



2009 Couples Retreat

We appreciate your support of the 2009 Couples Retreat by promoting it in your church. This year in appreciation for your support, HomeBuilders Ministry is offering a number of **Pastor and Wife Scholarships** paying half of the retreat fees for pastors and wives attending and bringing two other couples with them. The best way to encourage couples in your church to attend is by example.

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To promote the 2009 Couples Retreat you may want to recruit a couple (Local Coordinators) to do the legwork for you. To make you or your Local Coordinators successful we have enclosed all of the promotional materials needed (retreat pamphlets, posters, signup sheets, and promotional DVD). Also enclosed is detailed information about the retreat, including the role as Local Coordinator and ideas we have found to be effective in promoting the retreat. Should you need additional copies of the promotional material please email us or feel free to make copies.

Although everyone should be registered by September 15 (registrations after that will be on an as available basis), the sooner you turn in your registrations, the better. In fact we recommend that you register your attendees on our website at www.homebuildersministry.org as they signup. We process on a first come, first serve basis, and we do expect another sell out for onsite accommodations. Registration is not complete until the \$50 registration fee is received. Remaining retreat fees are due October 1.

If you do choose Local Coordinators please email us their names, phone number, postal addresses, and email addresses. Give us a call or email us if you have questions or need additional information or promotional materials.

Yours in Christ,

Larry and Thelnitia Fincher

Retreat Presenters



Larry and Thelma Fincher, co-founders of HomeBuilders Ministry, have extensive experience in teaching, counseling, and working with families. They have presented seminars, conferences, and retreats nationally and internationally. Larry is the Family Pastor at Rowland Road Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana.

Robert Francis is on staff at East Union Baptist Church, Hensley, Arkansas and is a Licensed Certified Social Worker in the state of Arkansas. Robert is a frequent speaker in the areas of counseling and the family.



Dr. Eric Spann is a graduate of L.S.U. Medical School at Shreveport, has a family medical practice in Berryville, Arkansas, and is a member of First Baptist Church of Berryville. Dr. Spann ministers to couples and families in the church and in his medical practice.

Todd Sadowski is the founder of Christian Financial Principles, a financial planning and investment management company. He has authored a book, "The Christian and *HIS* Finances" and currently appears on Little Rock radio and TV.



Dubs Byers is Director of Compass Ministry of South Side Baptist Church in Star City, Arkansas that provides training to churches to help equip members for service to Christ. He is Superintendent of the Arkansas Correctional School system.

Steve Butler is the Worship Leader and Choir Director at Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. He is active in couples ministry and has extensive experience in working with families.



Buddy Ritter is Director of Ministries for Rock Haven Ministries, Hasty, Arkansas. He has served as an AWANA missionary focusing on children's ministry and is Pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Western Grove, Arkansas.

Verna Baker is the Clinical Services Director of Nutrition for the UAMS Department of Pediatrics and has 22 years experience teaching within Arkansas universities in the area of nutrition. She is a member of Victory Baptist Church in Sherwood, Arkansas.



Paul and Danyelle Harris are members of Holland Chapel Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas, where Paul is Worship Pastor. They have led worship in full-time church ministry, traveled, and sung professionally.

Kevin Berry with Uncommon Worship Band will lead praise and worship on Saturday. Kevin is on staff at Rowland Road Baptist Church ministering in Worship and leading the College Ministry on the University of Louisiana at Monroe campus.



Have You Heard ?

Who ? Married couples, engaged couples, and single adults.

What ? A Couples Retreat with a Biblical focus.

When ? Friday afternoon October 16 through Saturday afternoon October 17.

Where ? Arkansas 4H Conference Center, #1 Four H Way, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Why ? To make your family or future family all that God intended it to be.

How ? By learning what God's inerrant word, the Bible, says about **Family Matters** and learning how to apply Biblical principles in everyday family life.

*Through wisdom is an house builded;
and by understanding it is established:*

Prov 24:3



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*But they that wait upon the LORD
shall renew their strength;*

Isa 40:31

FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY OCT 16-17

**4H Conference Center
Ferndale, Arkansas**

- **Biblical Teaching**
- **Inspiring Music**
- **Fellowship**
- **Beautiful Setting**
- **Concert**
- **Bonfire**

Presented
By
HomeBuilders Ministry
Rowland Road Baptist Church
Monroe, LA

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Retreat Schedule

Friday – October 16

Registration, Check in, and free time
3:00-6:00 pm

6:00 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Welcome
7:30 pm Concert
8:30 pm Bonfire/Free Time

Saturday Morning – October 17

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Introduction
9:15 am *What Really Matters*
10:15 am Break
10:30 am Concurrent Sessions
Family Health Matters
Family Finance Matters
Priority One for Dad, then Mom
In Pursuit of a Balanced Life
11:30 am Lunch/ Free Time

Saturday Afternoon – October 17

1:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
Family Health Matters
Family Finance Matters
Extreme Makeover
How do I Love Thee?
2:15 pm Break
2:30 pm *Parenting Matters*
3:30 pm Summary/Wrap-up
3:45 pm Conclusion

Retreat Focus

The focus of the eleventh-annual Couples Retreat is **Family Matters**. The goal is to provide a Biblical based strategy for families to intentionally apply what matters to the family in the areas of marriage, parenting, personal growth, health, and finance.



4H Conference Center

The weekend is designed to refresh, motivate couples and singles in a memorable setting of God's beauty. Friday evening's concert sets the mood for a break from the world's hectic schedule. After the concert, enjoy free time, refreshments and a bonfire — perhaps you'll re-spark an ember in your relationship.

Saturday's schedule allows each person to customize the conference to meet their needs with two general sessions and four concurrent morning and afternoon sessions covering eight growth related topics.

