

## MARRIAGE PREP GUIDE

***"As a church, we have a responsibility to uphold marriage because it is deemed holy by God. Therefore, we must do all we can to prepare couples for marriage."***

Danny Havard, Pastor and Director of Pastoral Ministries, along with his wife Melinda Havard, a Licensed Professional Counselor, currently administer and oversee the Marriage Prep program. The goal of the seminar is to confront and deal with issues that perhaps a couple has overlooked or blindly accepted during the romance of the dating stage.

### **SCHEDULE AND CONTENT**

Marriage Prep is a seminar offered four times a year at the Woodway Campus for couples of all ages and denominations who are seriously dating or engaged to be married. **Couples who wish to be married at Second Baptist Church are required to take Marriage Prep** and also meet with a minister or counselor at the church two or three times prior to the wedding. Some of the many topics covered include:

Predicting a successful marriage	Differences/needs of a man/woman
Marital expectations	Love languages
Communicating his/her way	Role of husband/wife
Preventing an affair	Wedding vows
Conflict resolution	Rules for fighting
Becoming soul mates	Blending families
Finances	The in-laws

### **COSTS AND REGISTERING FOR MARRIAGE PREP**

Registration is available online by going to [www.second.org](http://www.second.org), clicking Event Registration, and finding the next available seminar weekend. Registration for other weekends is not available until the most current session has ended.

The cost of the seminar itself is \$45 per person which includes the sessions, the workbook and other supplies, and snacks and beverages. We highly recommend that you choose to take the Prepare Enrich Inventory (described below) which is an additional cost of \$17.50 per person. The total cost of the seminar and the inventory for a couple is \$125.

### **THE PREPARE ENRICH INVENTORY**

Couples getting married at Second are required to take this nationally recognized questionnaire that is very helpful in assessing areas of strength and weakness in a relationship. It is available to all couples and is highly recommended. A free, private counseling session with the couple is provided to go over the results after the couple has completed Marriage Prep.

When registering, simply indicate your desire to take the inventory. In a short time, the inventory and instructions for taking it **will be sent to you online from Life Innovations.**

**If the couple is getting married at Second**, the pastor marrying them will go over the results in one of the premarital counseling sessions. **If the couple is not getting married at Second**, it will be their responsibility to call the Counseling Office at 713.365.6095 to request an appointment to go over the results after they have completed Marriage Prep. Or the results can be emailed or mailed to a pastor or counselor of the couple's choosing if a name and email or address is supplied.

You will be directed to choose one of the following versions on the inventory as a couple:

<b>P</b>	Unmarried couple where neither have children
<b>MC</b>	Unmarried couple where one or both have children
<b>E</b>	Married couple or a couple who has lived together 2 or more years
<b>M</b>	Couple over 50 planning to marry or going through other major life transitions