

GRACE + GRIT

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN A COUNTERFEIT CULTURE

a Note From Trae, Speaker for the retreat.

Life is hard – harder than we ever expected. We are surrounded by a counterfeit culture where darkness is masqueraded as light, truth is subjective, and tolerance the measuring stick. And, on top of that, we are slammed daily with horrific news and sadness we can't digest, and we certainly can't understand.

And it is here that I find myself questioning my Christian response amid the seeming hopelessness and aching for an answer. I have burning desire in my heart for my life to reflect Christ, and yet, time and time again, I fail. I find myself spent from the striving and empty from the expectation.

I believe we all could use some GRACE + GRIT, and the time is now: Time for you and me to engage deeply in Scripture and conversation about Christian character; time to proclaim and live out bold faith both in love and truth... time for the Church to rise up and commit our lives to the Christ we say we are living for.

It is truly my honor and joy to serve you at this year's retreat! I pray you'll join me for a weekend of wanting, expecting, and having more of Him! Love,

Trae

GATHERING PLACe.

Pine Cove Retreat Center – The Bluffs
Tyler, Texas

<https://www.pinecove.com/conferences/bluffs-facilities>

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Physical address: 17297 Pop McKenzie Rd, Flint, TX 75762

This drive will take approximately 2 ½ hours from Waco. Take Hwy 31 East from Waco through Corsicana, around Athens, and toward Tyler (Hwy 31). Stay on Hwy 31. On the east side of Athens, you will drive through Brownsboro and Chandler. Turn right on FM 2661 (3 miles east of Chandler). Travel approximately 6 miles and the entrance to Pine Cove will be on the right (Pop McKenzie Rd). The entrance to The Bluffs will be approximately ¼ mile on the left. Follow the road up to The Summit dining hall. You will receive your room assignment and instructions there.

You are welcome to arrive any time after 4:00 pm on Friday. Our first activity (dinner) will be at 7:00 pm.

HOUSING, MEALS, & SNACKS.

The Bluffs at Pine Cove is a group of cabins on beautifully landscaped property. We will be staying in rooms that comfortably sleep up to 6. Each room has a variety of bed sizes and a bathroom. Sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels are provided, but you may want to bring your own comfy things. Each room also has a small refrigerator as well.

All meals are included! This includes dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday. The camp has a gourmet coffee shop with beverages for purchase, including bottled water and soft drinks. We also invite you to bring your favorite snack to supply an amazing "grazing table!" YUM!

Free Time.

We have several FUN activities available for your Saturday free time! For an extra fee, you can enjoy horseback riding (\$25), ziplining (\$15), or massages (\$35 for 30 min and \$75 for 60 min).

You may also want to stroll through the camp, drive into Tyler, or take a nap.

REGISTRATION FEE.

The registration fee includes housing, meals, and a t-shirt. Your fee is due by March 11th. You can register and pay online or by completing a registration form (attached) and turn it in to the church office. Make checks payable to Meadowbrook Baptist Church. You can pay in installments, as long as the complete fee is paid in full by due date. There will be no cancellation refunds after March 1st.

Please do NOT let finances keep you from coming.

We can work out arrangements. If you need financial assistance, please contact Sharon Blanchard. If you are able to gift a scholarship this year, please do. It will be a huge blessing to someone!

REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://meadowbrookbc.org/womensretreat/>

WHAT TO BRING.

- Bible
- Sweater or jacket
- Flashlight
- Attitude of fun and worship!

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