

2024 Spring Retreat April 26-28

Thank you so much for being a local coordinator in your church for the annual HomeBuilders Spring Retreat. We have an awesome line up this year, and we need your help to make this a successful retreat for families that benefit from our ministry.

New Theme

Are you ready to strengthen your family and take on the hard things in life? Our theme is Wholeness, and we'll be diving deep into topics like marriage, parenting, finances, career, and health. Our expert speakers will provide invaluable insights and practical strategies for achieving true wholeness in every aspect of your life. Don't miss this opportunity to escape the chaos of everyday life and reconnect with your spouse in a stunning setting.



Awesome Location and Schedule



Our spring retreat is being held in **Gulf Shores**, **Alabama**. The goal here is to provide plenty of opportunities for rest, relaxation, and fun times with your spouse that can only be found in a resort area like the **Gulf Coast**. We have spread out the retreat over 3 days to give you and your spouse more relaxation time. The 2024 Spring Retreat dates are Friday night

April 26 through noon Sunday April 28.

New Excitement

We have made big improvements over the past few years. If you haven't been to a retreat in a while, you really need to join us to see what's new! We've added interactive game time, connect time with your spouse, table talk, a photo booth, a Friday evening dinner, and more. Each year we strive to improve the retreat to impact more families on a deeper, more meaningful level.

Why This Retreat?

Let me explain why we think this retreat is THE retreat to attend...

• Relaxed schedule: One of the most important things a married couple needs is time together. You need time to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time with each other. Get away from the busyness of life and focus on your relationship with your God, your spouse, and your life.



- Proven System: Every year we ask for critiques so we can improve our ministry efforts. The feedback we receive is amazing. Through your efforts, we really have struck the right blend of teaching, worship, fun, and fellowship. Over 90% of our attendees plan on coming back again and want to invite their friends. This retreat is changing lives!
- Choose Your Topics: One thing that makes a HomeBuilders Retreat unique is our breakout session time. Need to learn about parenting? We have a class for you. Having trouble communicating with your spouse? We've got you covered. Having trouble with family finances? We have someone who specializes in that field. You choose the classes that fit your family's needs each year.
- Connect Time: There is never time when you get back home to really discuss the session content. Well, we have made time after each session for attendees to discuss what they have just learned. Problem solved!
- Table Talk: We have amazing speakers who are uniquely qualified to speak on various topics. Each is trained in their respective areas of expertise to help your family move to the next level. We have scheduled time to allow attendees to sit around a table with the presenter of their choice and discuss topics they choose.
- Fun: Our main goal is to share life-changing truths from scripture regarding the family, but we like to have fun along the way. We do our best to provide an enjoyable atmosphere with entertaining activities.

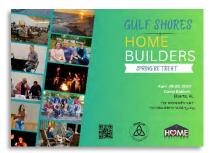
Who Should Attend?

Whether you're already married or soon to be married, we have something for you. Engaged couples and newlyweds will appreciate the chance to start out on the right foot. Those who have already been married for a while will learn how to spark a new excitement in marriage and take it to the next level. Couples of blended families will learn how to better combine their families and avoid some of the traps along the way. Some couples are almost to the breaking point. A HomeBuilders Retreat may be the best thing to help them to get on track.

Promote It!

Think you might have some families at your church that could benefit from the HomeBuilders Retreat? Great! We want to help you effectively promote the retreat in your church or small group. Here are some ideas we've found to work well:

- 1. Lead by Example: We have learned that there is no substitute for attendance by church leadership. If the pastor or small group leader attends, other couples will attend. Just by attending the retreat yourself, you are letting others see the importance you place on your own family and family ministry.
- 2. Video: It's impossible to convey the true experience of a HomeBuilders Retreat with



any marketing material, but the video is probably the best option right now. Show the summary video of the 2023 Spring Retreat to help families better understand. http://tiny.cc/spring23video

3. Post Cards and Posters: Included with this package are post cards that can be given to everyone in your group. If you need more, just let us

know. The postcards provide all the basic info to help people learn more and register for the retreat. Also included are posters you can place in prominent locations.

4. Website: Our website, www.homebuildersministry.org, is the main hub that contains everything you need. See the schedule, buy your tickets, learn more about the surrounding accommodations, and more. You can even read some of the

testimonials left by people who have attended a HomeBuilders Retreat.

5. **Testimonials:** If you have couples at your church that have already been to a retreat, ask if they would be willing to share with your church or small group about their experience. Word of mouth is still one of the best ways to convey how meaningful the retreats can be for a family.



- 6. From the Pulpit: Because you may have several people interested that are not yet plugged into a Sunday school class or small group, it is a good idea for someone to share from the pulpit on a Sunday morning.
- 7. **Groups:** Many churches and classes come as a group. These retreats are even more fun when you bring your friends with you!

FAQs

Q: How much does the retreat cost?

A: The cost is \$160 per person including accommodations or \$135 per person if you make your own arrangements for accommodations. The fees include your meal Thursday night, breakfast and lunch Friday, breakfast Saturday, all the speaker presentations and materials, all worship times, and refreshments between sessions. Registration deadline is April 24.

Q: How do I register for the retreat?

A: Just visit <u>www.HomeBuildersMinistry.org</u> and click on "Retreats" and then "Spring Retreat." Everything you need is there. You can purchase your reservation tickets online.

Q: What topics will be covered this year?

A: The list is still being finalized, but we will cover critical needs such as spousal communication, parenting advice, family leadership, finances, and more. We will have a full, detailed list of topics available soon on our website.

