

April Activities

(See online calendar for complete list.)

www.fbcopv.org/calendar

April 12th -- *2nd **Communion** & New Member Welcome @ 5pm

April 14th – Y/E & 1Q **First Family Meeting** @ 7:00pm. Zoom and in-person. Link available at www.fbcopv.org.

April 18th – Clothes & More giveaway of clothing, food, and other items. Location is park next to 8616 Progress Blvd. Contact Sis. Kimberly Troy.

April 19th – Mosaic Company Information Reception for church and community. Residents invited and all are encouraged to attend immediately following Worship service in the dining room.

April 21st – Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Contact Min. David Hill or Dea. Ed Leonard.

April 25th -- Wellness & Fitness @ 8:00am. Contact Sis. Marlene Carter.

April 25th – Women of Wisdom Spring Tea. Spaces are filled. Contact Sis. Dedra Keith.

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First Baptist Church of Progress Village

"Married: To Be Or Not To Be"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

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April 12, 2026

I. Marriage was created to _____ for a lifetime.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (KJV) *And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.*

A. Husband **AND** wife have responsibility for protecting the marriage covenant.

Genesis 2:7-8 (KJV) *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

Genesis 2:20 (KJV) *And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

B. Men should be _____ not **perfect** for marriage.

The season of singleness is a _____ that gives individuals time to prepare.

Genesis 2:21-24 (KJV) *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man...*

24 *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

C. Women should be _____ not **combative** for marriage.

II. Marriage was created for spiritual _____.

1 Corinthians 7:12-13 (KJV) *But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.*

A. Marriage was **not** created to make us _____.

Philippians 4:11-13 (KJV) *Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Joy in singleness brings joy into marriage.

1 Corinthians 7:14 (KJV) *For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.*

B. Marriage was created to make us _____.

Genesis 1:27-28 (KJV) *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

C. An equally yoked marriage has a **running** start.

III. Marriage was created as an _____ testimony.

1 Corinthians 7:16 (KJV) *For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?*

A. My life is a living _____ to the saving grace of God.

1 Peter 3:1-2 (NASB) *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

B. Win your husband to Christ or to maturity by your _____ not your **accusations**.

Ephesians 5:25-26 (KJV) *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

C. Win your wife to Christ or to maturity by your unconditional **acceptance** in love and _____.

MESSAGE REFLECTIONS:

What about today's message helps me feel more content in my single season?

How can I use this to help me feel more secure in my marriage?

What frustrations in my singleness or in my marriage has God's word given me assurances about when I trust Him and follow his plan?

PRAYER—God, thank you for the blessing of this season in my life. Whether I am single or married, you have provided me with promise and hope right where I am. Help me to discover the treasures daily you have for me. Forgive me for times when I want to give up and move on. Give me the strength, courage, and faith to trust you and press on even in my most difficult days. Draw us closer to you. Thank you for preparing us for your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.