

My Precious Sisters in Christ,

I know many of you have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of this packet. Well, wait no more! Hopefully, this is all the information you will need to secure your reservations for our 2009 Ladies Retreat. All of this will also be posted to the Georgia District website. This has the potential of being the biggest crowd ever; so, don't tarry long about getting your information back to Lois Smithwick.

I need to make you aware of some changes regarding our lodging and meals. By request of our Camp Manager and approval of District Camp Board, all meals will be prepared and served by the Adrian Kitchen Staff. I do want to express my deepest appreciation for the outstanding job our men have done over the past 16 years, in preparing and serving our meals and so graciously accommodating us in many other ways. The new fee structure has increased our cost; so, regretfully, we must pass that along to you. We will continue to make every effort to keep cost reasonable and still provide the quality program to which you are accustomed.

SPEAKER: Our beloved Allison Durham Speer will be our guest singer/speaker for this year. Many of you have met her and been blessed by her anointed singing at our Georgia District Assembly, for a number of years now. She is truly one of us in faith and spirit! In addition to music ministry, her unique gift of storytelling embraces you with the comfort of a good friend. She shares that her travels to Russia and Bosnia with Christian relief organization International Aid and the Philippines with the American Leprosy Mission have left her changed and moved to a deeper communion with God and with a resolve to banish complacency. She reflects: "We must lose our egos and find our complete identity in the person of Jesus. It is in the shedding of His blood that we find our lives and in His suffering and death alone, that we must boast.

REGISTRATION: All registration forms should be mailed to Lois Smithwick, Registrar, by October 13, 2009, along with a \$20.00 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, per person. Rooms cannot be held without this deposit. If you have a group coming from your church, it is advantageous to mail all forms together. It is much easier for us to make group assignments this way. All checks are payable to: Georgia District Women's Ministries.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Your options are enumerated on the enclosed registration form. Assignments will be made on a first come, first serve basis. If you are assigned any facility other than Latham Lodge, you will need to bring your own bed linens and towels, etc.

CRAFT FAIR: You will need to reserve your table on the appropriate form provided in this packet and mail to Lois Smithwick. Please encourage gifted ladies from your church and community to participate. This is an opportunity for crafters to make some extra money and for all of us to do some early holiday shopping. Traditionally, vendors who participate donate 10% of their earnings to our District Ladies Fund. This money is used to purchase needed items for our retreat and other projects.

OTHER: Sorry, we are unable to accommodate children in our retreat. It is my prayer that God will provide child care assistance so that you will be able to enjoy this weekend with us. Moms....you need a break!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening. Please note on your registration form if you will not be arriving in time for this meal. Friday evening refreshments will be served following our general session, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Finally, please be responsible for sharing this information with all the ladies in your church, and pray for God's special protection and anointing throughout the weekend. He is faithful!

Anticipating our time together,

Carolyn Pitts Brand, Director

**GEORGIA DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT
November 13-15, 2009**

*Carolyn Brand, Director
770 565-8936*

Please complete the following registration information and mail directly to:

**Lois Smithwick, Registrar
910 Anderson Street
Dublin Georgia 31021
478 274-9053 (Home)**

Church & Location _____
Name _____
Address _____
Phone: Day _____ **Evening** _____

LODGE PREFERENCE:

Latham Lodge	(\$ 85 per person, 2 or more per room	_____
	(\$115 per person, 1 per room)	_____
Duncan	(\$65 per person)	_____
Eason	(\$65per person)	_____
Anderson	(\$65 per person)	_____
Smith	(\$65 per person)	_____
Lodge II (Dorm)	(\$65 per person)	_____
Private Cabin	(\$50 per person)	_____
Lodging off grounds	(\$50 per person)	_____
Meals and Lodging off grounds	(\$30 per person)	_____

An additional charge of \$10.00 per person will be added to the above rates for all pre-regi7stration postmarked after October 13, 2009.

I prefer to room with _____
I need first floor _____ **Dietary restrictions** _____

A \$20.00 deposit is required, per person, by October 13, 2009. Registration will begin at 3:00 pm, November 13. All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Dress is casual! Adults only.

If after pre-registering, you find you will not be able to attend, please notify Lois Smithwick so that someone on the waiting list may be assigned your room. Thank you!

**GEORGIA DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CRAFT FAIR
REGISTRATION FORM 2009**

Church_____

Vendor's Name_____

Description of Craft_____

Person in Charge_____

Space must be reserved in advance, by October 13, 2009. No late entries can be accepted without prior arrangements with Registrar or Director/

Registration form required for each individual vendor, except for a church group who are sharing a table or tables. In that case, only one form is required.

**Mail this form to: Lois Smithwick, Registrar
910 Anderson Street
Dublin, Georgia 31002**

478 274-9053(Home)

Your form may be e-mailed to: jacksmithwick@bellsouth.net