

# REACH UP REACH OUT



Dear Friends,

November 1, 2022

This last month I got to celebrate and officiate the marriage of Brandon and Jessica Robinson. About a year ago, they approached me to ask if I could help with pre-marital counseling. Over the course of the year, we met almost weekly to discuss the foundations of marriage and the importance of inviting God into their decisions. Each week on our phone calls, we prayed and reminded each other how important it is to put God first. During their ceremony, they used a 3 stranded rope to illustrate the unity of God, Jessica, and Brandon. It was powerful to watch them braid the rope while their mother sang. The rope formed the shape of the cross and “whatever God has brought together, let nothing separate” (Matthew 19:6). Below, I have included a few words from Jess and Brandon.



When we were planning our wedding we knew that we wanted to know the person who would be marrying us. Growing up Pastor Dave was my youth pastor and my family has had a relationship with him and his family for over 20 years. We asked Dave if he would be willing to be our officiant, and not only was he our officiant but he spent the year before our wedding chatting with us every week. Our time with Pastor Dave was honestly so much fun, we laughed, cried, vented and prayed. Every Wednesday for a year leading up to our wedding we would talk to Dave about what God is doing in our lives, in our relationship and even just our day to day. Some days we even just talked about what we were going through during that exciting but uncharted time in our relationship and with our families. Our conversations led to us seeking out and eventually joining our local church and gave us the tools to navigate our lives and our life together through Christ. We felt so confident starting our marriage with this firm foundation we built on God and we've found peace and happiness in our future together knowing that it's in Gods hands. Thank you Pastor Dave for not just being our officiant but becoming a friend and mentor for both of us.

As always, we celebrate these wonderful opportunities with you all, and thank you for your prayers and partnership.

Serving with you,

*Dave and Mandy*

*Whatever God brings together,  
let nothing separate!!*



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