

BLR: Building Lasting Relationships (BLR)

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HAVING THE MARRIAGE YOU ALWAYS WANTED SEMINAR TOPICS:

- Finding Mr. or Mrs. Right (for dating/engages couples)
- A Church's Responsibility to Singles (Never Married & Divorcees)
- Biblical Marriage Commitment
- Why Marriage (God's Perspective)?
- Critical Warning Signs for Your Marriage
- Communicating with God
- Effectively Communicating with Your Spouse (Five Love Languages)
- Forgiveness & Letting Go (includes Five Languages of Apology)
- Correctly Handling Conflict Leads to Intimacy
- Managing Our Money Well (Marriage and Money)
- Roles and Responsibilities (Who Is Going to Clean the Toilet?)
- Experiencing Mutual Sexual Fulfillment
- The Kiss of Death—the Secret Sin of Pornography
- Affair-Proofing Your Marriage
- Why God Hates Divorce (God Does Not Hate Divorced People)
- Making Your Present Marriage Your *Last* One
- Complimenting Your Spouse
- Managing Marriage/Family & Career/Ministry
- What to Do When All Hell Breaks Loose
- Before the Fight Begins
- Leaving A God-Pleasing Legacy
- Learning Your Spouse's and Your Top Relational Needs
- Six Practices That Will Revolutionize Your Marriage

Suggested Saturday Seminar Schedule (only if there isn't a schedule already in place):

8:15am-8:45am Registration
8:45am-9:45am Session One
9:45am-10:00am Break
10:00am-11:00am Session Two
11:00am-11:15am Break
11:15am-12:15pm Session Three
12:15pm-1:30pm Lunch
1:30pm-2:30pm Session Four
2:30pm-2:45pm Break
2:45pm-3:45pm Session Five (Final Seminar Session)
3:45pm-4:00pm Closing Remarks by Host Church/Organization

Brenda and I have conducted these *fun, interactive, and life-changing* marriage seminars for nearly 30 years. We share what we have learned, are learning from mistakes, and successes. Clarence's

marriage books are *Your Wife Can Be Your Best Friend* and *Keeping Your Wife Your Best Friend* (men love this book!). Visit our website to see Clarence's other books (www.clarenceshuler.com). His latest book is *Single and Free to Be Me*.

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Clarence has done doctoral work in Biblical Marriage Counseling at New Geneva Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also assists the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services** with its **African American Healthy Marriage Initiative**. He is a member of the **Coalition for Black Marriages/Families**. He has been **certified in Marriage Education Professional Training** from the **University of Bridgeport**. He and Brenda are trained in **Preventive and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)**.

Clarence and Brenda are members of *Dennis Rainey's FamilyLife Marriage Conference Speaker Team*. They have also partnered with the *Billy Graham School of Evangelism*, teaching *Managing Marriage/Family and Ministry (Career)*.

Clarence and Brenda have been featured on numerous radio programs and in *Discipleship Journal, Essence Magazine, and Black Enterprise* for marriage related topics.

Policies for this BLR Marriage Seminar:

- I. **Authority:** This Marriage Seminar is under the auspices of **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships**.
- II. **Fee:** The minimum honorarium for this one-day marriage equipping seminar is **\$2,600.00** (We suggest having a minimum of 40 couples pre-register at **\$65.00** per couple in order to meet this minimum fee, which includes Dr. Shuler's 2nd marriage book, *Keeping Your Wife Your Best Friend*—small churches should partner for this event). Any additional attendees will pay \$65 per couple. For example, if there are 41 couples, the fee will be **\$2,665** or 60 couples will be \$3,200, etc.

If the host organization only wants to pay \$2,600, but allow more than 40 couples to attend, the maximum number of books provided will be 40. In this case, the marriage book will be available for sale at the event

Pre-registration is beneficial because:

1. People **value** events in which they have a personal investment;
2. People, especially men are less likely to change their minds, even if the weather is good for golf or fishing, or fear of the conference, if they have already invested financially;
3. This method **protects the church budget**;
4. All of the previously mentioned reasons **results in higher attendance**.

