

# Marriage Matters

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## NEWS FROM IT TAKES THREE MARRIAGE MINISTRIES

Hello everyone and welcome to It Takes Three Marriage Ministries' first news letter. We will use this news letter to keep you informed of the things that are happening and has happened in the ministry.

We are excited about what God is doing with this ministry. The devil is busy every day trying to steal what God has ordained for the saints of God and that is the covenant relationship between a husband and a wife. Let us never forget "It Takes Three" Jesus, a man, and woman. This doesn't mean you won't have some challenges in your marriage but remember we still have the victory through Jesus Christ.

We thank you all for your prayers, support, and love and we pray that God continues to bless each one of you richly. God bless you and we love you all.

In His Service,

*Reverends Gordon and Marilyn Oliver*

*Holy Spirit Led,  
Holy Bible Fed*

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## A Gala Celebration



*See more gala celebration photos on the website.*

On Sunday August 26, 2007 It Takes Three Marriage Ministries held a Gala Celebration to introduce this new marriage ministry. It was held at Martin's Cross-

winds in Greenbelt, MD. It was a successful event for It Takes Three Marriage Ministries, thanks to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

God blessed us to have

20 different churches represented to fellowship with us for the occasion. We were blessed to have gospel recording artist Michael White and True Praise perform for us. They lead us in praise and worship to start the evening and then came back to render several selections from his new CD. All in attendances were moved by the Holy Spirit in song. We also took the time to explain in detail what It Takes Three is and what it is not. We expressed to the couples that we want to celebrate Jesus, then marriages. Without Jesus we could not have or experience a holy matrimony.

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# Monthly Bible Studies & Bowling Night

In May, we celebrated one year of monthly bible studies. We thank God for a wonderful year of increase in, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in our lives and marriages. We look forward to the many blessings God has in store for this ministry as we begin our second year.

June, we had our first annual night of bowling (see website for pictures) and did we have a ton of fun. At the conclusion we handed out trophies for the highest game for male (Trevor Stokes) and female (Tonya Brown). We also

awarded trophies to the first, second, and third place couples with their combined scores for two games. Third place went to Jeffrey and Vivian Jones, second

place, Lawrence and Rachael Taylor and first place, Trevor Stokes and Celestine Oliver.



## Valentine's Day Fellowship

February 2008 we partnered with two other marriage ministries, One Flesh Couples Ministry and Doves-n-Love marriage ministry for a wonderful Valentine's Day fellowship. We enjoyed

a fabulous dinner, a skit on communication performed by the 3 ministries leaders, along with a Christian jazz band and dancing.

# A Marriage Retreat



*Photos from our marriage retreat featuring sessions, entertainment and fellowship. See more photos on the website.*

August 29 & 30 we held our very first marriage retreat for It Takes Three at the beautiful Lansdowne Resort and Conference Center in Leesburg, VA. We started things

off on that Friday by attending a wonderful jazz concert that evening. Saturday we went to our sessions and learn how to take the guess work out of our marriages. The number

one and only complaint we had was it was not long enough, praise God! We have already started planning next years retreat for 3 days and two nights.



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