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Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Wedding Shower

For

Sarah Vanbiber & Sergei Yepishin



EPC of Marshall

Friday Evening

May 13, 2011

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Casual

Dinner &

Dancing

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