

# The Maupin Message

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 FamilyLife's Mission: To effectively develop godly marriages and families who change the world one home at a time.

## Weekend to Remember Ministry Moments to Treasure

Three months into the New Year and God has already seen fit to allow Susie and I to be a part of His healing and restoration and strengthening work in the lives of guests attending FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember getaways. We currently oversee ministry in St. Louis, Chicago and Tulsa and Tulsa and Chicago hosted events already in 2019 and St. Louis had a December 2018 getaway. Though statistics are powerful testimony of God's power and presence (nearly 3000 will attend the four events we oversee), numbers can't match the actual comments given by our guests on their evaluation form.

As you read the comments shared there are two things I would love for you to have in your mind: 1) Throughout Spring and Fall, FamilyLife has events that share God's blueprints for marriage and family and lives are being changed in all 50 states through 95 getaways—including April 12-14 at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, where Susie and I will be; 2)

God hears our prayers and responds. Each one of these comments come from people who have been prayed for by name and in many cases as specifically as they've allowed through written prayer requests they've provided while attending their Weekend to Remember. You are a part of all of the lives changed, all of the recommitments to follow Christ in their marriage and in raising their families. Susie and I would not be here but for the faithful prayer and financial sponsorship you provide. Thank you and enjoy the fruit of your labor. To God be the glory:

*It's an amazing weekend! It's not just for struggling marriages. It's for everyone! You don't just bring your car into the shop when it breaks down. You take it in for regular maintenance.*

### **Married 12 years**

*We had a broken marriage and struggled to find hope. This weekend renewed our hope for each other and refocused us on what really mat-*

*ters—relying on God to love my spouse.*

### **Married 4 years**

*Excellent speakers, excellent material, difference-making weekend for me and my wife. Well done, ya'll. All super positive, superior stuff!!! We discussed things we have never had the courage to talk about.*

### **Married 30 years**

*This was our third time to come to a Weekend to Remember. Each time has been at a different stage in our married life. We have received encouragement through God's word to keep our marriage strong. We wish we could send each of our family and friends & church.*

### **Married 23 years**

*It gave me hope that our marriage could work and provided marital counsel from a Biblical perspective that I've never heard or seen before.*

### **Married 2 years**

*This experience has made me understand God's plan for marriage. Now I know that my spouse is a gift from God.*

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## Prayer and Praise

Please pray for us as we navigate this uncertain chapter in Susie's health and well-being. Pray for reminders of God's presence throughout the journey.

Praise God for the continued strengthening, growth and development of Harper and Quinn. Please pray God provides for Joey and Brittany and all 4 children according to the riches in Christ Jesus

**"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity we plan to do the things we can only do by ourselves."**

-A.W. Tozer

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## New Challenges Facing Our Family Offer Opportunities to Grow Our Faith

Do you remember as a child being scared? Perhaps you can think of a haunted house at Halloween or watching a movie that had an unexpected twist or turn—the kind that is often accompanied by a loud musical blast or shout? Those moments are truly terrifying and, thankfully, quickly pass. Personally, I remember a movie I saw at age 14 that I know gave me nightmares that night, but quickly faded from memory—except that I never want to see that movie again (if you want to know the movie, email me).

On March 26, Susie and I found we were in a very scary place—and this isn't going to pass overnight and there was no loud music playing to heighten the drama. After an

incomplete colonoscopy and a subsequent abdominal CT scan, we were told that Susie has a growth on her kidney that, according to the doctors, has a 90-percent certainty of being cancerous.

That has taken some time to truly sink in for us, so I'll throw some words into this paragraph to let you consider that reality, as well. We left for Chicago the following day so we could serve at the March 29-31 Chicago Oak Brook Hills Weekend to Remember. Because we were in Chicago, Susie had the opportunity to gather her family together so she could share the news with them in person. To God be the glory.

This week, as I am writing the Maupin Message, we are planning

additional CT scans of the rest of Susie's body to be certain that her kidney is the only location for cancer. If true, the procedure going forward seems somewhat predictable and, according to the doctors, quite routine. Routine for them, not so much for us, of course.

We covet your prayers for us as we will continue to followthrough on planned ministry activities, loving on our grandchildren and children and trusting God with our scary unknown. By His grace, there are many among our family and friends who have been where we are and there is much comfort and encouragement there. Also, knowing our Lord and Savior is always with us keeps us hopeful. Yet, this is still a scary unknown for us.

**"And it is my prayer that your love will abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, . . ."**  
Phil. 1:9