



CHBC 2020 COUPLES' RETREAT

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2020

Chota Falls - Clayton, GA

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Why does Marriage as God designed it Matter in this day and age, where the world defines marriage differently and devalues it completely?

What Matters must we tend to in our Marriage to ensure it reflects the image of God to our spouse and others if we are to be an example of Christ and the Church?

Welcome to the 7th Annual CHBC Couples' Retreat!

You took time off of work, arranged for childcare, made the long trip here, and came expecting to hear from God on how to care for and improve your marriage. We have **prayed** for you, **prepared** for you, and **planned** an amazing Retreat for you. Your Marriage Matters, and we desire to encourage you this Valentine's Day weekend in the essential Matters of your Marriage. When our Marriage functions as God designed it to, it is the foundation of the family, the church, and society itself. We pray you enjoy the venue, the speakers, the food, the workshops, and each other this weekend.

God Bless,

Dr. Craig and Mrs. Margaret Bennett
Pastor and Pastor's Wife,
Calvary's Harvest Baptist Church



Every year we provide you with a keepsake gift and Couples' Challenge.

The Gift:

This year, we've provided you a set of 3 books: Marriage Matters, For Married Women Only, & For Married Men Only.

These short books remind us why Marriage Matters, how valuable it is, and what a husband and wife can do to ensure their purpose as God created it is fulfilled in each marriage.

This is your homework, meant to foster devotions and discussion between you as husband and wife. As you evaluate your own marriage, please read Marriage Matters together, and then read your husband/wife book to take a good look at what Matters most to God in your role as a husband or wife and set about improving in those areas.

You've also received a handheld mirror, custom created with an image/verse on one side and 2 kinds of mirrors on the other.

This is a tangible reminder that God created us male and female and gave us to our spouse in marriage so that we can reflect His image to our spouse and others.

When we get this right, the reflection is as beautiful as a sunset reflecting God's glory over a pristine lake: a clean and clear reflection of Him to the church and the world. When we get it wrong, we hold a broken mirror up to God's image and reflect a distorted view of Him to each other and everyone else around us.

We challenge you to take this mirror home and keep it handy.

Use it regularly in your alone time to examine which image you're reflecting, to remind yourself of the high calling of your marriage, and pray God puts any broken pieces back together until the image you reflect is just as clear as He intended. Have the tough conversations with yourself and each other to figure out what areas need work.



The Challenge: throughout the retreat, shout out your spouse and others when you see them reflecting God's image or character in their words or actions.

Point at him/her and say,

"I see you what you did there!!"

Hand them one of the 5 small round mirrors in the drawstring bags each of you have in your gift bag. Whoever has the most mirrors at the end of the retreat will win a \$25 Starbucks Gift Card!



Meet our Speakers



Pastor Edward & Mrs. Pearl Pope reside in Hurt, VA.

They have been married 49 years. They have 5 adult children (one of them is our former church member Leviticus Pope), 3 daughters-in-law, and 10 grandchildren.

They have been serving over 37 years at the White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Dry Fork, VA where Pastor Pope is Senior Pastor and Mrs. Pope serves as Women's Ministry Leader.

They both serve faithfully as mentors, teachers and leaders in the community as well as the church. Pastor Pope is Director of the White Oak Grove Outreach Center, President of Danville/Pittsylvania County Church Based Tutorial Program and President of the Ministers Fellowship of Pittsylvania County.

Pastor Pope is a graduate of Liberty University Institute of Biblical Studies, and a Vietnam Veteran in the Marine Corps.

In addition to serving in the home Mrs. Pope also serves as Youth Leader, choir member and Sunday School Teacher.

They are co-founders of the Christian Couples Retreat, celebrating 27 years this year. They believe any marriage can be saved and /or strengthened through counseling if the couple is willing to seek advice, then obey the advice given.

Thursday, Feb 13

3pm: Check-in

5pm, Event Hall: Welcome Session, get to know everyone

6:30-7:30: Dinner

7:45, Event Hall: Session 1

Marriage Matters - why Marriage as God designed it Matters to Him so much, and why it should matter to us, too.

Friday, February 14th

8-9am: Breakfast

9:15-11am: Breakouts -

Men in their choice of Event Hall or Chapel,

Women upstairs above event hall in Conference Room

9:15-10am, Session 2: ***The Matter of Alignment***

How marriages fail when the husband, wife, or both is out of line with their God-given position in their marriage.

10:15-11am, Session 3: ***The Matter of Assignment***

What God wants a husband or wife to do in order to fulfill their God-given role in marriage

*Entire Group Gets Back Together in Event Hall

11:15am, Session 4: ***The Matter of Achievement***

What God intends for married couples to achieve for Him in their families, churches, societies

12-1pm: Lunch

Friday, February 14th, Continued

1-5pm: Free time

1-2pm: Optional ***Money Matters*** Family Finance Workshop
*taught by Bro Terrance Houston

5-5:30pm: Waterfall Couples' Photos

5:30-6:30: Dinner at Villa Maria (next to waterfall)

6:45-7:30pm, Session 5: ***The Matter of Amazement***
**this session will be in the Chapel

How amazing our marriage can be when we get it right, and why caring for the Matters of Marriage makes our Marriages Matter for The Lord

7:30pm-8pm (weather permitting):
S'mores and Hot Chocolate at the fire pit

8:15pm, Event Hall: Movie Screening
Do You Believe?

Saturday, February 15th

8-9am: Breakfast

9:15am-11:30am, Chapel:

Wrapup Sermonette, Homework Assignment of the MM books,
Mirror Challenge Recap - Pastor Bennett

Testimonies/Prayer, Dismissal

11:30am: Checkout. Need to be out of rooms by 12pm. Leave keys, if you had one, on the kitchen counter on your way out.



Marriage Matters CHBC Couples' Retreat 2020

*When we recognize our marriage
should **reflect the image of God**,
we will begin
to make **positive**
changes in our
marriage
relationship.*

