

A decorative border of black hearts of various sizes surrounds the top and sides of the page. The hearts are scattered, with some larger and some smaller, creating a romantic and celebratory feel.

2010 Valentine's Weekend Marriage Retreat Get-Away!

- ♥ **Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge, Oxnard, CA**
- ♥ **Valentine's Weekend, February 12 –14, 2010**

**Retreat Fee is just \$65.00 per couple for 2010
(same price as last year!)**

Registration Fees are per couple, and include each couple's share of estimated general retreat costs, such as meeting rooms, printing costs, etc. This fee does not include your room.

Here is what to do:

- 1) Complete the Application Form and attach your check. Take the form and the check to either the Church office at Grace Chapel in Lancaster, or to COBC in Tehachapi to apply for the Retreat. We have a contract for only 40 couples between Country Oaks Baptist and Grace Chapel of Lancaster.
- 2) After reserving your space for the retreat, phone the hotel directly to reserve your room for our special price. A few Penthouse Suites are also available. And if you want to come a day early, or stay a day later, you can use the special rates too.

Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge, Oxnard
Special Country Oaks Baptist Church Marriage Retreat Rate
(805) 278-2200 for your room reservations

(Talk to the front desk or ask for Millicent Bennett for the Marriage Retreat Rate. Rooms begin at just \$109 per night, plus tax, and includes a fully cooked breakfast for two!)

2010 Terms and Conditions

The 2010 Marriage Retreat for Grace Chapel of Lancaster, CA and for Country Oaks Baptist Church of Tehachapi, CA is available to all married couples that are members of either of these churches.

Married couples that are not members, but wish to attend, are welcome to apply by submitting the application form to either of the church offices by February 1, 2010. Applications from non-member married couples must be reviewed and approved by the pastoral staff of either church. Receipt of payment, or reservation of rooms, does not guarantee acceptance to the retreat. Retreat fees will be refunded to any couple not accepted to the retreat. If you are not a member of either church, please do not reserve your room until you know that your application has been approved by the pastoral staff.

We believe that Marriage is an ordinance of the Church that has been established and instituted by God from the dawn of the human race, as described in the early chapters of Genesis. It has been codified in the Mosaic Law, and the Old Testament prophets compared it to the relationship between God and His people.

Jesus Christ our Lord explained the original intention and core elements of marriage. When quoting the writings of Moses, Christ reminded us that “a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife, that the two shall become one flesh.” The Apostles give explicit instructions on this union, teaching that marriage is a typology of Christ and His Bride, the Church. As such, the Church views marriage as a profound spiritual institution established by God.

In accordance with Holy Scripture, Grace Chapel and Country Oaks Baptist Church define “marriage” as the exclusive union of one man and one woman in which such a union is a lifetime commitment, as described in the Scriptures. A civil government’s sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by these Churches, or for the purpose of this Marriage Retreat, only to the extent that it is consistent with this Biblical definition of “marriage”. Applications for this marriage retreat will be reviewed in accordance with this Scriptural definition of marriage.

Ref: Genesis 1:27; 2:18-24; Malachi 2:13-16; Matthew 19:3-12; I Corinthians 7:1-40; Ephesians 5:21-33; I Peter 3:1-7

On your application we ask you to check the little box that says, “Yes, we have read the Terms and Conditions.” While we do not expect that everyone who wishes to attend this Marriage Retreat will agree fully with the Biblical definition of marriage as described above, we do expect everyone to respect that the churches that are sponsoring this retreat, and staff that are serving at this retreat, do believe this definition of marriage. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

2010 Marriage Retreat Application Form



Please turn this page
in with your \$65 check.

Husband's name: _____

Wife's name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Your Email: _____

We have been married for _____ years.

- Yes, Our Retreat fee of \$65.00 is attached (same as last year!)**
- Yes, we have read the Terms and Conditions

Please be sure to contact the hotel directly after registering with the Church for your place at the retreat. Please don't put this off until later! Once our 40 contracted rooms are gone, they'll be gone!

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