

# Retreat Preparations

If you are visiting the Guest Information section of our website today because you've officially received an invitation to attend a Deer Ridge Ministries retreat, there are retreat preparations you should know about summarized below:

We anticipate your arrival after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Check out time on Friday is 10:00 a.m. Because we often have requests for these rooms, please let us know immediately if you are unable to come so we may extend the invitation to another pastor.

Remember, your stay at Deer Ridge involves no charge for room or food. All meals, including Sunday evening supper, are provided. Check in on Sunday is 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the night you arrive. Once you check-in and tour the property, you are free to help yourselves. If you will be arriving later than 7:00, please let us know and we will make other arrangements.

If you have any special dietary needs (diabetic, vegetarian, etc.) for the week you are with us, please let us know on the response sheet enclosed in the packet. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

In her book, *And We Are Changed*, Priscilla Shirer reminds us that Lazarus was a friend of Jesus. After having the miraculous experience of being raised from the dead, Lazarus enjoyed spending time with Jesus. In John 12:1-2, Jesus is at the home of Lazarus, "reclining at the table with him." Shirer points out that we, like Lazarus, have been raised out of our dead life of sin. She asks why we would not want to "spend time at the table and just be in the presence of Jesus." That is what retreating is all about. We want you to have time and space to just "be" with your Lord. Unlike a vacation or planned trip, a retreat is less structured and predictable. However, God is faithful and has promised that where we seek Him, we will find Him.

We are eager to see what God has in store for you while spending time resting in His presence at our retreat resort. Already, we are praying for God's direction and blessing on your visit with us. We congratulate you on taking the risk to come away to be with God. We are convinced that God will honor your commitment to make time for Him.

Enclosed in the packet, you will find directions to our location, a retreat information sheet, and a Statement of Faith and Release form. Please sign and date the form and return it within 10 days with your \$100 deposit to complete your registration and guarantee your reservation. Please verify the phone number to make sure this is a home or cell number where we can reach you. It is very important that we have a "callable" number to verify your reservation or verify directions close to retreat date. Let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Louise Decker,  
Director