



We have just posted our most recent blog, which tracks the opening message of this series.

You can follow this link to hear the Marriage Covenant Seminar messages, as well as read the first of the three part blog on the Marriage Covenant.

[http://www.sermonaudio.com/source\\_detail.asp?sourceid=gci](http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=gci)

We also invite you to visit our website for Bible resource material for the Easter season. Follow the link to Holiday Resources and scroll down to Easter. All materials are free.

<http://gciweb.org/2011/07/holidays-resources/>

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*2 Corinthians 1:11 "you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."*

- A. **Pray through this passage, asking God to bless the marriages of those who attended the Marriage Covenant Seminar, with an understanding that leads to obedience. (You may also want to rededicate your own marriage to the authority of God's Word.)**

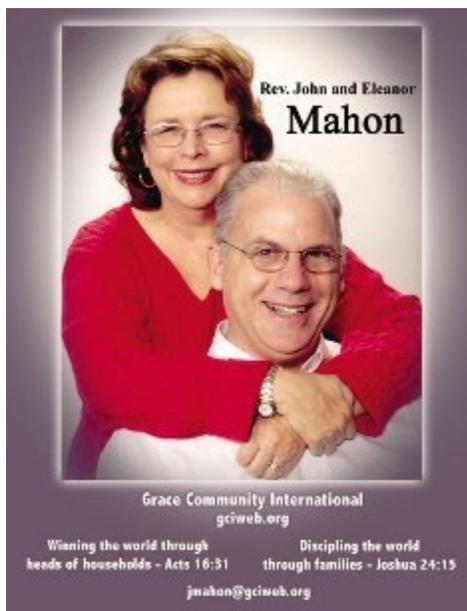
**Ephesians 5:22-27**

- 22 - 24 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*
- 25 - 28 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

- ❑ 28 – 30 *So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.*
- ❑ 31 & 32 **FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. *This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.***
- ❑ 33 *Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.*

**B. That God would bless the ministry materially, that we might in turn bless those to whom we minister. Please allow this passage to guide your prayers as you claim principles from it for the worldwide ministry of Grace Community International.**

- ❑ *Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."*
- ❑ *Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*



Dear Prayer Warriors,

I wanted to use this Dispatch to catch you up on the Marriage Covenant Seminar we recently held at

**Big Sky Fellowship Church – Helena MT.** God greatly blessed in answer to your prayers. For more pictures visit our GCI Facebook Page and scroll down to the pictorial report.

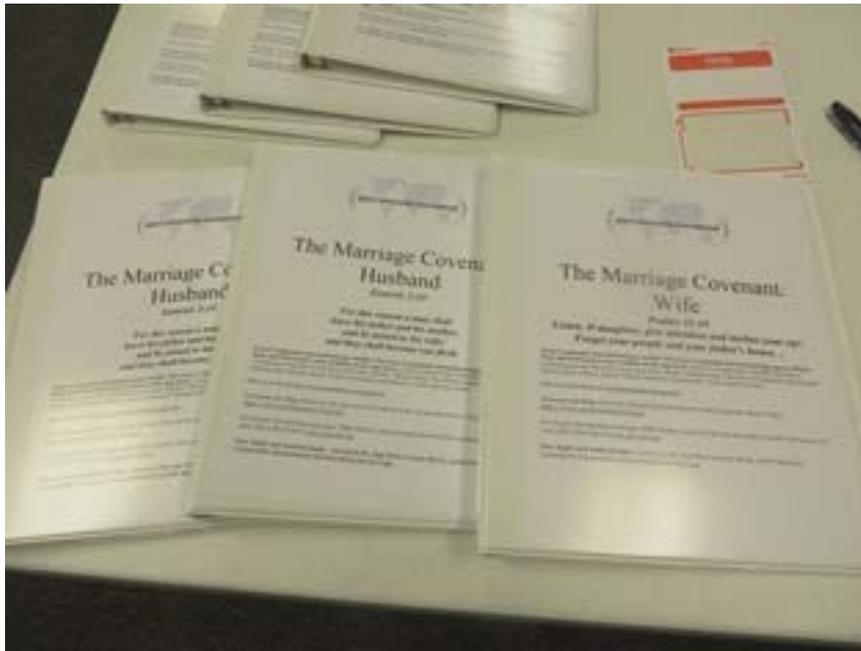
**Setting Up** – It takes a lot of work to put on a Marriage Covenant Seminar and I was humbled by the zeal with which Dan Clark attacked this task.



Dan and foster son Branden came early to each session, to work together in setting up and making sure all was ready.



El knows the system – As Dan pitched in, other elders followed his example.



Each conferee received a notebook and materials--including daily meditations from the Word of God on marriage, lecture notes and more.



Dan's wife, Sharon, is always hard at work serving in the background.

## God Greatly Blessed In Answer To Your Prayers



We had some 21 couples in attendance. I made 45 copies of each handout and notebook and all were taken up.



We broke up some of the sessions into husbands and wives, with El taking the ladies and me taking the men. El is a much sought-after speaker for ladies' ministries and home groups. Feel free to contact her about speaking to your ladies' event.



**El and I take the Q & A time together. What a joy to have a wife of one heart and conviction.**



**The Marriage Covenant Seminar centers upon the holy, eternal, inerrant written Word of God. Conference evaluations consistently mention the lack of gimmicks, tests, games and pseudo psychology as both surprising and refreshing.**

## Sunday Service



**“O Lord, bless this morning Your holy, eternal, inerrant written Word...”**

## Sunday Night - Marriage Renewal Service



We started this tradition while in Cameroon. We have a marriage renewal ceremony for all who want to attend the Sunday night service at the end of the conference.

## Board Member Dan Clark



Dan is a successful husband, father, elder and lay minister in his church. Here I am meeting with some of the men he lined up for meals.

I close this e-mail, as always, with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers, which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ.

By His mercy,  
II Corinthians 4:1  
Rev. John S. Mahon  
Grace Community Int. -

Please allow me to close this dispatch with a hymn from my prayer notebook that has been especially meaningful to me...

*(Psalms 104:33-34 "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.")*

Link to music/tune for this hymn: <http://nethymnal.org/htm/g/u/guideme.htm>

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim thru this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty Hold me with Thy powerful hand:  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more - Feed me till I want no more.

*Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey thru:  
Strong deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield –  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

Lord, I trust Thy mighty power, Wondrous are Thy works of old;  
Thou deliver'st Thine from thralldom, Who for naught themselves had sold:  
Thou didst conquer, Thou didst conquer,  
Sin, and Satan and the grave,  
Sin, and Satan and the grave.

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me thru the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee – I will ever give to Thee.*

Musing on my habitation, Musing on my heav'nly home,  
Fills my soul with holy longings: Come, my Jesus, quickly come;  
Vanity is all I see;  
Lord, I long to be with Thee!  
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

(William Williams *Born:* February 11, 1717, Pantycelyn, Wales. *Died:* January 11, 1791, Pantycelyn, Wales. Williams was born to a poor family, and intended to become a clergyman for the Sacramentarian Church (or "high church") until he heard Howell Harris' preaching and decided to join the Dissenters. In the next 43 years he traveled 95,900 miles, bringing the Gospel to his country. Although he was a fine preacher, his 800 or more Welsh hymns are what endeared him most to the people.)