

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 24, 2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Pastor Martin Hawley @ 631-909-8241  
pastorhawley@sbbcli.org

## South Bay Bible Church Announces Community Event Marriage Counseling: Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages

On Friday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Highway, East Moriches, is holding a one-time, virtual workshop entitled Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages with Dr. Mark Hager. *Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages* is a one-hour, online event designed to help you begin the journey to a godly, enriching, and fulfilling marriage relationship. This workshop is offered to the public without charge as a community service by South Bay Bible Church, which is underwriting all costs associated with the event.

EAST MORICHES, NY – It all seemed so easy. There was so much to say, but now, intimacy, trust, and fun times were replaced with bickering, long silences, and hurried conversations. Does this sound like your marriage? On Friday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., **South Bay Bible Church**, 578 Montauk Highway, East Moriches, is holding a one-time, virtual workshop entitled *Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages* with Dr. Mark Hager.



Dr. Hager will expose the sneaky things that creep into marriages and destroy them. He will show each participant how to renew their marriage by focusing on one often neglected and forgotten relationship, and he will give practical steps to refresh your relationship and reestablish closeness and intimacy.

“Many years ago, my wife and I were on the edge of divorce. I had an attorney on the phone more than once. If it weren’t for Dr. Hager and his wise counsel, Kimberly and I would not be married today,” said Martin Hawley, senior pastor of South Bay Bible Church.

*Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages* is a one-hour, online event designed to help you begin the journey to a godly, enriching, and fulfilling marriage relationship. This workshop is offered to the public without charge as a community service by South Bay Bible Church, which is underwriting all costs associated with the event.

South Bay Bible Church has noticed a significant deterioration in marriages, especially during the quarantines associated with COVID-19. A study done by Legal Templates documented a 57% increase in separations during the start of last year’s pandemic (ref. <http://bit.ly/sbbcref>).

To attend *Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages*, please register at [www.southbaychurchli.org/freshhope](http://www.southbaychurchli.org/freshhope) by April 16. Once registered, you will receive the conference link and workshop materials. Questions may be directed to South Bay Bible Church at (631) 909-8241 or by email at [info@sbbcli.org](mailto:info@sbbcli.org).

About Dr. Mark Hager: Dr. Hager is the Director of Counseling at Timberlake Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. Dr. Hager was ordained in 2004 and has served as a church planter, associate pastor, senior pastor, seminary professor/chair and has vast counseling experience in helping people and families for over 23 years. He has a B.A. and Master of Divinity degrees in Pastoral Ministry with the International Bible College and Seminary (1973-2009). Additionally, he holds a Doctorate of Practical Theology (Biblical Counseling) with Master’s International Divinity Graduate School and is currently completing his Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling with Trinity Theological Seminary. He has biblical



counseling certifications with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC), the International Association of Biblical Counselors (IABC.net), and emeritus Vice-president of the American Academy of Biblical Counselors (AABC/ 2014-15). He is also a charter member of the Association of Biblical Counselors (ABC) and has written many counseling articles as has been published as “contributing author” with Harvest House Publishers in the book, “The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics.”

As a non-denominational Christian church, South Bay Bible Church was started in 2006 with the mission to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The church is dedicated to creating environments where people are encouraged to pursue intimacy with God, community with insiders, and influence with outsiders.

To find out more about South Bay Bible Church and its upcoming events, please visit

About South Bay Bible Church: South Bay Bible Church is a non-denominational Christian church known for Biblical messages applicable to everyday life. The church meets at 578 Montauk Highway in East Moriches, NY. The church’s mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our service schedule includes three convenient times: Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00, and online anytime. A nursery and children’s church are available. For more information, go to [southbaychurchli.org](http://southbaychurchli.org), call (631) 909-8241, or find us on Facebook or Twitter @sbbcli.

###

Note to editor: A full press page with graphics, logos, and videos is available at [www.southbaychurchli.org/press](http://www.southbaychurchli.org/press). News media are invited to cover “Fresh Hope for Stale Marriages.” Please call ahead.