## Marriage Mentoring

Recently, Annette and I were able to get free for two consecutive evenings to attend a marriage mentoring training class hosted by a local area church. The program which is titled D.A.R.E. was founded by Matt & Pam Loehr of the Quad Cities. D.A.R.E. stands for Discover, Ask, Require & Evaluate, with a mission statement and goal to save and strengthen marriages in the nation by equipping 100.000 mentors. Both Annette and I found the training to be a very informative and valuable step in our own ministry to strengthen and encourage marriages. D.A.R.E. uses a step by step approach to equip couples to mentor other couples with practical skills, enabling them to have a fulfilling, lifelong relationship. D.A.R.E. is based on biblical principles, loyalty and family unity. Couples who become mentors can then look for opportunities to mentor pre-marital couples, marriages in crisis, and married couples who are looking to enhance their marriage. Some of the goals of the D.A.R.E. program are to improve communication and problem solving skills, to encourage families to develop a stronger relationship with God, and to encourage and give hope to couples. Over the past year, Annette and I have seen God leading us with opportunities to encourage other married couples, and we are looking forward to continue to help other marriages as we apply the principles and strategies of the D.A.R.E. program. We appreciate your prayers for us that God would lead us in this and that we would be sensitive to how and where He is working in the lives of those He has placed around us! ---scott

## Praises and Prayer:

\*Thank you for praying for Scott's surgery. The tumor on his neck that he had removed Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> came back non-cancerous. *Praise* the Lord!

\*<u>However</u>, please continue to *pray* for healing for Scott. Although the tumor was benign, the swelling and growth on his face has doubled in size instead of decreased. The doctor is concerned that part of the tumor still remains and another surgery could be necessary.

\*Please *pray* for creativity and wisdom in the songwriting process as Scott continues working on the new Christmas Cd.

\**Praise* for God's mighty provisions as both the taxes and expense of the surgery were abundantly covered through many special gifts given.

\**Praise and prayer* for our ministry as God continues to grow and expand us. Pray for boldness in our opportunities to share Christ with others.



After singing, Scott visits with and encourages a resident.

We kicked off our Truth Singers again on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a record high of 28 special needs adults! It has been exciting to sing with our friends again and to meet many new faces. We have had 11 new friends join our Thursday night group. In addition to singing, song requests, and prayer time, we celebrate our Truth Singers birthdays once a month with plenty of food, balloons, and fun. The Truth Singers Sunday School class that Annette teaches each Sunday is also going strong and consistently attended by 6 or 7 Truth Singers. Please continue to pray as our group continues to grow and that we will minister effectively. Come join us anytime. You will be blessed!



Scott and the kids share a "silly" song with the residents at Courtyard Estates in Walcott on a Sunday afternoon.

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