Fight Begins
20. Leaving A God-Pleasing Legacy

Brenda (my wife) and I request most of Saturday (8:15 a.m.-ending by 3:45 p.m.). We've been conducting these fun, interactive, and life-changing marriage seminars for over 22 years. We share what we have learned and are learning from mistakes we have made, to the praise and glory of our God! Moody Press has published two of Clarence's books, *Winning the Race to Unity: Is Racial Reconciliation Really Working?* (2nd edition, released April 2003) & *Your Wife Can Be Your Best Friend*. Group Publishing released his third book, *Experiencing Discipleship. Keeping Your Wife Your Best Friend*, was released by Cool Springs Publishing April 2004. His latest book, *The Discipleship Challenge* & accompanying **Leader's Guide** was released in September 2007 by JW Collaborative LLC

Brenda has a **BA** from the **University of Michigan** in psychology and a **Master of Arts** in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an **Honorary Doctorate** from the **Denver Institute of Urban Studies and Adult College**. She is the **Director of Bridges of Hope**, an outreach to post abortive women and men.

Clarence has a **BA** in History from Covenant College, a **Master of Divinity** degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an **Honorary Ph.D.** from the Denver Institute of Urban Studies and Adult College. He has done doctoral work in Biblical Marriage Counseling at New Geneva Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He has served an adjunct professor for Denver Seminary, the Institute of Urban Studies, Colorado Christian University, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Tulsa Junior College. Clarence assists the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services** with its **African American Healthy Marriage Initiative**. He has been **certified** in **Marriage Education Professional Training** from the **University of**

Bridgeport (Sept. 2004). He and Brenda are trained in **Preventive and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)**.

Clarence and Brenda are members of *Dennis Rainey's FamilyLife Marriage Conference Speaker Team*. They have also partnered with the *Billy Graham School of Evangelism*, teaching *Balancing Marriage/Family and Ministry (Career)*.

Policies for this Marriage Seminar:

- I. **Authority:** This Marriage Seminar is under the auspices of **Building Lasting Relationships, Inc.**
- II. **Fee:** The minimum honorarium for this one-day marriage equipping seminar is **\$2,500.00** (We suggest having 50 couples pre-register at **\$50.00** per couple in order to meet this minimum fee—small churches should partner for this event). Any additional attendees will pay \$50 per couple. For example, if there are 51 couples, the fee will be **\$2,550** or 70 couples will be \$3,500.

Pre-registration is beneficial because:

1. People **value** events in which they have a personal investment;
2. People, especially men are less likely to change their minds, even if the weather is good for golf or fishing, or fear of the conference, if they have already invested financially;
3. This method **protects the church budget**;
4. All of the previously mentioned reasons **results in higher attendance**.

Singles are also welcome (engaged, never married, & divorcees) for **\$30.00**.

This conference benefits singles:

1. It reveals what to look for in a Christian spouse;
2. It demonstrates how to biblically find a spouse;
3. It helps to prevent divorce.

BLR is *flexible* and *reasonably negotiates* with those in areas unable to secure 50 couples. This is not **BLR's** norm, but **BLR** understands that some areas may have significantly less than 50 couples. Ministry, not money is foremost with us. Yet, we know that commitment parallels the value placed on what you receive. **BLR** aims for God's best for all.

- III. **Transportation:** The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for the airfare and for any expenses incurred coming to or returning from the seminar for both of the Shulers.

The Shulers fly **United Airlines** because their frequent flyer status with this airline, provides them with viable options whenever weather and/or mechanical problems affect their flights either in route or returning home, which they don't have with other airlines.

- IV. **Lodging & Meals:** The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for hotel accommodations and meals for the Shulers for duration of their seminar stay and which includes Saturday evening and

Sunday, if Dr. Shuler is asked to stay over to preach on Sunday.

V. **Deposit:** Unfortunately, experience has forced BLR to operate in a strict business manner regarding booking dates and finances. Previously, BLR has contracted a date for a church/organization on a “first come, first serve” basis. BLR naturally refused any other engagement on this confirmed date. BLR desires to do ministry. If a seminar is canceled at the last minute, it is often too late to book one of the churches/organizations previously refused due its “first come, first serve” policy.

Therefore, after much prayer, a **Building Lasting Relationships’ Marriage Seminar requires a \$1,500 non-refundable deposit. This deposit must be received within three weeks after a mutually agreed upon date is set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships, Inc. from any verbal and/or written contract.**

VI. **Booking:** Seminars may be booked up to two years in advance, with a minimum of one month advance.

VII. **Materials Required for this Marriage Seminar:** Host organization **provides** one sheet of **white construction paper** (17x11 in.) & **magic marker per couple** and a large **projection screen**. BLR provides its own video projector for this seminar.

VIII. **Selling Books:** BLR requests permission to sale any books written by Dr. Shuler. BLR would be responsible for the sale. Books would only be sold before the seminar begins, during the breaks, and after conclusion of the seminar. **All of Dr. Shuler’s books will be sold at a discount price. Books Signings** are welcome.

IX. **Audio and/or Video Taping: Is NOT permitted** without expressed written **BLR consent**.

IX. **Contract:** We, the church (es), organization, etc. do accept all of the terms of this contract which **Building Lasting Relationships, Inc.** has stipulated, agreeing that if our organization should cancel this event for any reason after a date has been agreed upon by host organization (s) and **Building Lasting Relationships, Inc.**, we, the church(es), organization, etc. **will forfeit the deposit of \$1,500.**

***Please make Check Payable to: Building Lasting Relationships, Inc.**

_____ **Requested Date for Seminar**

Signed _____ (church/organization)

Signed _____ (Brenda Shuler- Executive Administrator of **Building Lasting Relationships, Inc.**)

Date: _____ (Contract Date signing)

***These three pages form the legally binding contract between Building Lasting Relationships, Inc. and host church(es) and/or organization(s) for this marriage seminar.**