

Green Lake Spiritual Growth Retreat

Along the Shores of Green Lake: Invitations to God's Lavish Provision



From Genesis to Revelation, God's nature of abundance and lavish care is often symbolized by water in its various forms. With the beauty of Green Lake as our backdrop, the 2025 Spiritual Growth Retreat will explore common life themes for followers of Jesus using biblical texts featuring water in the unfolding story of God's people.

Join Dr. Homer Ford, Dr. Soozie Ford, and Dr. Rebecca Reeves to explore invitations to God's lavish provision. All three are known for their relaxed and engaging style as they lead, encouraging discussion and reflection among participants.

Monday: The Invitation to Vocation and Mission

Tuesday: The Invitation to Faith and Pilgrimage

Wednesday: The Invitation to Healing and Wholeness

Thursday: The Invitation to Humility and Service

Friday: The Invitation to Discipleship and Commitment

\$687.12 per person includes six nights' lodging in Oncken-Crum House or Bauer Lodge (single or double occupancy); 17 meals (Sun. dinner thru Sat. breakfast), program fee and refreshments. Dinners only option: \$528.61.

Space is limited to 20. Register: (920) 294-3323



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Speakers: Drs. Homer and Soozi Ford

In their 40+ years of life together, Homer and Soozie have served in local church and regional

ministry with four regions associated with American Baptist Churches: Central (KS & OK); Rocky Mountains (CO & WY); Mid-America (IA & MN); and Indiana/Kentucky. In the post-retirement chapter of their ministry, they moved to the Sioux Falls, SD area and have connected with The Point Is To Serve Church, an ABC-related congregation.

Homer graduated from Alderson-Broadus College with a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy, and Soozie's B.A. is from Ottawa University in Social Psychology and Religious Studies. They received M.Div. degrees from Central Baptist Seminary, were ordained, and married – all in the same year!

Their family includes two daughters, a son-in-law, and one granddaughter. Homer enjoys hunting whatever is in season, fishing, and woodworking. Soozie spends her time chasing genealogical clues left by elusive ancestors; coaxing flowers to grow instead of weeds; reading, and knitting. They delight in spending time with their precious granddaughter, Aria.

Morning Devotions: Dr. Rebecca Reeves



Group Scheduling
Director, Green Lake
Conference Center

Rebecca will explore the imagery of water found in so many hymns and the significance of Jesus

as our Living Water. Each morning will feature a different hymn, its story of origin, and a devotional reflection before we sing it together.



Gathering Space: Oncken-Crum

Sunday, June 8

- 4:00pm Check in at front desk
- 5:00pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Gathering and Get Acquainted at Oncken-Crum House
- 8:00pm Social Time: games, cards, etc.

Monday-Friday, June 9-13

- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:00am Gathering and announcements
John & Caroline Overzet
- 9:20am Devotions and Worship: Rebecca
- 10:00am Coffee Break Fellowship
- 10:30am Bible Study/Discussion: Homer & Soozie
- NOON Lunch followed by afternoon
free time – optional activities
- 5:00pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Reflection and group discussion
Homer & Soozie
- 8:00pm Social Time

Wednesday, June 11

- 1:30 pm Remembering Dr. Cathleen Narowitz,
former retreat attendee

Thursday, June 12

- 8:00pm Pie Night at Oncken-Crum House!
Special Guest: Ben Mott

Friday, June 13

- 7:30pm Parting Communion

Saturday, June 14

- 7:30am Breakfast (no session)