The conference's team of well qualified Christian speakers and musicians are prayerfully waiting to share God's message with you.

Come renew your relationship with the Lord and your mate (or future mate) while learning practical application of Biblical principles to everyday family life.

Registration Form

To register for this retreat, fill out the registration form below and return with the \$50 registration fee (applies toward the total cost) by September 15 to **HomeBuilders Ministry, 303 Chadwick Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291**. For additional information contact HomeBuilders Ministry at (318) 397-2558 or email at info@homebuildersministry.org. You may also find additional information and register at our website, www.homebuildersministry.org.

Please print or type.

Married

Name _____
(Last) (First)

Spouse's First Name _____

Single

Name _____
(Last) (First)

All

Your Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Fees: (balance of registration due October 1)

Couples

With Room/ Without room..... \$195.00/\$150.00

Singles

With Room/ Without room..... \$105.00/\$75.00

Fees include all meals, refreshments, activities, and seminar materials.

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For More Information, Contact:



October 16-17
4H Conference
Center

Ferndale Arkansas





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4H Conference Center
Ferndale, Arkansas
October 16-17

Name	US Mail Address	Email	Phone

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Local Coordinators Information

Overview

- This Year's focus is **Family Matters**.
- A **Promotional Video** is available for your use.
- **Saturday's format** will have concurrent sessions to cover more topics.
- Fees have been tailored to include or exclude a room Friday night.
- Onsite (only 60) or offsite rooms are available.
- Arrangements have been made for couples to stay over onsite **Saturday night** at an additional cost of \$60 (room only, no meals) if desired.
- Register ASAP to assure onsite overnight accommodations.

We are excited to announce the eleventh annual Couples Retreat sponsored and led with a biblical perspective. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your family or future family God's way in a beautiful setting with some great fellowship, music, and biblical teaching. **As usual the sessions will cover all new material.**

What ? A Couples Retreat focusing on **Family Matters** from a Biblical perspective.

When ? Friday afternoon October 16 through Saturday afternoon October 17.

Where ? 4H Conference Center, #1 Four H Way, Little Rock, Arkansas. A tremendous facility set in a beautiful location just west of Little Rock at Ferndale.

Who ? Married couples, engaged couples, and single adults.

Why ? To make your family or future family all God intended it to be.

How ? Committing a weekend to learning what God's Word says about **Family Matters** and learning how to apply these principles in everyday life.

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Thank You

We want to express our appreciation for your promotion of this retreat in your church and area as a Local Coordinator. This role will take an investment of your time and effort, but this investment is very rewarding. The overall spirit of your church will be improved by strengthening families through this retreat.

To make your job as Local Coordinator successful we have supplied all of the promotional materials you will need (pamphlets, posters, promotional DVD, and signup sheets). In addition we would like to share the following ideas we have found to be effective. May God richly bless your efforts in this role.

Promotion

- Utilize the pamphlets, posters, and DVD to promote the upcoming retreat within your church.
 - Run the DVD during worship services or classes on Sunday or Wednesday.
 - Place the pamphlets and posters in prominent locations with good traffic flow. Should you need additional copies of the promotional material please email us or feel free to copy. You can also find additional information at the HomeBuilders website at www.homebuildersministry.org.
 - Set up a registration table in the foyer with posters, pamphlets, and a person to answer questions and take registrations.
- Ask your Pastor to announce and support the retreat from the pulpit. Better yet encourage him and his wife to attend on one of the Pastor and Wife Scholarships.
- Concentrate on Couples' and Singles' Classes, both young and older, to recruit attendees.
- Emphasize that the retreat will be both educational and recreational. Also emphasize the purpose of the retreat is to maintain and strengthen marriages not just fix troubled marriages. The poster and pamphlet have pictures of the facilities.
- Utilize couples that have attended a HomeBuilders Seminar or a previous Couples Retreat to encourage others to attend (perhaps with a testimonial in a Sunday morning service). Also encourage those who have attended the retreat before to attend again since new material will be covered.

Registration

- Utilize the enclosed signup sheet for registration. You may want to make several copies to leave in various locations or to circulate.
- Encourage attendees to register and make an early commitment. There are onsite motel style accommodations for only 60 couples (please remember this is a mid-south area wide event). Additional accommodations are available offsite as needed.
- This year the fees have been tailored to include or exclude a room for Friday night. For those desiring a room (onsite and offsite), the fees include private motel-style lodging (individual baths accompany each room) with all meals, refreshments, activities, and seminar materials. For those not desiring a room the fees include all meals, refreshments, activities, and seminar materials.

- Arrangements have been made with the 4H Center for couples to stay over Saturday night if they desire for an extra fee of \$60. This is for the room only and no meals will be provided. The programmed part of the retreat ends at 3:30pm on Saturday, but this would allow couples some much needed time to themselves. There are a number of churches in the Little Rock area to attend on Sunday morning before returning home.
- **Registration fees (apply toward the total) and registration forms should be collected and sent to HomeBuilders Ministry, 303 Chadwick Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 as soon as possible but no later than September 15. You may also register at our website www.homebuildersministry.org. The majority of registrations last year were made on the website as this expedites the process. Registration is not complete until the \$50 registration fee is received.**
- The balance of the registration fees should be sent to the above address no later than **October 1. Please indicate those staying over for Saturday night and enclose the extra \$60.**

Logistics

- Information on directions and other logistics will be sent to you after the registration information has been received.
- Dress should be casual. The seminar facilities are excellent and comfortable. Jackets and sweaters may be needed at night depending upon the weather.
- Since this is a couple's retreat no arrangements or accommodations will be available for children. The whole purpose is to give couples time together alone.
- Sign-in will start at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon to allow free time to enjoy the facilities before dinner. There will also be free time on Saturday.

Questions and Answers

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