



HEARTWORK

THE RELATIONSHIP • COMMUNICATION • LIFE MINISTRY



REAL CONVERSATIONS.

HEALING HEARTS.

WINNING FORWARD.

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SENIOR PASTOR

WELCOME — B O O K L E T —

A PLACE FOR **REAL PEOPLE.**
REAL CONVERSATIONS. REAL **CHANGE.**



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PROVERBS 4:23 (KJV)

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relationships are strengthened,
and people discover a *winning path forward.*

From the Heart of Our Senior Pastor



Dear HEARTWORK Family,

I am genuinely excited to welcome you to HEARTWORK - The Relationship • Communication • Life Ministry. This ministry was created for real people living real lives, carrying real questions, navigating real relationships, and believing that God still has a winning path forward.

HEARTWORK is not limited to couples, and it is not another classroom. It is a place where faith meets the parts of life we sometimes struggle to discuss openly: marriage, singleness, family, grief, forgiveness, intimacy, money, trust, conflict, identity, purpose, starting over, church hurt, aging, parenting and more.

Every gathering creates room for honest conversation, biblical truth, practical tools and dignity. Some weeks will make us think. Some will challenge us. Some will help us heal. Every week will remind us that our story matters and that God is still at work in the heart.

My prayer is that HEARTWORK becomes a place where people feel seen without being exposed, challenged without being condemned, and strengthened without being judged. Come ready to listen, share when you are comfortable, grow, and take your next step forward.

Welcome to HEARTWORK. I am excited about what God is going to do in us, through us and among us.

Dr. Bishop Richard G. Clark
Senior Pastor

More Than a Ministry. A Place for Real Life.

HEARTWORK is where faith meets real life, difficult conversations become possible, wounded hearts are treated with dignity, relationships are strengthened, and people discover a winning path forward.

Sometimes the hardest work God does is heart work. HEARTWORK reaches beyond one relationship status or one season of life. We deal with the relationship you have with God, yourself, your past, your family, your future - and the people you are trying to love along the way.

REAL CONVERSATIONS	HEALING HEARTS	WINNING FORWARD
Honest, relevant discussions about the issues that shape everyday life.	A dignified environment where people can be heard, understood and strengthened.	Biblical truth and practical tools that help people move toward clarity, health and purpose.

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EVERY WEEK. A DIFFERENT DOORWAY.

What to Expect

Each HEARTWORK gathering is approximately 75-90 minutes and feels more like an intimate facilitated conversation than a classroom lecture.

01	WELCOME	Arrive, settle in and enter a respectful space.
02	REAL TALK	Name the issue honestly and without pretense.
03	WORD	Ground the conversation in Scripture and biblical truth.
04	CONVERSATION	Listen, reflect and engage real-life experiences.
05	TOOLS	Receive practical communication and life strategies.
06	HEARTWORK	Take one personal action into the week ahead.
07	WINNING FORWARD	Leave with clarity, courage and a next step.

“What is shared in the room is treated with dignity.”

HEARTWORK respects confidentiality while recognizing appropriate safety and legal exceptions, including threats of harm, abuse, matters involving minors and mandatory-reporting obligations.

Conversations That Meet You Where You Are

The subject determines the room. Attend the conversations that speak to your present season of life.

Heart & Soul	"Who Am I When Nobody Needs Me?"
Marriage Unfiltered	"We Love Each Other, But We Don't Like Each Other Right Now"
Single & Whole	"Stop Treating Singleness Like a Waiting Room"
The Communication Room	"You Heard My Words - but Did You Hear Me?"
Family Matters	"When Family Becomes the Source of the Pain"
After the Hurt	"Can I Forgive You and Still Need Distance?"
Men Unfiltered	"What Men Carry But Rarely Say"
Women Unfiltered	"Strong Doesn't Mean Unbreakable"
Parenting Without Pretending	"I Love My Children - but Parenting Is Wearing Me Out"
Love & Intimacy	"Sex, Intimacy, Affection & What Church Folks Don't Discuss"
Money & Relationships	"When Dollars Create Distance"
Starting Over	"Life After Divorce, Separation or a Broken Engagement"

Conversations for the Road Ahead

The subject determines the room. Attend the conversations that speak to your present season of life.