Singles are also welcome (engaged, never married, & divorcees) for **\$35.00**.

Fee includes a copy of Dr. Shuler's book, *Single and Free to Be Me*

This conference benefits singles:

1. It reveals what to look for in a Christian spouse;
2. It demonstrates how to biblically find a spouse;

3. It provides a contrast of biblical and secular sex
4. It helps to prevent divorce.

BLR is *flexible* and *reasonably negotiates* with those in areas unable to secure 40 couples. This is not BLR's norm, but BLR understands that some areas may have significantly less than 40 couples. Ministry, not money is foremost with us. Yet, we know that commitment parallels the value placed on what you receive. BLR aims for God's best for all.

- III. Transportation:** The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for the airfare and for any expenses (parking, food, tips) incurred coming to or returning from the seminar for both of the Shulers.

The Shulers **only** fly **United Airlines** unless United doesn't fly to your location. The reason being that their frequent flyer status with United, provides them with viable options whenever weather and/or mechanical problems affect their flights either in route or returning home, which they don't have with other airlines. The Shulers will make their itinerary appropriate with your event, then sent their itinerary to host organization to purchase.

- IV. Lodging & Meals:** The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for hotel accommodations and meals for the Shulers for duration of their seminar stay which includes Saturday evening and Sunday if Dr. Shuler is asked to stay over to preach on Sunday.

- V. Deposit:** Unfortunately, experience forces BLR to operate in a strict business manner regarding booking dates and finances. BLR contracts a date for a seminar on a "first come, first serve" basis. BLR naturally refuses other engagements on this confirmed date. BLR desires to do ministry. If a seminar is canceled, it is often too late to book one of the churches/organizations previously refused due its "first come, first serve" policy.

Therefore, after much prayer, a **Building Lasting Relationships' Marriage Seminar requires a \$1,500 non-refundable deposit. This deposit must be received within three weeks after a mutually agreed upon date is set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships, Inc. from any verbal and/or written contract.**

- VI. Booking:** Seminars may be booked up to two years in advance or a minimum of two weeks' notice.
- VII. Materials Required for this Marriage Seminar:** Host organization **provides** one sheet of **white construction paper** (17x11 in.) & at least one **magic marker per couple**, a large **projection screen**, and **internet access**.
- VIII. Selling Books:** BLR requests permission to sale any books and DVDs produced by Dr. Shuler. BLR also requests assistance in selling these resources. Resources would be sold before seminar begins, during breaks, and at conclusion of seminar. **Books Signings** are welcome.
- IX. Recording and/or Videoing:** No part of this seminar may be reproduced **without**

written permission from BLR: Building Lasting Relationships. Permission **must be secured 7 business days before** seminar. If permission is granted, BLR shall receive **70 percent** of the profit on day of seminar and all future profit from sales from reproduction of BLR seminar (CDs, DVDs, etc.). BLR is to receive unlimited copies of these resources upon request.

X. Payment: We, the organization (s), etc. accept all of the terms of this contract stipulated by **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships** understanding that should the organization cancel for any reason after a date has been agreed upon by both host organization (s) and **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships**. **BLR \$1,500 non-refundable deposit. This deposit must be received within three weeks after a mutually agreed upon date has been set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships from any verbal and/or written contract.** We, the organization (s), etc. **forfeit the \$1,500 deposit.** If the seminar is held, the **balance of the seminar fee is due at the conclusion of and at the site of seminar.**

Please conclude Pre-registration 3 weeks before event so that ordered books will arrive in time for this event.

***Please make Check Payable to: BLR: Building Lasting Relationships**

_____ **Requested Date for Seminar**

Signed _____ (church/organization)

Signed _____ (Brenda Shuler- Executive Administrator
of **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships**)

Date: _____ (Contract Date signing)

If there are any questions, please call 719-282-1340

***These four pages form the legally binding contract between BLR: Building Lasting Relationships and host church(es) and/or organization(s) for this marriage seminar.**