



Women's Retreat FAQs

FEB 9TH-10TH, 2018

We're anticipating questions about the 2018 Women's Retreat and wanted to share this FAQ for those of you who have already registered and others who are still considering the opportunity. Our hope is to help address common questions and alleviate any uncertainties or barriers you might have about joining for the weekend. If you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to email events@downtowncornerstone.org. We would absolutely love for you to join and are praying for the time together!

Who is the leadership team for this event?

Pastor Craig is overseeing the vision and teaching elements with support of Deacon Tiffany Butler. Sarah Wright is managing the logistics and day of coordination along with several other women within DCC including Jen Weiss, the emcee for the weekend. We've incorporated feedback from last year's Women's Retreat with the hope of meeting various needs and serving the women within our body well. We welcome questions and feedback before or after the event!

Why February?

We are capitalizing on the time with Ray and Jani Ortlund while they're in town, with Ray leading an Acts 29 event on Friday and preaching on Sunday. Although the weather may not be as bright and lovely, it should make for a cozy weekend with fewer scheduling conflicts than in the spring or summer seasons.

Why Warm Beach?

We decided to pursue a camp and conference center hybrid to help lower the cost for all participating. Warm Beach is convenient to downtown (no mountain ridge to cross in icy weather or ferry to take) while still offering a retreat from the city. With more private hangout space for our group, it should allow for increased fellowship and solitude.

Who will be speaking?

We've invited Jani Ortlund, a seasoned speaker to lead the three main teaching sessions and believe her experience and outside voice will be an encouragement and gift to our body. We also value the opportunity for women within DCC to teach and are currently pulling together a team of DCC members to help lead throughout the weekend including Jen Weiss, Melissa McGilliard, Cheryl Tam, and Tiffany Butler. We trust that God will do great things through each of the women presenting. Be praying as they prepare!

What's the schedule for the weekend?

The weekend will be interactive with singing, mingling, teaching, food, discussion, and times of reflection and prayer. To give you an idea of what this will look like, here's our tentative schedule:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

4:00 pm	Begin Arriving at Warm Beach / Check-in
6:00 pm	Registration / Mingling
7:30 pm	Opening Worship
7:45 pm	Welcome
8:00 pm	Testimony
8:15 pm	Session 1: <i>Delight will deepen when your soul is at rest</i>
9:30 pm	Late Night Snack / Mingling
10:30 pm	Transition to Rooms

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Optional Morning Devotional
9:15 am	Opening Worship
9:45 am	Session 2: <i>Delight will deepen when you learn to drink from the river of God's delight</i>
10:45am	Break
11:00 am	Workshops
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Free Time
2:45 pm	Optional Discussions: <i>Singleness, Marriage, Parenting</i>
3:45 pm	Group Activity
4:00 pm	Session 3: <i>Delight can deepen even in the desert</i>
5:00 pm	Table Discussion
5:30 pm	Closing Worship & Prayer
6:30 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Pack-Up / Depart Warm Beach

What if the cost is a barrier for me?

If cost is a barrier, please request a scholarship when you submit your registration and we'll work with you to cover the remainder of what you're able to pay.

Why an overnight event?

Extending our discipleship from just one day allows for more time to connect, learn, and process with one another. Our goal was to get the most out of our time together while forgoing the additional cost of a two-night stay. We've made a Saturday-only registration option available if you're only available to come up for part of the weekend.

Are children allowed?

We don't anticipate many mothers bringing little ones up for the night, but wanted to alleviate that as a potential barrier for moms with nursing babies who have the desire to participate for both days. We'd encourage you to find child care during the retreat so you can focus, relax, and rejuvenate spiritually. If you have any questions or concerns, email events@downtowncornerstone.org.

Can I book my own private room?

Depending on room availability, we will do our best to accommodate this need. If you require your own room for Friday night, please email events@downtowncornerstone.org and we'll work with you to set up an alternate registration option.

What types of activities are available for Saturday afternoon?

We'll have a few hours of free time on Saturday afternoon with weather-dependent options for basketball, volleyball, tennis, disc golf, and trail-walking(all free to participate). If you'd rather stay indoors, opt for a nap in your room, read or play board games in one of the hangout spaces, or join one of the three informal Q&A discussions regarding singleness, marriage, and parenting.