

WHAT HAPPENS IN TOCCOA...

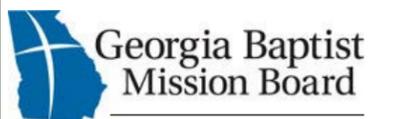
Our Retreat Schedule can be summed up like this: We eat, and then we do something, and then we eat again, and then we do something. And that repeats for the entire time that you are with us. We enjoy fabulous all-you-can-eat meals in our Dining Hall, and Refreshment Breaks are sponsored at various times throughout the retreat by Baptist Retirement Communities of Georgia and Baptist Village Retirement Communities. There will be awe-inspiring moments of worship along with a variety of workshops to enable you to grow in your personal and spiritual life. You have already seen inside this brochure the entertainment opportunities that await you. Other activities include:

Variety Show: On Day 1 at 4:00 p.m., we host a Variety Show as part of our Opening Session. Variety Show applications will be mailed to you with your deposit receipt letter. Please mail the completed forms back to us with your rooming list. BE CREATIVE! You have plenty of time to “get your act together,” BUT if you cannot say it, sing it, or do it in front of your mother, please do not do it here! Ideally, your talent (whether singing, acting, telling stories/jokes, or whatever!) needs to be less than five minutes! The more participants we have for this, the better the show will be.

Golf Tournament: On Day 2 (weather permitting), there will be a Captain's Choice Golf Tournament. Golfers will depart for the golf course at 10:00 a.m. and will return to the Conference Center before 4:00. Cost for this tournament is \$35 per person. When making reservations, please let us know how many would like to participate in the golf tournament. You can contact Bob Smith at bobsmithmusic@knology.net for more information.

Door Prizes: Each church registered is asked to bring a door prize (or prizes) valued at \$2.00 multiplied by the number of people you are bringing. Each individual door prize should have a MINIMUM value of \$10.00. If you bring 40 attendees, then you should bring \$80 worth of door prizes (8 prizes at \$10 each). These will be given away at different times throughout the Homecoming Retreat. Participation is voluntary, but your group must bring a door prize to be eligible to win door prizes.

Ministry Outreach: For each Homecoming Retreat, we select a local ministry or organization to assist. We may help stock a food bank or reach out to a children's home or some other viable ministry with specific needs. A list of items for you to bring with you will be mailed with your deposit receipt letter. What a wonderful opportunity we have to show Jesus to those around us.



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GEORGIA BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER — TOCCOA, GA

Come join us at the Georgia Baptist Conference Center in the beautiful mountains of Northeast Georgia for an unforgettable two nights of fun, fellowship, worship, and relaxation. Whether you choose to come in the spring, the fall, or at Christmas (or even all three!!), you will receive a warm welcome and will enjoy a retreat away from the bustle of everyday life. It is a time to refresh yourself in your relationship with God, renew your friendships with others, and relax in the beauty of God's creation that surrounds the conference center.

Jerrell Beatty — RETREAT PASTOR



Jerrell Beatty has been described and complimented as “one of the finest fellows you will ever meet.” He will be the first to tell you that he is just “an old country boy serving an Almighty God who is much bigger than you or I.” Jerrell has committed his life to serving God and to loving others the way Christ continues to love us. Jerrell served as Minister of Music for several years before answering God's call to preach at Tate's Creek Baptist Church in Toccoa, GA where he serves as pastor today. Jerrell is our Retreat Pastor at the *Spring and Christmas Homecoming Retreats*.

John Bryan — RETREAT PASTOR



Dr. John Bryan is a native Georgian, married to his high school sweetheart, for 42 years. They have three sons and five granddaughters who are his “darlings.” John's ministry has taken him around the world but his pastorates have been in Texas and Georgia, including ten Georgia churches as an Interim Pastor. His current role with the GBMB is to raise awareness and equip churches in mission giving and stewardship, along with pastoral care. Dr. Bryan's greatest joy is seeing lives changed through the preaching of God's Word and the power of prayer. John is our Retreat Pastor at the *Fall Homecoming Retreat*.



Bob Smith — MUSIC EVANGELIST AND CO-HOST (ALL RETREATS)

Bob's music ministry exists to exalt Jesus Christ as Savior, pointing people to His saving grace, and encouraging the believer, by presenting Biblically sound music with a passionate commitment to genuine worship and an unwavering dedication to excellence. Bob says, “It is my conviction and belief that if my talents are to have true significance in ministry, I must be surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus. Music has the prospect of ministering only when Jesus Christ is honored and glorified.



