

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 you are with us. We enjoy fabulous all-you-can-eat meals in the Lakeside 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:

Golf Tournament: On Day 2 of the Spring and Christmas retreats (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 bob@bobsmithministries.org 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.



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. He 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 45 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 — Co-Host (SPRING AND CHRISTMAS RETREATS)



Following thirty years as a Minister of Music and fifteen years as a Vocational Music Evangelist, Bob began serving as Minister of Senior Adults at First Baptist Church in Trussville, Alabama in March 2018. In the early years of senior adult life himself, Bob has a sharpened awareness of the needs and challenges facing senior adults. He says, "My passion has shifted toward encouraging and ministering to senior adults. The experience, wisdom, leadership, resources, and availability of seniors is unmatched by any other age group in the church." Even though Bob is now a full-time church staff member, he still has limited dates available to share his ministry in your church.

Jeff Cleghorn — Host/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 eleven 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, 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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SPRING HOMECOMING 2020

SESSION 1: APRIL 27-29, 2020
SESSION 2: APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2020



The Cleghorns — EVENING 1

A family tradition in Southern Gospel Music, THE CLEGHORNS are matriarch Judy Cleghorn and her sons Jeff and Jim. For more than fifty years, different generations of their family have traveled the country, singing God's praises and encouraging others with the love of Jesus through their music. Today, they are often joined onstage by Jeff and Jim's children, representing the fourth generation of their family to share the Gospel with music. You will be blessed and encouraged on your journey as their family sings Southern Gospel classics mixed with newer favorites and hits.



Gracie and Lacy — EVENING 2

Award-winning sister act GRACIE AND LACY will present their Hollywood Canteen show. You will be swept back to the era when entertainers such as Bob Hope and the Andrews Sisters sang and danced their hearts out in USO show tours boosting morale and performing the hope-filled music that brought America through the war years. The sisters will recreate the iconic *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* and tell intriguing stories behind songs such as *Sentimental Journey* and *Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree*. Do not miss this exclusive performance to meet Gracie and Lacy as they salute American heroes in a star-spangled tribute.

FALL HOMECOMING 2020

SESSION 1: OCTOBER 26-28, 2020
***WITH OPTIONAL SENIOR ADULT CHOIR TRACK
SESSION 2: NOVEMBER 2-4, 2020



Karen Peck and New River — EVENING 1

The voice of Gospel Music Hall of Fame member Karen Peck Gooch is unmistakable. Karen, with her popular trio New River, has enjoyed five Grammy Award nominations as well as six Dove Awards. The musical team of Karen Peck and New River was formed in January 1991 following Karen's departure from the popular Rex Nelon Singers. Since that time, New River has shared the Gospel through song around the world. Their ministry is truly a family affair as Karen is joined by her husband Rickey, their children Matthew and Kari, Karen's sister Susan, as well as newest member Grant Gibson. After nearly 30 years, they are more committed than ever to sharing the message of the Gospel through song.



Justin Fennell — EVENING 2

Everyone loves a good laugh, and that is exactly what you are guaranteed to experience when you hear Justin Fennell. From the moment Justin hits the stage, you will know that you are in for more than just another "talking head." Justin takes you on a hilarious journey through the ordinaries of life, specializing in clean, "slice of life" humor that see the funny in everyday situations, especially those involving the family. A former Associate Pastor turned comedian/motivational speaker, Justin is also significantly involved in humanitarian relief through Calcutta Mercy Ministries. He and his wife Dretha reside in Lakeland, Florida where he enjoys golfing, fishing, and anything outdoors.

CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING 2020

DECEMBER 7-9, 2020



Children Of The Promise — EVENING 1

Children of the Promise, a young group that has emerged on the national Gospel music scene, is quickly turning heads and catching the ear of Gospel music lovers everywhere. Hailing from Cedartown, Georgia, Nikki Shaw is joined on stage by her sons Jacob, Eli and Isaac. Nikki's husband Russ works behind the scenes in the family's full-time music ministry that has carried them into fourteen states over the past seven years. Their music and warm family harmonies coupled with their youthful energy will captivate you as they share their message that Jesus saves!



Trevor Thomas — EVENING 2

Actor and entertainer Trevor Thomas has been touring America since 1991. He creates characters that people can laugh at, cry with, and learn from. Known throughout the country as "Mr. Drama," Trevor holds a bachelors degree in communication with a minor in theater performance. He has worked professionally in theater, television, and film. Trevor performs approximately 180 engagements each year in churches, concerts, and various special events. In each appearance, theater, comedy, music, and evangelism collide; and Broadway, Red Skelton, and Carol Burnett meet Billy Graham. His talents are merged in a combination of monologues, sketches, music, comedy, and mime. Everything varies from funny to serious; however, all material is worshipful, evangelistic, and edifying for the church. It is an unforgettable worship experience for the believer and a picture of salvation for the lost. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is always the theme!

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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