



# LIFE GROUPS MINISTRIES

# Newsletter June 2023

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
--Isaiah 43:19*



Children matter at Morning Star. Our comprehensive program is designed for children K to 6th Grade. Activities focus on spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun. For more information, please email:

[ChildrensMinistry@msbcministries.org](mailto:ChildrensMinistry@msbcministries.org)



The Marriage Ministry encourages enriched and thriving marriages which are empowered and equipped to relate to each other in accordance with God's plan for marriage. We see couples being transformed by God's Spirit, love and truth, strengthened in their faith; and growing closer to God and each other. For more information, please email:

[marriageministry@msbcministries.org](mailto:marriageministry@msbcministries.org)



Next Level Generation Young Adult Ministry seeks to provide spiritual and social outreach to young adults ages 18-39. The goal is to provide moral and spiritual structure in order to empower lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. As a ministry, we bridge the gap between world teachings and lead persons back to the cross.

For more information, please email:

[youngadultministry@msbcministries.org](mailto:youngadultministry@msbcministries.org)



To promote spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional empowerment for our senior adult members as they continue to worship and serve the Lord. We do this by providing opportunities for missions, ministry, worship, prayer, fellowship, spiritual growth, teaching, mentoring, and giving. For more information, please email: [Inettles@msbcministries.org](mailto:Inettles@msbcministries.org)



Royalty is committed to pouring into our young people the significance of a life with Jesus by providing a ministry that connects our youth socially with other youth so God may be glorified! No young man or young lady is an island. There is a place for every youth from every walk of life here! For more information, please email: [youthministry@msbcministries.org](mailto:youthministry@msbcministries.org)



The Singles Ministry seeks to support, equip, and encourage Christian Singles growing desire to please God to live Godly and fulfilling lives in their single hood. For more information, please email: [singles@msbcministries.org](mailto:singles@msbcministries.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Seniors Ministry – Pearls of Wisdom

May 25 – Regular Meeting @ 11:00 AM

June 22 – Regular Meeting @ 11:00 AM

### Singles Ministry

June 15 – Meeting @ 6:30 PM

### Young Adults Ministry – Next Level Generation

Young Adults Ministry meets every other Monday @ 6:00 P.M.

June 18 – YA Takeover Sunday

July 9 – Brunch at Watershed

July 22 – Crab N Go – USE QR CODE TO PURCHASE

<https://forms.fellowshipone.com/?formid=f8111246-29c4-41c0-8bd0-c6c5dc92b7ec>



### Youth Ministry – Royalty

June 24 – Retreat



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



*Life Groups Ministries wishes the men of Morning Star Baptist Church a Happy Father's Day! You are very much valued and appreciated!*

# SPOTLIGHT MOMENTS

## Marriage Ministry

We hope you are well and enjoying this beautiful weather! The MSBC Couples Leadership Team would like to connect with you, and we want to hear from you! Let us know how you would like to be engaged in Couples Ministry and what type of fellowship opportunities you would like.

We want to ensure that the MSBC Couples Ministry is inclusive of the needs of MSBC Couples - Dating, Engaged, and Married.

The MSBC Couples Ministry is designed to empower, encourage, and equip couples to enhance their relationship, build a Christ-centered relationship and connect with other couples. Send your comments and suggestions to [marriageministry@msbcministries.org](mailto:marriageministry@msbcministries.org).

To assist with your summer reading, check out a few of the following books:

1. The 7 Rings of Marriage By: Jackie Bledsoe
2. Created for Connection The Hold Me Tight Guide for Christian Couples, Revised By: Dr. Sue Johnson, Kenneth Sanderfer
3. Sacred Marriage, Revised Edition By: Gary Thomas
4. Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, the Respect He Desperately Needs By: Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
5. Marriage Be Hard: 12 Conversations to Keep You Laughing, Loving, and Learning with Your Partner By: Kevin Fredericks and Melissa Fredericks

There are many opportunities for fellowship over the summer:  
Owings Mills - Twilight Thursdays: Foundry Row Summer Concert Series - June 15th - August 17th  
<https://www.visitfoundryrow.com/events-specials/>

Owings Mills - Friday Summer Concert Series: Mill Station - June 9th - July 14<sup>th</sup> <https://millstation.shopkimco.com/events>

Let us know if you want to meet up at one of these events.

Remember to:

Love God with all your heart  
Love and respect each other  
Have serious fun together  
Practice your promise each day

## Word In Black

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### Why Black Fathers Are Critical to Childrens' Health

*Society tries to say Black fathers aren't active in their kid's lives, but research says they're present and making a difference.*

by Alexa Spencer

Black dads matter and are, in fact, *needed* for our community to be the safest, healthiest, and most brilliant it can be.

Studies show that when a father is active in his children's lives, his kids are likely to be more engaged in school and have healthy brain function. Overall, they have a major impact on a child's social and psychological well-being.

Dr. George James, CEO of George Talks LLC, CIO at Council For Relationships, and a licensed marriage and family therapist, says fathers help children answer some of life's biggest questions.

"What does it mean to love? What does it mean to show care and compassion? What does it mean to show strength? What does it mean to love somebody else? You know, all these things I think fathers provide and it's different or it can show up in a different way than a mother or another parent," he says.

The role of a father is just as important as the role of a mother, though the two can affect kids differently. Research shows that a mother is more likely to be nurturing and patient and a father tends to be "more involved in preparing children to deal with life."

Contrary to the idea that fathers need to "be tough and that tough is manly," fathers can also be emotionally engaged and show sensitivity, according to James.

"There's something about a father who can show sensitivity or a father who can be there for their child; a father who can show encouragement," he says.

For Black men, society totes a narrative that they're absent as dads. As a father of two and a therapist who supports Black fathers, James says that stereotype isn't true.

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