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Why Marriage Matters 30 Conclusions from the Social Sciences

Does it matter if couples get and stay married? In *Why Marriage Matters*, a diverse group of leading family scholars summarizes the findings on the difference that marriage makes.

Family Marriage increases the likelihood that fathers and mothers have good relationships with their children.

Children are most likely to enjoy family stability when they are born into a married family.

Children are less likely to thrive in complex households.

Cohabitation is not the functional equivalent of marriage.

Growing up outside an intact marriage increases the likelihood that children will themselves divorce or become unwed parents.

Marriage is a virtually universal human institution.

Marriage, and a normative commitment to marriage, foster high-quality relationships between adults, as well as between parents and children.

Marriage has important biosocial consequences for adults and children.

Economy

Divorce and unmarried childbearing increase poverty for both children and mothers, and cohabitation is less likely to alleviate poverty than is marriage.

Married couples seem to build more wealth on average than singles or cohabiting couples.

Marriage reduces poverty and material hardship for disadvantaged women and their children.

Minorities benefit economically from marriage also.

Married men earn more money than do single men with similar education and job histories.

Parental divorce (or failure to marry) appears to increase children's risk of school failure.

Parental divorce reduces the likelihood that children will graduate from college and achieve high-status jobs.

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Physical Health and Longevity

Children who live with their own two married parents enjoy better physical health, on average, than do children in other family forms.

Parental marriage is associated with a sharply lower risk of infant mortality.

Marriage is associated with reduced rates of alcohol and substance abuse for both adults and teens.

Married people, especially married men, have longer life expectancies than do otherwise similar singles.

Marriage is associated with better health and lower rates of injury, illness, and disability for both men and women.

Marriage seems to be associated with better health among minorities and the poor.

Mental Health and Emotional Well-being Children whose parents divorce have higher rates of psychological distress and mental illness.

Cohabitation is associated with higher levels of psychological problems among children.

Family breakdown appears to increase significantly the risk of suicide.

December 2016

Married mothers have lower rates of depression

Pastor Bowdre

Schedule of Services

Sundays

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Classes

6:30 p.m.

Ministry Meetings

2nd Sunday

Care Groups

North, Central & South

3rd Sunday

Youth C.O.R.E.

(Centered On Rejoicing Eternally)

4th Sunday

MENistry

8:00 a.m.

1st Tuesday

The G.A.M.E.

(Girlfriends Anointed Motivated and Excelling)

1st Thursday

Technology Meeting

6:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Women's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals

1st & 3rd Sundays

SouthCentralites

8:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Sundays

Total Praise

Deacons

Prentice Butler
Rufus Thompson

Pastoral Illumination



At SouthCentral Church of Christ...PRAISE is what we do!

Derren Smith, Minister of Involvement/Development

November 6, 2016	
Sunday School	36
10:00 Worship	113
Mid Week	50
Visitors	36
Placed Membership	8

November 13, 2016	
Sunday School	36
10:00 Worship	106
Mid Week	33
Visitors	23
Placed Membership	8

November 20, 2016	
Sunday School	29
10:00 Worship	85
Mid Week	NA
Visitors	15
Placed Membership	8

November 27, 2016	
Sunday School	15
10:00 Worship	84
Mid Week	28
Visitors	26
Placed Membership	8

Youth CORE monthly meeting will be on Sunday, December 19th following morning worship. If you have not enrolled in Youth CORE please attend and complete registration. We have a year of fun filled events planned.

Youth CORE Turkey Raffle was held on last month. The two winners were Naomi Young and Gillian Brown. Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser for our Youth.



NOW OPEN!!

The Youth CORE store is open each Sunday and Wednesday following services. Please stop by and buy items from the store. Among items for sale are chips, Cheez Its, water, Airheads, blowpops, water and Capri Suns. Proceeds from the YC Store to help with cost associated with the upcoming Youth Xtravaganza and other youth related projects.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is Cancelled December 25, January 1

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sundays this year, we have decided to cancel Sunday morning Bible classes on those two consecutive Sundays ONLY. Worship service will be at the regular 10 am hour. Our ushers, worship leaders and the men who serve on the service are asked to be present no later than 9:30 to prepare for worship service.

At this time of the year we take the time to also thank SouthCentral for a great year. During this season many of you share with us individually and for this we too are appreciative. May God continue to bless our church family and may we always strive to grow closer to God and closer together. We look forward to 2017 being a year of blessings and strengthening. Let's keep one another lifted up in prayer.

SouthCentral Leadership and families

Pastor Bowdre & First Lady Lynn
D. L. & Ashley Smith, Asst. Minister
Prentice & Christina Butler, Deacon
Rufus & Brashante Thompson, Deacon



Electronic Giving

We now offer the ability to give by pay-pal, credit card and debit card via the church website. It's simple and you can do it at any time! Simply log in to the site and choose your method of payment and follow the instructions. You will be given a receipt number and simply indicate it on your contribution card. Several are finding this method more convenient!



Please No Food or Drinks
in Sanctuary.
Silence Cell Phones.

