



Living Well

Vitals and Vision 2011



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Check out these websites for more information:

For more detailed information about the ministry - www.livingwelloc.org
Photos and writings about the ministry - www.livingwelloc.blogspot.com
Encouragement/culture on marriage - www.livingwellinmarriage.blogspot.com
Marriage events in the state, resources for marriage - www.marriagenetworkok.net
Making Marriage Memorable blog - www.marriagenetworkok.blogspot.com

What we do

Guidance

Living Well offers **guidance on marriage and money issues.**

We use Biblical principles and practical tools.

Our theme is John 4:14^{NAS}
But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Ed and Donna give marriage guidance **as a team** to couples.

Donna meets with women alone who seek guidance for marriage issues.

Ed specializes in money management for couples or individuals.

We meet with people in our office in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Teach

Living Well presents **classes** on marriage preparation, marriage enrichment, money management, and other topics related to these areas.

We teach classes in a weekly format and conferences/seminars in a week-end format or stand-alone sessions of various lengths.

We teach, upon request, at churches or at other meeting facilities.

All classes, conferences, and seminars include instructional materials and video projection to aid in learning.

We teach in any denominational setting, in the Oklahoma City metro area, across the country, and in east Africa.

Train

Living Well trains **pastors and ministry leaders** in building comprehensive marriage ministries, marriage mentoring, marriage enrichment, crisis marriage counseling, and marriage preparation.

We also train short-term mission teams in teaching African cultures.

Network

Living Well **co-founded and coordinates Marriage Network Oklahoma.**

MNO is a coalition of Christian organizations and churches actively involved in strengthening marriages in Oklahoma through the church - using leadership training, events, web-based information, and other resources.

Why we do what we do

We have seen God work in our own lives in a significant way **through marriage and financial issues.** He showed us that He can draw people to Him through ministering in these areas.

God showed us that **our mission is to help couples have a good marriage and a strong walk with the Lord.** Then, their children

can have a much better chance to also walk with the Lord and have healthy relationships.

If we do not address this issue in our culture through the church, we will see a continued degradation, which affects all of us.

Our desire is to see people draw closer to the Lord

through their point of need in marriage and money.

God made marriage a Kingdom matter.

*"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." **This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.***

Ephesians 5:31-32

On the other side:

How we operate

Present, Future, Past

Where we work

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How we operate

Living Well is a 501(c)3, **nonprofit, charitable** organization, governed by a board of directors to ensure integrity and accountability.

We offer guidance on an appointment basis. **We do not charge a set fee; all payments are tax-receipted donations.**

We have a team of people who donate to Living Well on an ongoing basis, so that we can continue to see people regardless of their ability to give.

We charge fees for our classes or are paid by the church offering the class or seminar.

Supporters donate the funds to sponsor our short-term mission trips.

We receive a monthly salary, which is determined by our board of directors. If funding is not available, we do not receive full salaries.

Present

We have a **unique approach** in the marriage guidance field - we work together as a couple as we meet with couples. We do all of teaching together as a team, giving both the male and female perspective.

We see about **numerous appointments each week** about marriage and money issues. **These appointments are seen on a donation basis.**

We are seeing more people who are wanting to work on their marriage before it gets to a crisis. However, the majority of our appointments are still **fragile marriage situations.**

We already have several marriage teaching opportunities and five workshop trainings scheduled for the coming year.

We continue to organize, coordinate, write, and be the driving force for **Marriage Network Oklahoma.**

Future

Living Well has designed six workshop trainings for pastors and ministry leaders in the area of building marriage ministries.

With our MNO coalition partners, we will present five of these workshops this year and are promoting **Marriage Week, a national emphasis, celebrating and honoring marriage, February 7-14.**

We are fortunate to now have our own classroom space adjoining our office, where we offer classes, **Managing Money** (next class is Jan.4), **Preparing for Marriage** (next class Feb. 7), and **Living Well in Marriage** (next class Feb.8) at least twice a year.

In the first two months of the year, we will **teach a retreat, two training conferences, and speak to outside groups.**

Lord willing, we will return to east Africa to teach another conference on marriage and marriage ministry.

Past

The primary training for our current ministry has been **37+ years of marriage.**

We founded Living Well in 2003 with the primary purpose of **Giving Life to Marriages.**

Soon after, **we co-founded Marriage Network Oklahoma**, a coalition committed to strengthening marriages in OK through the church. We also work with a similar national organization, AMFM.

We have worked with **young marrieds** at our church for over 20 years. We developed and taught a **Preparing for Marriage class** for the last 15 years, using the class as a nucleus to begin a **young married Bible study class.**

Ed was ordained as a deacon in 1980, began vocational ministry in 1987. While on

church staff for 21 years, he led several different ministry teams and became a **certified Christian Financial Counselor.**

Donna began vocation ministry in 1991 at Scope Ministries, serving for 12 years as a counselor, teacher, and Director of Training. She developed several training classes, trained, and supervised numerous counselors. She led and trained teams to minister with the BGEA in NYC after 9/11 & led a team of 90 counselors for "Special Counseling" at the OKC Billy Graham Mission, 2003.

Donna and Ed led a workshop on marriage and family at **Amsterdam 2000**, a Billy Graham international conference.

Where we work

The Living Well office is located at 6636 NW 39th Expressway, Suite 108, in Bethany, Oklahoma.

We teach classes at our church, Putnam City Baptist, and at other churches in **the Oklahoma City metro area** upon request.

We teach conferences, seminars, and workshops upon request, **in Oklahoma and across the country.**

Annually, Living Well travels to **east Africa** to teach and train pastors, church leaders, and their wives, in partnership with African

Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM). Our conferences teach on the Biblical design for marriage and family and trains on marriage ministry.

We train others to teach short term mission conferences in Africa also. We have taught in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, and Burundi.