

BLR: Building Lasting Relationships (BLR)

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EXPERIENCING THE MARRIAGE YOU ALWAYS WANTED SEMINAR TOPICS:

- What Difference Does Our Faith Make (biblical commitment)?
- Why Marriage (God's Perspective)?
- Communicating with God
- "Are You Hearing What I'm Saying?": Communicating with Your Spouse
- Forgiveness & Letting Go (includes Five Languages of Apology)
- Winning at Conflict as a Couple
- Managing Our Money Well (Marriage and Money)
- 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
- Managing Marriage/Family & Career/Ministry
- What to Do When All Hell Breaks Loose
- Learning Your Spouse's and Your Top Relational Needs
- Eight Practices That Can Revolutionize Your Marriage

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

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

Brenda and I have conducted these *fun, interactive, and life-changing* marriage seminars for nearly 40 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!) as well as *Choose Greatness: 11 Wise Decisions That Brave Young Men Make*, co-authored with Dr. Gary Chapman. Visit the BLR website to see Clarence's free relationship videos, as well as his other books (www.clarenceshuler.com). His newest book is *Finding Hope in a Dark Place: Facing Loneliness, Depression and Anxiety with the Power of Grace*. Dr. Gary Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages* and *New York Times* Best-Selling author endorses our BLR Marriage Seminars on our Home Page on our website, www.clarenceshuler.com. Visit our website for any background for credential information.

Dr. Chapman and Clarence speak together at Dr. Chapman's *Date Night, Five Love Languages* and *Life-Changing Cross-Cultural Friendships* events. They co-authored, *Life-Changing Cross-Cultural Friendships: How You Can Help Heal Racial Divides, One Relationship at a Time*.

Clarence has done doctoral work in Biblical Marriage Counseling at New Geneva Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He assisted the **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services** with its **African American Healthy Marriage Initiative**. 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 *FamilyLife's Marriage Conference Speaker Team*. In 2020, they received the **FamilyLife Marriage Conference Speakers of the Year Award**. They have also done marriage conducted their marriage seminars internationally, most recent in Ukraine in 2023.

Clarence and Brenda have been featured on numerous radio programs, such as *FamilyLife Today*, *Chris Fabry Live*, *Dr. Gary Chapman's Building Relationships* and *Les Parrot's Loveology*. He also has been featured in magazines like *Discipleship Journal*, *Essence Magazine*, and *Black Enterprise* and many others 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 honorarium for **4 1-hour session and one-day** marriage equipping seminar is **\$6,000**. **BLR suggests** your church/organization have attending couples pay a **registration fee**.

Pre-registration is beneficial because:

- People **value** events in which they have a personal investment;
- People are less likely to change their minds if the weather is good or there is a fear of the conference, if they have already invested financially;
- This method **protects the church budget**;
- All of the previously mentioned reasons **result in higher attendance**.

Singles are also welcome (engaged, never married, & divorcees).

This conference benefits singles:

- It reveals what to look for in a Christian spouse
- It demonstrates how to biblically make a relationship work successfully
- It provides a contrast of biblical and secular sex
- It helps to prevent divorce.

BLR is *flexible* and *reasonably negotiates* with churches and organizations unable to secure its usually fee for its marriage seminar. Yet, we know that commitment parallels the value placed on what you receive. Consider partnering with other local churches and organizations.

- III. Transportation:** Host organization (s) or conference is financially responsible for the Shulers' airfare or mileage (70 cents per mile) and any expenses (food, tips, Springs Airport parking) incurred in route and returning from this seminar. The Shulers **only** fly **United Airlines** unless United doesn't fly to host's location. The Shulers' frequent flyer

status provides them with viable options should inclement weather or mechanical problems affect their flight.

The Shulers will make and purchase their itinerary for your event and send their itinerary to host organization for reimbursement. Your organization will reimburse them within 25 days of receiving their itinerary.

- IV. **Per Deim & Lodgings:** Host organization (s) 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 an additional night to preach on Sunday.

- V. **Deposit: Building Lasting Relationships' Seminar requires a \$1,800 non-refundable deposit.** Inclement weather or a sickness will not cause a forfeiture of this deposit. This event can be rescheduled for the Shulers next available date within 6 months. There is no additional fee to reschedule event, but the deposit will not be returned. Deposit must accompany signed contract. This deposit and signed contract must be received exactly 14-days after a agreement upon event date is set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships from any written contract.

- VI. **Booking:** Seminars may be booked up to two years in advance or a minimum of two weeks' notice.

- VII. **Logistics:** Seminar requests High Speed Internet access, and video projector.

- VIII. **BLR Merchandise:** BLR requests permission to sell Dr. Shuler's books on site. BLR also requests 1-2 people to assist with selling his books. Books can be sold before seminar begins, during breaks, and at seminar's conclusion. **Please conclude Pre-registration or make an estimation of number attending 3 weeks before event so that ordered books will arrive in time for this event.**

- IX. **Recording and/or Videoing:** Is prohibited. No part of this seminar may be reproduced. BLR reserves the right for its production crew to video this seminar at no additional coast to the Host.

- X. **Payment:** **If this seminar is held, the entire balance of the seminar fee is due at the conclusion of and on the site of seminar.** The Host organization, accepts all of the terms of this contract stipulated by **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships** agreeing that should the organization cancel without rescheduling for any reason after a date has been agreed upon by both parties, host organization and **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships**, that we, the organization, etc. **forfeit the deposit**. If the entire balance of the seminar fee isn't paid on site, **a seven percent late fee will be charged.**

***Please make Check Payable to: BLR or 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.**