

Seminar
BBQ Lunch
Tues, Jan. 15
11:30am

Domestic Abuse

...what every church leader should know

Psalm 8:3,4

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Is Domestic Abuse really a problem in the Church?

What is domestic abuse anyway? Is this something that affects my ministry? And can it really *destroy* my ministry, and the *people* in my church, if I mishandle it?

How do I recognize Domestic Abuse?

Most pastors, and most counselors, do not know how to recognize domestic abuse, much less how to respond to its complex implications and dangers. Lack of training makes our churches unsafe for victims, and enables this evil to continue.

Vital Information and Education

This seminar explores the shocking behaviors of perpetrators, and the debilitating and soul-destroying damage done to victims of domestic abuse. You will learn how the church commonly falters in its response, further damaging victims, and ways leaders in the church can be prepared to instead take positive Christ-like action.

Respond Biblically

Handouts and a Case Study with discussion will open your eyes to the 1 in 3 who are suffering (or have suffered) the horror of domestic abuse. Learn what a church protocol for domestic abuse looks like. Prepare yourself and your church to respond competently and in a biblical way for the inevitable moment when God presents one of his own to you for help and protection.

Guest Speaker



“Over the last seven years, as an Assistant Professor of Counseling at Covenant Theological Seminary, I have had the privilege of having Mary as a guest lecturer in one of my Master of Divinity counseling classes to teach on the subject of domestic abuse and violence. Every year my students rave about her teaching and say it is one of the most practical, insightful, and helpful parts of the semester’s class. She brings needed insight into a topic that is often ignored and neglected in our churches. I am very excited that Mary is taking her teaching to the broader church. Those who attend will be greatly blessed, encouraged, and equipped to bring her expertise back to their churches and ministry settings.”

Dr. Mark Pfuetze, MDiv, LPC
Covenant Theological Seminary

“In her 2018 lecture on domestic abuse at Covenant Theological Seminary, Mary Pendleton engaged this most difficult topic with both a personal sensitivity to her diverse audience and a professional grasp of her subject that provided a gracious and powerful catalyst to discuss, understand and learn how to address its real impact. I highly recommend her as a professional resource to educate the church on this topic.”

Ed Killeen, MDiv, LPC, Killeen Counseling & Associates, LLC, St. Louis, MO

Mary Avis Pendleton, MDiv, MAC, is a highly experienced counselor in this area. Mary holds two degrees from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis— Master of Divinity (2002), and Master of Arts in Counseling (2012). Previous to becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Mary also worked as a professional Chaplain in both hospital and hospice settings. Mary worked with survivors of domestic abuse for 8 years at a domestic abuse counseling center in St. Louis (ALIVE) until her retirement 2 years ago. Mary has taught classes on domestic abuse at Covenant Seminary to MDiv and Counseling students for the past 6 years. Mary continues to educate churches about domestic abuse whenever invited.

Joe’s BBQ Lunch & Seminar

Date: Jan. 15, 2019

Time: 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall of EBC

Lunch provided from Joe’s BBQ at no charge

MUST RSVP to Walter Vacik, email: wvacik@emmanuelopks.org

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