

Spiritual Growth Retreat

August 7-14, 2010

The Presence of the Past: Listening to the Past and Choosing our Future

The stories of the Bible were passed on orally and in writing so future generations would learn about God's actions on behalf of all God's creation and come to obey God as an act of love. They were intended to impact us and change who we can be in Christ.

As we begin living with Lydia, Priscilla, Barnabas, Thomas and Philemon, we will better understand who they were, and how their stories become our stories drawing us closer to the Lord they loved and served.

The week includes Bible study, personal application, worship, fellowship, and leisure activities. Small retreat size (limit 25), the meeting space (Robbins House), and an interactive program structure creates a comfortable atmosphere of informality and caring.

Leaders



Duncan McIntosh-Senior Pastor, First Baptist, Silver Spring, MD. Former Educational Missionary in Congo/Zaire; Professor of Biblical Languages, Evangelism and Church Leadership.



Bill Deans-Poet, playwright, photographer, pastor. Founder and Director of Clergy on Call, a volunteer chaplaincy/counseling ministry in Ft. Wayne, IN

Roger Fredrikson-
Retreat leader and former pastor



Jan DeWitt-Founder of the Center for Women at University of Sioux Falls and past Program Director at Green Lake

Program Fee: \$75. Housing and meals are additional. Housing is in Kern Lodge and Robbins House (on the lake where sessions are held). Meals: We'll eat dinners in Bauer Dining room. All other meals can be prepared in Robbins House or purchased separately.

SCHEDULE

We Learn Lessons in the Present from Biblical Heroes in the Past

Saturday Evening

7:00 Orientation at Robbins House

Sunday Morning

9:00 All Conference
Worship

10:30 How to Read and Connect With A Biblical Story Today, Robbins House

Afternoon Free

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Film and Discussion

Monday-Friday

8:45 A Thought for Today from Scripture

9:00 One of Our Biblical Characters Speaks to Us (focusing on Thomas, Lydia, Barnabas, Priscilla, and Philemon)

9:15 Learning from the Past: The Biblical Background of Each Character

10:15 Refreshment Break

10:45 Quiet Alone Time on the Grounds

11:15 Connecting with the Story in Small Groups

Afternoon Free

6:30 Vespers on the Point

7:30 Ways of Connecting with God-Led by Leaders

8:00 Connecting With Each Other-a planned informal time