Grief & Loss	"Learning to Live With Who Isn't Coming Back"
Adult Children	"When Your Children Are Grown but You're Still Their Parent"
The Aging Conversation	"Getting Older Without Losing Your Life"
Friendships	"When the Friendship Has Expired"
Church Hurt	"When the Place That Should Have Helped You Hurt You"
Boundaries	"No Is a Complete Sentence"
Conflict	"How to Disagree Without Destroying Each Other"
Trust	"What Happens After I Don't Believe You Anymore?"
The Past	"Stop Making Today's People Pay Yesterday's Bill"
Purpose	"What Do I Do With the Rest of My Life?"
Beginning Again	"I Didn't Plan This Life - Now What?"
Faith Under Pressure	"I Still Believe God, But I'm Tired"

There Is a Place for Your Story.

HEARTWORK welcomes the whole church while also creating focused conversations where particular life experiences can be addressed with care and relevance.

Husbands	Wives	Singles
Widows & Widowers	Young Adults	Parents
Men	Women	Caregivers
Divorced & Separated	Blended Families	Ministry Leaders

You do not have to fit one permanent group to belong to HEARTWORK.

Come for the conversation that meets your life. Return for the conversations that help you grow.

Three Lanes of HEARTWORK

HEARTWORK provides meaningful ministry while respecting the boundaries between spiritual care, pastoral support and professional services.

01	CONVERSATION	Weekly groups, workshops and communication exercises that create space for biblical reflection, honest dialogue and practical growth.
02	CARE	Pastoral care, prayer, mentoring, marriage support and appropriate follow-up for individuals and families.
03	REFERRAL	When a situation requires licensed mental-health treatment, medical care, domestic-violence intervention, substance-use treatment, legal assistance or another professional service, HEARTWORK connects people to appropriate resources rather than asking a ministry facilitator to operate beyond training.

Prepared to Listen. Equipped to Lead.

HEARTWORK facilitators are entrusted with more than a microphone. They help create a culture of dignity, wisdom, safety and spiritual maturity.

Listen Well	Make room for people to be heard without rushing to fix or judge.
Maintain Boundaries	Protect the purpose of the room and recognize the limits of ministry care.
Guard Against Gossip	Treat personal disclosures with seriousness and discretion.
Respond Wisely	Handle difficult disclosures calmly and connect people with appropriate help.
De-escalate Conflict	Keep difficult conversations constructive, respectful and safe.
Honor the Story	Never turn a participant’s vulnerable experience into casual conversation or a sermon illustration.

Being a good speaker is not enough. HEARTWORK leadership is built on listening, discernment, discretion, boundaries and care.

HOW WE SHOW UP

The HEARTWORK Culture

A powerful room is created by the way we treat one another.

DIGNITY	Every person enters with a story worthy of respect.
HONESTY	We can name what is real without performing or pretending.
GRACE	We make room for growth, complexity and different stages of the journey.
COURAGE	We face difficult subjects rather than allowing silence to control them.
WISDOM	We distinguish between conversation, pastoral care and professional help.
FORWARD	We do not stay trapped in the problem. We look for the next faithful step.

All are welcome. Every story matters.

WEAR THE MESSAGE

The HEARTWORK Identity

Deep burgundy, warm gold, charcoal black and soft ivory communicate strength, warmth and maturity. The intertwined H/W mark forms a heart at its center - a visual reminder that connection, transformation and forward movement begin within.



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YOUR STORY MATTERS.

Your heart matters. Your relationships matter. Your healing matters. Your next chapter matters.

HEARTWORK creates a place to tell the truth, receive wisdom, strengthen relationships and move forward with faith.

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