



A Prayer Retreat for Pacific SW Conference Pastors, Staff Ministers, and Spouses

March 14-17, 2010
at Mission Springs

Sunday, 7 p.m.
to
Wednesday, 1 p.m.

The retreat at Mission Springs will follow an unstructured "prayer summit" format. It is meant to be a time of prayer and spiritual growth for pastors and church staff. We will come together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit over three days:

- *to pray and to praise*
- *to sing much and to be silent*
- *some of us to fast while we pray*
- *to feast on God's word*
- *to find new sources of encouragement from the Lord and from each other*
- *to find healing from our hurts*
- *to find relief from our sin by open confession*
- *to bring to light what should not remain in the dark*
- *to renew our life and ministry*

For a more than a decade, pastors, staff, and spouses from the PSWC have been gathering for extended times of prayer and worship at Mission Springs. The need is no less present than in the past. Our harried lives and ministries need the balance of time apart for reflection on God's call on our lives and simply rest in Him. If you would like to experience this refreshment, come to our retreat. Those who have come in the past years have left changed people.

The retreat will begin **after supper on Sunday** evening and end with lunch on Wednesday. To fully experience a prayer summit, plan on being present from beginning to end.

Take this time out of your “busy” schedule and give it to the Lord. Trust Him to care for your church or ministry during the time you are gone. Give God the time to do what He has been wanting to do in your life for some time.

Practice the presence of Jesus, our personal friend.

The purpose of our time together is to learn the ‘unforced rhythms of grace’ by taking the time to pay attention to God in a time of sustained prayer; allowing the Spirit to build us up individually and in relationship with one another.

A prayer summit is a prayer retreat without a specific agenda, a program or a ‘leader’. We will gather together in God’s presence and pray for his Spirit to guide us to the next step.

Typically during our sessions, we find ourselves praising God by singing familiar songs and hymns or by reading his Word. Sometimes there are times of deep self-examination and confession before brothers and sisters with the assurance of God’s mercy and forgiveness. Often there is intercession for the needs of one another. In the evenings, we come around the Lord’s Table.

There is great freedom to speak or be silent; to spend time with the group or alone; to follow the Spirit’s promptings during our time together. It is a rare opportunity to be away with God, away from the everyday rush of life, in a time of intimacy and refreshment.

Sessions will be facilitated by Jim Gaderlund and Kevin Budd

We realize the proximity of the retreat to other retreats and conferences. We hope that knowing far enough ahead of time will allow you come to the retreat that God is calling you to.

COST AND REGISTRATION:

Cost will be \$130 per person for double occupancy or \$160 for single occupancy at Mission Springs. This includes meals and lodging.

The registration deadline for the retreat is March 5, 2010.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Church _____

___ I (We) will be attending the Prayer Summit at Mission Springs

___ I would like to room alone (\$160)

___ I would like to share a room (\$130)

Please mail your check (**payable to the PSWC**) by the deadline with this form to:

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