

**RETREAT
REGISTRATION**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Special Requests

Room Preference: _____

(ex: first floor, single, private bath)

Roommate: _____

Diet: _____

Transportation Needed: (Y) _____ (N) _____

Other: _____

Use by planning committee

\$50.00 deposit _____ Date _____

2nd payment _____ Date _____

Final payment _____ Date _____

Tear and return with deposit or payment

**Avondale Presbyterian
Church
ANNUAL**

LIVING A JOYFUL LIFE



*.....the emotion of great delight or
happiness caused by something excep-
tionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure;
elation.*

February 24-26, 2012

William Black Lodge

Montreat, NC

Thanks to the 2012 Planning Committee

If you have any questions, please contact church
office or member of 2012 planning committee:

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TOPIC



LIVING A JOYFUL LIFE

The theme for this year's retreat is JOY. Martha Kearse, a minister at St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte and an energetic speaker, will lead the weekend's session. We will be looking at what the bible tells us about joy and how we can experience more joy in our lives.

SPEAKER

Martha Kearse

Minister of Children and Family Life
St John's Baptist



Martha grew up in Virginia, where she attended The College of William and Mary, receiving a B.A. in English/Education. She moved to Charlotte in 1985, teaching in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg School system until 1997. During her time with CMS, she completed her M.A. in English at UNCC. She joined the St. John's ministerial staff in 2001 and completed her M.Div. degree at Gardner-Webb University Divinity School in 2007. She and her husband, Monty, have three children.

Martha is an avid reader and enjoys various book clubs and talking about literature. She likes movies, watching "Modern Family" with her kids, traveling with her family in the minivan. She would rather live in the mountains, but enjoys the beach also.

ACCOMMODATIONS

William Black Lodge, Montreat, NC

www.williamblacklodge.org

- Four meals are provided by the lodge.
- Most rooms accommodate 2 guests with twin beds and a private or connecting bath.
- Sessions will be held in the large fellowship hall on the first floor.

COSTS*

The cost for the weekend includes four meals and lodging for two nights.

Dinner: Friday and Saturday

Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday

- \$170 if you register and pay \$50 deposit by December. 11, 2011
 - \$195 if you register *after* December. 11, 2011
 - \$225 single room rate (limited availability)
- Final payment expected by February 5, 2012*

**We want you to attend this retreat. Please don't let money be an obstacle to your attendance.*

Contact Renita Fowler, our Financial Secretary

at 704-337-2141 or

renita@avondalepresbychurch.org.

Your request is confidential.

Refunds: Because of our commitment to William Black Lodge, no refunds can be made after January 20, 2012.

AREA and other ACTIVITIES

Entrance to Montreat



www.townofmontreat.org

In addition to the meaningful work sessions, there will be time to enjoy each other's company, walk around Montreat, eat and shop in Black Mountain, hike nearby trails, take an afternoon nap, etc.

Other fun activities planned will include: line dancing, games of Taboo, music, and an opportunity to work on a service project.

Sunday's session will conclude with a meditation and communion service.

Please feel free to invite a friend or relative. The more the merrier!



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