

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

PARENT'S PREP GUIDE



FRI 7PM TO SUN 12PM | 15-17 NOV 2024

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...

Deuteronomy 6:6-7a

Parent's Prep Guide

Family Discipleship Retreat

Dates: November 15-17

Location: Carson Springs Christian Retreat Center, Newport, TN

Retreat Schedule

Friday

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| 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Check-In at Conference Center Front Desk |
| 7:00 p.m. | Session 1: What's at Stake? * |
| 8:00 p.m. | Movie, Games, Snack Time |

Saturday

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| 7:45 a.m. | Breakfast at Carson Springs cafeteria |
| 9:00 a.m. | Session 2: Intentional Marriage, Intentional Parenting |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. | Session 3: Models of Family Discipleship |
| 12:00-5:30 p.m. | Free Time (Lunch is on you): See page 3 for suggested activities |
| 5:45 p.m. | Dinner at Carson Springs cafeteria |
| 7:00 p.m. | Session 4: Fireside Q&A, Testimony |
| 8:00 p.m. | Outdoor Games/Free Time |

Sunday

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| 7:45-8:45 a.m. | Breakfast at Stokely Chapel Lower Level |
| 9:00 a.m. | Family Discussion Time: Bringing It Home |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| 12:00 p.m. | Check-Out/Depart |

**Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at Stokely Chapel.*

Accommodations

We will be staying at Carson Springs Retreat Center in Newport, TN, which features two types of accommodations for our Retreat:

Retreat Center Hotel – For Couples, Families with Children 2 & under, Families with up to 3 children 2+

- 2 Queen beds
- Private Bath
- Dresser
- Reading Chairs

Ginn & Maple Lodges (Newly Renovated!) – For Families with 4 or more children 2+

- Ginn Lodge Suites
 - One bedroom with double bed and full-size trundle (sleeps up to 3)
 - One bedroom with two built-in bunkbeds (sleeps up to 4)
 - Shared private bath
- Maple Lodge Suites
 - One bedroom with 2 double beds (sleeps up to 4)
 - One bedroom with a double bed and a full-size Murphy bed (sleeps up to 3)
 - Shared private bath

Food & Dining

The Retreat Center also features a full-size cafeteria, where we will be eating Breakfast and Dinner together on Saturday.

Sunday morning's breakfast will be held downstairs at the Chapel as a sort of "Sunday school" breakfast fellowship.

Lunch on Saturday will be part of your free time activities and is not covered in your retreat registration.

In addition to scheduled meals, we will also provide light refreshments for Session 1 (Friday night), Break & Session 3 (Saturday morning).

What to Bring

- Your Bible (and one for each reader you have!)
- Comfortable Shoes (we will be walking to the Chapel each session)
- Warm Layers for an East Tennessee autumn
- Personal Hygiene toiletries, soap is provided for private baths
- Pack-n-play for infants
- Hair dryer
- Hiking clothes, if hiking during Free Time
- Extra Money for Free Time activities

Suggested Free Time Options

- Explore Carson Springs (No travel time)
 - Naps
 - Hike the Hill – Whole families can hike together to the top of the mountain at Carson Springs
 - Other Nature Trails
- Discover Newport (5-10 minutes) – Visit the city that Carson Springs calls home
 - Local Restaurants ranging from fast food to full-service
 - Forbidden Caverns cave tour (55-minute tour)
 - More Hiking Trails
- Sevierville (approx. 40+ minutes)
 - Dollywood
 - Rainforest Adventures Discovery Zoo
 - NASCAR SpeedPark
 - And more!
- Gatlinburg (1hr+)
 - Ober Mountain
 - Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies

“The Talent”

Dr. David Evans – Retreat speaker

David serves as the Senior Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church in Robertson County. He had the honor to marry Stephanie in 2004 and they have two children (Emma and Jackson). He graduated from Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy. He graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity in Evangelism, Church Growth and Missions and a Master of Theology in Applied Apologetics. He graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Theology in Christian Education and a Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Education and Leadership. His dissertation research topic was about childhood and teenage experiences that keep them in church during young adult years. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, fishing, training in Wado-Ryu martial arts and playing video games.

Retreat Band(s) – TBA

We will be featuring a small variety of favorite contemporary and traditional hymns that are suitable for the whole family to sing together, led by musicians from some of our churches. A brief selection of songs we may sing together is listed below so you can look them up!

- All Creatures of Our God and King – Sovereign Grace Music
- Behold Our God – Sovereign Grace Music
- Christ Our Hope in Life and Death – Matt Boswell, Matt Papa
- His Mercy Is More – Matt Boswell, Matt Papa
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- I Am Not My Own – Keith & Kristyn Getty, Skye Peterson
- Jesus, Strong and Kind - CityAlight
- Jesus Loves Me
- Lift High the Name of Jesus – Keith & Kristyn Getty
- Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
- Pass the Promise – Keith & Kristyn Getty