2026 Fall Retreat!

October 23-25

Thank you so much for being a local coordinator in your church for the annual HomeBuilders Fall 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



This year's theme, Against the Current, invites couples to step away from the cultural noise and ask an important question: Culture or Scripture — what is shaping your home?

Joshua 1:8 points us to a better way: to study God's Word continually, meditate on it day and night, and obey what it says. Throughout the weekend, couples will be encouraged to see how Scripture gives wisdom for marriage, parenting, priorities, finances, technology, and spiritual life.

Set in the beauty of the Ozarks, Branson provides the perfect backdrop for a meaningful weekend away. Couples can enjoy fall colors, scenic views around Table Rock Lake, great restaurants, Branson Landing, live entertainment, shopping, and time to relax with other believers.
Come away for a weekend that can help strengthen your marriage, encourage your parenting, rebuild important relationships, and equip your family to move Against the Current with wisdom, courage, and hope.

Awesome Location and Schedule

This year we are again holding the retreat at the beautiful Westgate Branson Woods Resort in Branson, Missouri. The goal here is to provide plenty of opportunities for rest, relaxation, and fun time with your spouse that can only be found in a resort town like Branson. We have spread out the retreat over 3 days (Friday through Sunday) to give you and your spouse more relaxation time.



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 listened to your feedback and have moved the schedule to Friday through Sunday to give you the same time away with fewer logistical problems back home. We've added interactive game time, connect time with your spouse, table talk with our presenters, 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 with 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 during 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. You can schedule time with the presenter of your choice to discuss topics of your choice.
- 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 may be 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 our cameo video from 2025 which will help families better understand. https://youtu.be/V6r4glqOAhI



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 post cards 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 $130 per person. You make your own arrangements for accommodations at the Westgate Branson Woods Resort or another location of your choice (see our website for more information). The $130 includes your meal Friday night, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, all the speaker presentations and materials, all worship times, and refreshments between sessions. Registration deadline is **October 18 for staying off site and October 9 to guarantee the reduced room rate at the Westgate**.

Q: How do I register for the retreat?

A: Just visit www.HomeBuildersMinistry.org and click on "Retreats" and then "Fall 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. You will want a jacket as the evenings can be cool in the fall.

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.

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, game time, 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 and connect time until noon, then a wrap up to close things out.



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Culture or Scripture - What is Shaping Your Home?

- Marriage
- Parenting
- Finances
- Health
- Career
- Family

Join us in Branson for a weekend that can Shape Your Home!

Between sessions enjoy Westgate amenities and Branson attractions - shows, Silver Dollar City, Table Rock Lake, museums, ziplines, etc.

For Registration or more information go to

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