Q: How should we dress for the retreat?

A: Casual. We are here to relax and enjoy ourselves. You will want a jacket and maybe gloves and a cap for the hayride and bonfire.

Q: Should I bring my kids?

A: No! We love our kids, but this is a time to get away as couples. We do not have childcare available. One of the best things you can do for your marriage is find some quiet time for just the two of you.

Q: What time do we check-in?

A: Check-in begins at 3pm on Friday, April 26.

Q: What does the schedule look like?

A: Go to our website for the current schedule. The general outline we follow is:

- Friday: A nice dinner and a general session Friday night
- Saturday: Classes, connect time, and Table Talk until noon. Free time with your spouse during the afternoon. Then a Q&A session, worship time, and a general session at night.
- Sunday: Classes, connect time, and then a wrap up to close things out by noon.



The HomeBuilders Spring Retreat Sessions!

WHOLENESS Do the Hard Things - Larry and Lorinda Fincher



Are you tired of feeling like your family is just barely getting by in terms of spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health? It's time to embrace God's desire for wholeness in every aspect of your life! According to 1 Thessalonians 5:23, God wants us to be whole in every way. This means taking care of our spirits, minds, hearts, as well as our bodies. But let's be honest, achieving wholeness isn't easy. It requires us to do the hard things, as Philippians 4:9 reminds us. It means making tough choices about how we spend our time, what we allow into our minds and hearts, and how we care for our bodies. But the good news is that you don't have to do it alone! With

God's help, you can achieve wholeness in every aspect of your family's life. In this session we will lay out a plan of how to experience the joy and peace that comes from living a whole and healthy life!

But I'm not that way anymore - Dr. Eric and Keri Spann

"Well, this all sounds real good for all of you, but you don't know my background or past."

So, what if you don't come from a family, background, heritage, or life of wholeness? What if a life of wholeness seems like it's for others and out of your reach? How do all of these teachings and counsels apply to you? Dr. Spann, with Keri's help will discuss how you can overcome a bad background, dysfunctional family, sin-tarnished past, or even a history of abuse. There is hope and healing available, yes, for You. This isn't theory folks, it's tried-and-true.



Living Whole When Your Life Is Full of Holes. – Dubs and Jane Byers



Families don't always turn out the way we planned. Financial stability sometimes ends up not being so stable. Lifelong friends turn out to be not so lifelong. Health issues hinder our dreams.

In our youth, we never know the holes in the road that must be navigated as we journey through life. Some holes we dig ourselves; some are brought about by circumstances beyond our control. In order to be whole in our living, we must do the hard things by exercising faith and trusting that God is greater than the problems we face. He is always at work for our good even though we may not recognize it. God is

always good, even when life is not.

In this segment, we will share what a lifetime of living has taught us about living whole when life is filled with holes.

Stewarding Our Bodies - Mark and Jenny Clements

What we do with our bodies is important. Our bodies are vessels that can be used for honorable purposes or dishonorable purposes. If you are a child of God, you have been born again and sealed with the Holy Spirit who now indwells you permanently, making your body a temple of God and a place of perpetual worship. God's Word teaches that our lives on earth are brief compared to eternity, like morning mist that burns away with the rising of the sun. But brief as it may be, this life is our only earthly opportunity to bring glory to God by making eternal impacts in the lives of others. We are stewards of all God has given to us, which includes our bodies, our salvation, and the good news of



God's gospel, so it is incumbent upon us to make the best use of our days on earth.

In "Stewarding Our Bodies," we will find biblical exhortation and encouragement to do the hard things required for bodily discipline, with the goal of making the biggest impact possible with our lives for the glory of God.life.

Wholeness in Finances – Terry Bewley

Amelia Earhart said, "The most difficult thing is the decision to act". Becoming financially free may seem like an insurmountable goal. The good news is, God has a lot to say about our possessions and money. God cares about the whole person, including how we view and use money. In this session we will discuss how to do the hard things when it comes to our finances. You may find out; it isn't as hard as you think! It's time for your family to enjoy the financial freedom God intended!



Parenting in a Sex-Obsessed World: Instilling a Biblical View - Ross and Amy McBroome



Did you ever think we would be living in a world that is obsessed with sexuality and children?

Do you worry about your children growing up in the world that seems obsessed with it? How do we as parents install in our children a biblical worldview for sexuality? Most of us don't feel comfortable having to discuss any topic that involves sex with our kids. Unfortunately, the world is already having conversations with your young children. Even if you are a super parent, there is no way for you to protect your children from being exposed to a worldview of sexuality. The purpose of this

workshop is to equip you to "DO THE HARD THING" so that you are able and comfortable presenting a biblical worldview to your children, not one fashioned & formed by political correctness and worldly influence. But instead, one that celebrates a Godly view of sexuality.

Don't Quit! - Jaycob Kramer

Just like nature, marriage too goes through different seasons- spring (new), summer (fun), fall (fading), and winter (bitter). A strong and healthy marriage is one that learns how to survive these seasons. You see, we all walk through times of difficult children, hectic schedules, career changes, mental/physical illness, death, financial stress, unfaithfulness, neglect, empty-nest and more. We have to learn the Biblical principle that we need to survive these difficult seasons. During this class, we will take an honest look at the struggles we face in marriage and offer solutions that will strengthen your marriage relationship.





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- Finances
- ParentingCareer
- Marriage
 Health



Between sessions enjoy Gulf Coast amenities and attractions - sand, surf, sun, seafood, shipping, zip lines and more!

For Registration or more information go to

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Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Phil 4:9

