

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding!

To help you have the greatest possible chance of a successful and fulfilling marriage, this congregation is requiring all couples being married here to do the following:

- #1 At least 6 months before the wedding, take the “Couple Checkup”. This simple online assessment will give you a clear understanding of the areas of your relationship that are strong and that might need attention.
 - This inventory will take 40 minutes to complete and is done totally online.
 - You will immediately receive a printout that is easy to understand along with suggestions and exercises you can do as a couple.
 - This is a \$30 value that you receive absolutely free as our gift to you.
 - Sign up to take the “Couple Checkup” by **calling New Hope Counseling & Resources (355-4673)** and tell that you are getting married here and need to take the checkup. They will guide you through the easy to understand process.

- #2 At least 5 months before the wedding, attend a **Great Start** workshop, which is part of Texas’ marriage initiative called, Twogether in Texas. Register for this class by going to www.newhoperesources.com and click the **Great Start** icon. This free, 8-hour, interactive experience will provide the following benefits:
 - Training in valuable skills such as communication, conflict resolution and problem solving.
 - Qualify you to have **your marriage license fee waived** at the County Clerk’s office.
 - Receive \$250 worth of community merchant vouchers such as free dinners, car washes, and movies.

- #3 At least 4 months before the wedding, complete the attached questionnaire and meet with a pastor on our staff.

Follow-up Questions with Pastors

- 1.** What information about your relationship did you receive from the “Couple’s Checkup” that surprised you?
- 2.** What information from the “Couple’s Checkup” confirmed what you already knew or suspected?
- 3.** What did you find out about your partner’s personality on the SCOPE inventory?
- 4.** How different are you in how you were raised in the areas of closeness and flexibility as found in the Family Map?
- 5.** What aspects of your family of origin do you want to bring into this new family and what aspects do you not want to bring in to this new family?
- 6.** What tools did you learn at Great Start that you think will be valuable to you?
- 7.** How often and when have you used “Heart Talk” since the workshop?
- 8.** What information did you receive from Great Start that you especially found valuable?
- 9.** What questions were raised at Great Start that you would like answered?
- 10.** How comfortable are you with the idea of seeking out a counselor when you begin to have significant difficulties as a couple?



Twogether in Texas

Workshop Dates

Amarillo

Sept 6, 2008
Oct 11, 2008
Nov 8, 2008
Dec 13, 2008
Jan 24, 2009
Feb 7, 2009

March 14, 2009
April 18, 2009
May 16, 2009
June 13, 2009
July 18, 2009
August 8, 2009

Dumas - December 6, 2008

June 6, 2009

Pampa - November 15, 2008
May 2, 2009

February 21, 2009
July 11, 2009

Hereford - January 17, 2009

Childress- May 23, 2009

Perryton – March 28, 2009

Dalhart- June 27, 2009

- **Free**
- **Preregistration required (names, phone, addresses, emails) www.newhoperesources.com**
- **Event Registration 8:00-8:30. Class begins at 8:30-4:30.**
- **This will qualify participants to have their marriage license fee waived except for a \$12 filing fee.**