Marriage Retreat
January 27-28, 2017
Crowne Plaza
Auburn Hills
Strong marriages require intentionality and investment.

It’s all too easy to take this closest of relationships for granted and keep pressing through the routine of life without pausing to step back and focus on one another. Whether you are newly married, been at this a long time, feel like things are going great, or whether your relationship feels frayed, take the time to invest in your marriage through this retreat.

This retreat will help you:

• Better understand God’s purposes for your marriage
• Communicate better with your spouse about issues and conflicts
• Work together on specific issues facing your marriage & family
• Gain perspective for an immediate impact on your marriage

Each session will provide plenty of time for couples to work through the material together, and you’ll leave with a plan for addressing 1-2 top priorities that you, as a couple, decide upon during the retreat.

SCHEDULE

**Friday Night: 7:30-9:15 PM**

Keynote: “Communication: Cultivating Intimacy”

**Saturday: 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM** (plus date night on your own, as you are able)

Keynotes: “The Purpose of Marriage” & “Choreography: The Art of Marriage”

Four Workshops to choose from.

Lunch on-site at O’Malley’s Irish Tavern.

RETREAT COSTS & OTHER DETAILS

Retreat-Only Cost (no hotel room): $120/couple
Retreat Cost with 1 Night Hotel & Breakfast: $240/couple

Lunch on Saturday at O’Malley’s Irish Tavern is included for everyone in the retreat cost. You will be able to select your lunch options on Saturday morning.

When you register you’ll select two workshops to attend on Saturday.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

George and Tammy Kelly are Christian counselors whose practice is based on a biblical view of people, problems, and solutions. They each have over thirty years of counseling experience in hospital and private-practice settings. Their practice is located in Rochester Hills. George and Tammy are members of Providence Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Southfield, Michigan, where George serves as an elder.
LODGING

We've chosen The Crowne Plaza in Auburn Hills because it offers nice rooms and meeting space and also because it is close to home. We encourage you to stay at the hotel on Friday night if you are able to maximize the retreat experience, but you may stay in your own home and show up for the sessions if that works best for you.

What can you expect if you choose to stay at Crowne Plaza?

- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Heated indoor swimming pool ad whirlpool
- Dry-heat sauna
- Rooms with plush duvet, luxurious sheets, and cotton blankets

WORKSHOPS

“The Marriage Masterpiece” with Geoff & Louise Skelton
Like a long forgotten work of art, marriage is often undervalued and unappreciated. But beneath the dust and grime created by a culture that says to care only when it’s convenient lies a beautiful masterpiece designed by God Himself. Let’s take a fresh look together at the exquisite design God has for our marriages and glean insights on how to reflect God’s vibrant masterpiece within our own marriages.

“Opposites Attract” with Steve & Connie Whitaker
We are each divinely created and uniquely made individuals with an inborn set of strengths and weaknesses that make us who we are. When we encounter those personality traits in our spouse we have a choice as to how we are going to respond. In this workshop we will examine our own strengths and weaknesses and those of our partner, learn how to accentuate our positives and mitigate our negatives, and come to understand that just because our partner is different doesn't necessarily make them wrong.

“Parenting and Prodigals” with Bob & Debbie Zeeb
God has promised to answer our prayers, but He has not promised to answer them according to our expectations. Join us as we relate some of the things we have learned through our parenting experience. You’ll have the opportunity to share your stories and ask questions. You are not alone as you navigate this very challenging aspect of parenting!

“Working Hard (and Working Smart) Pays Off” with Matt & Kim Forster
Every newlywed couple quickly realizes that a happy marriage takes some work. In fact, it takes a lot of work. A strong commitment to the relationship goes a long way, but we can work smarter, too. We’ll explore how shedding our pride, opening up to God, and being vulnerable with each other can make a real difference in our marriages. We hope this session will help couples improve communication, create places where we feel safe with each other (my crazy and your crazy have to mix, but how?), and fan the flames of passion (get back the butterflies!).
**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Contact Info**

Last Name

His First Name         Her First Name

His Email

Her Email

Daytime Contact Phone

This is: □ Home   □ Work   □ Cell

**Retreat Options**

- □ Retreat Only ($120/couple)
- □ Retreat + Room for Friday Night ($240/couple)
  - Pay $120 to Faith Church at registration for the retreat
  - Pay $120 to Crowne Plaza for your room at checkout
  - Includes breakfast Saturday

**Workshop Selections**

Check 2 workshops to attend as a couple.

- □ The Marriage Masterpiece (with Skeltons)
- □ Opposites Attract (with Whitakers)
- □ Parenting and Prodigals (with Zeebs)
- □ Working Hard (and Smart) Pays Off (with Forsters)

Payment Included: ________________________________

(Make checks out for $120 payable to Faith Church with “Marriage Retreat” on the Memo line.)

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**Questions:**

Contact Steve Sage  
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We have designed the accommodations to be flexible so you have a couple of options:

- If you wish to keep costs down &/or need to stay at home at night with your children, you can pay to attend only the retreat sessions.

- If possible, we encourage you to maximize your retreat experience by staying on-site at The Crowne Plaza Friday night. (Faith Church has committed to a minimum number of rooms, so we hope several of you decide to stay!) Breakfast is provided if you stayed at the hotel.

Check out the accommodations at [www.cpauburnhills.com](http://www.cpauburnhills.com).

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