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Blending

Almost 42 percent of adults in the U.S. are part of a blended family. FamilyLife understands that our typical marriage resources do little to help people relate to stepparents, stepchildren, or half siblings. In response to this need, Ron Deal, founder and president of Smart Stepfamilies, has joined our team as the director of Blended Family Ministries.



Ron's expertise and leadership have already done much to enhance our efforts to help strengthen families. He's trained the Weekend to Remember speaker team so they can add help for blended family living into getaway presentations. We're also adding 40 new articles to FamilyLife.com, and we will eventually create a new Blended Family category. In addition, we've just released Ron's new book *Dating and the Single Parent*. As the Lord allows, there is still much more to come, including a new booklet for kids called *Life in a Blender* (with a parental discussion guide).

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Michael, Truett, Gabriel, and Naomi got to meet Max Lucado when he visited FamilyLife back in August.

Praises

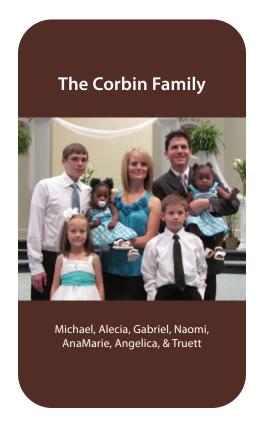
We've seen 7,743 individuals attend the Weekend to Remember so far this Fall and 230 give their lives to Christ.

The word is getting out about the new Stepping Up™ Video Series - we're doing it at our church here in Little Rock and several fathers/sons in Truett's Boy Scout troop are also holding a small group study.

Over 20,000 attendees and 1,073 salvations at 824 The Art of Marriage® events so far this fiscal year.*

Truett's adoption hearing is scheduled for November 13!

*Estimated. Because The Art of Marriage is hosted by individuals and churches, our tracking data is limited.



Combined husband and wife testimonies from the Parsipanny Weekend to Remember (both received Christ this weekend and both received "top comment" status from local ministry team before we realized they were husband and wife):

"It has changed our lives. We were broken and the journey we embarked on was an enlightened one, full of hope and promise. Thank you to the amazing speakers."

-Wife

"This weekend has provided my wife and me with a road map to repair and revive our marriage. It has also given us a better understanding of the importance of God in every aspect of our lives. THANK YOU!!"

-Husband

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"I learned that I need to listen, Love, and Cherish my wife more. I enjoyed seeing how others overcame the difficulties, and **I was presented with Jesus, and said yes** for [the] same reason, and I am grateful I did."

-Male in his 20s, Ohio



The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

Please Pray for...

Hearts and minds to be open to the Gospel at Weekend to Remember and The Art of Marriage events.

Health, safety, and efficiency as we travel over the next couple of months.

Please begin to consider how God may have you give as this year closes. Thank you for your prayers and gifts!