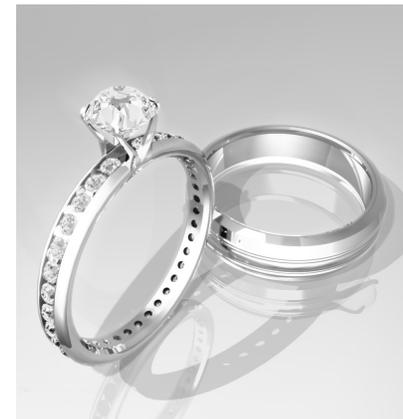


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General Information

Schedule

Sermon Notes

Thank you for coming to our Couples' Retreat! We hope you had a great time. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments about the retreat. Have a safe trip home, and, Lord willing, we'll see you on Sunday.



Welcome to our Couples' Retreat!

Welcome to the Embassy Suites Hotel and the Inter-City Baptist Church Couples' Retreat! We pray this weekend will be a special time for you.

Having the retreat here at the Sheraton Hotel provides us an excellent setting to learn and laugh together. We pray that God will give you a great time in His Word, with your spouse and with others from our church. Our desire is that this retreat will display God's glory by establishing and maintaining God-honoring relationships in the home and church.

It is our pleasure to have Pastor Jim Newcomer join us for our Couples' Retreat this year. He and his wife Lorie have three children. Unfortunately Lorie could not join us for our retreat. Since 2005 Pastor Newcomer has served as the associate pastor of Colonial Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA. Prior to coming to Colonial, Pastor Newcomer served in two other churches as an associate pastor and as a senior pastor.

Thank you for taking part in this year's Couples' Retreat. We view you as our guests for the weekend. If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. We'll do our best to help you in whatever way we can!

The Pastoral Staff



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What Repentance Looks Like in Marriage (2 Cor 5:17)

1. There is a _____.
2. There is a _____ to _____.
3. There is a desire to _____ real _____.
4. There is a _____ against sin.
5. There is a fresh sense of the _____ of _____.
6. There is an unreserved _____ for those who _____.
7. There is a _____ of _____.

A. W. Tozer—"Safety and peace come only after we have been forced to our knees. God rescues us by breaking us, by shattering our strength and wiping out our resistance."



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Mercies of Confrontation

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Retreat Schedule

Friday

3:30 p.m. Registration and Check-In

6:00 p.m. Dinner
 DaVinci's Market

7:30 p.m. Chapel Session: Pastor Jim Newcomer
 St. Clair Room

9:00 p.m. Fun Time
 St. Clair Room

9:45 p.m. Optional Activities
 Board games, socializing, snacks and relaxation

Saturday

6:30 a.m. - Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Served in the Atrium

9:30 a.m. Chapel Session: Pastor Jim Newcomer
 St. Clair Room

10:30 a.m. Check-Out
 Please check out of your room between the morning sessions.

11:30 a.m. Chapel Session: Pastor Jim Newcomer
 St. Clair Room

12:30 p.m. Head for Home!

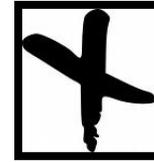


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Dating in Marriage

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Saturday Morning "God & Us Time"

Good morning! I trust that you are somewhat rested and enjoying this fast-moving retreat! It's an amazing grace to steal away as a couple for a gospel-saturated evaluation of your marriage. As Gary and Betsy Ricucci write in *Love that Lasts*,

When we grasp the depth of God's love for us revealed in the gospel, when we rest in the joy of God's forgiveness toward us in the gospel, when we experience God's transforming power in us through the gospel, and when we begin to emulate the pattern of humility and obedience we see in the gospel, what a wonderful difference this will make in our lives and marriages! Nothing is more essential to a marriage, and nothing brings more hope, than applying the gospel of Jesus Christ." (23)

1. Please take *no less than 30 minutes* to work through the following together as a couple this morning before our first session.
2. Read Ephesians 5:15-33 aloud.
3. Briefly talk through the 9 reasons to date that I mentioned last night in the message. Each of you discuss the 3 or 4 that really impacted you the most. Why?
4. Spend time right now and pray through the 9 reasons to date as it impacts your marriage.
5. Briefly answer this question: When is it hard to approach each other with spiritual concerns? Why?