Jeff Cleghorn — MUSIC EVANGELIST AND CO-HOST (ALL RETREATS)

Jeff has been in full-time music evangelism since 2008. His concert and music ministry has carried him into many churches of varied denominations in ten different states and two foreign countries. Through his ministry, he provides piano concerts, leads music for revivals, and does worship leader supply throughout the southeast. Jeff says, “God has put a song in my heart. Whenever I sit down at the piano keyboard, my desire is that the listener hears God sing the song through my hands. He alone is worthy of all praise.” In addition to his solo ministry, Jeff travels with his family performing Southern Gospel music concerts as The Cleghorns. Visit Jeff's website at www.jeffcleghorn.com.

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FALL HOMECOMING 2017

SESSION 1: OCTOBER 23-25, 2017
SESSION 2: OCTOBER 25-27, 2017



Aaron Wilburn — EVENING 1

Aaron Wilburn brings the house down with laughter...and he does it without four-letter words or making his audience feel uncomfortable. A feature on the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos, he has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his own down-home brand of humor, as he talks about his southern roots, his family, children and his faith. Little would one expect that the same guy that brings people to tears with laughter also has written songs that have touched the lives of so many. His gift of songwriting has brought with it Dove Awards as well as Grammy nominations. Whether he is on stage in an arena surrounded by 15,000 or in a banquet setting for a corporation or church, Aaron Wilburn is at home. And to borrow his famous three words, "He's funny, bless his heart!"



New Ground — EVENING 2

From the foot of Sand Mountain, Alabama, Southern Gospel Music fills the air and is the home of the group, New Ground. The group began singing in June of 1993. The husband and wife team of Dale and Robbie Maxwell are joined by David Owens to round out their trio. New Ground has been nominated for many industry awards and they have many Top 20 and Top 40 hits to their credit. The group considers it an honor to share God's Word in song. Check out their website at www.newgroundministries.com for more information.

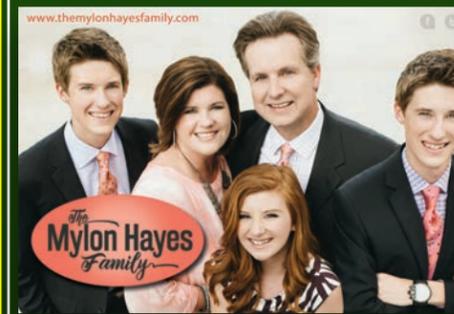
SPRING HOMECOMING 2018

SESSION 1: APRIL 23-25, 2018
SESSION 2: APRIL 25-27, 2018



Tim Lovelace — EVENING 1

As a nationally sought after comedian, musician and motivational speaker, Tim Lovelace has been described as the most versatile comedian on stage today. His award-winning musical talents, coupled with his crystal clean humor have people of all ages laughing their ribs loose! With over three decades of world travel under his performance belt, he has developed his concerts into more than just a great or funny show. He uses humor for a purpose—to motivate and inspire by sharing life lessons through his unique delivery. He is a masterful storyteller, and his heart for others always comes shining through. Tim's passion for life is contagious and effectual. Tim Lovelace is one funny man who not only wants people to laugh, but most importantly to discover real joy and happiness for this journey of life!



The Mylon Hayes Family — EVENING 2

The Mylon Hayes Family comes to us from Hudson, NC. Mylon and his wife Wendy are joined on stage by their 18-year old twin sons, Conner and Bailey, and their 14-year old daughter, Kennedy. This family's desire is to lift up the Lord with the music they sing, pointing people to the cross. The Mylon Hayes Family hopes you see Jesus and realize His great love for you in the songs they sing and the words they say.

CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING 2017

DECEMBER 4-6, 2017



Darrell and Dawn Ritchie — EVENING 1

Darrell Ritchie has been a singer and songwriter since 1989, touring the southeastern United States and releasing six CDs of original material. A former self-described "liberal heathen," Dawn was gloriously saved in July 2012 and she and Darrell were married in September 2012. She soon joined her husband on stage, and today they actively tour together, sharing their music, ministry, and passion for the Lord through concerts, worship leading, revivals, or wherever He leads them. Darrell and Dawn see their ministry as a reminder that God is faithful to His children. He hears us when we call on Him and remains a never-ending help in time of need.



Buddy Lamb — EVENING 2

Buddy Lamb is a professional Christian entertainer, standup comedian, magician, author, teacher, and Pastor from Columbus, Georgia. Entertaining audiences for more than 40 years, he has also taught at numerous festivals, seminars, and professional training schools since 1983. He served as Drama Consultant for the Georgia Baptist Convention for 10 years, and has directed several troupes as well as published several articles and scripts. You will laugh, cry, and receive a blessing through the show that Buddy presents.

CONFERENCE RATES:

\$155 per person based on TWO guests PER ROOM
Price includes two nights lodging, six delicious meals, and all entertainment

Single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$50 (\$205 total)

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

For reservations or more information,
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