



## 2010 HomeBuilders Retreat

Thank you for being a Local Coordinator in your church and area for the annual HomeBuilders Retreat. This investment of your time will pay big dividends in strengthening families. You play a critical role in making the retreat successful.

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To make your role as a Local Coordinator successful we have enclosed all of the promotional materials needed (retreat pamphlets, posters, promotional DVD, and signup sheets). Also included are detailed information about the retreat, your role as Local Coordinator, and ideas we have found to be effective in promoting the retreat. Should you need additional copies of the promotional material please email us or feel free to make copies.

Although everyone should be registered by September 15 (registrations after that will be on an as available basis), the sooner you turn in your registrations, the better. We encourage you to register your attendees on our website at [www.homebuildersministry.org](http://www.homebuildersministry.org) as they signup. We process on a first come, first serve basis, and we do expect another sell out for onsite accommodations. Registration is not complete until the \$50 registration fee is received. Remaining retreat fees are due October 1.

Start praying now for another tremendous retreat!

See you in October,

Larry and Thelita Fincher

## Retreat Presenters



Dennis Swanberg is America's "Minister of Encouragement and Laughter." With his down-home charm and heaping helping of hospitality, this Austin, Texas born pastor and comedian has won the hearts of audiences across the country.

Larry and Thelita Fincher, co-founders of HomeBuilders Ministry, have extensive experience in teaching, counseling, and working with families. They have presented seminars, conferences, and retreats nationally and internationally. Larry is the Family Pastor at Rowland Road Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana.

Robert Francis is on staff at East Union Baptist Church, in Hensley, Arkansas and is a Licensed Certified Social Worker in the state of Arkansas. Robert is a frequent speaker in the areas of counseling and the family.

Dr. Eric Spann is a graduate of L.S.U. Medical School at Shreveport, has a family medical practice in Berryville, Arkansas, and is a member of First Baptist Church of Berryville. Dr. Spann ministers to couples and families in the church and in his medical practice.

Todd Sadowski is the founder of Christian Financial Principles, a financial planning and investment management company. He has authored a book, "The Christian and HIS Finances" and currently appears on Little Rock radio and TV.

Dubs Byers is Director of Compass Ministry of South Side Baptist Church in Star City, Arkansas which provides training to churches to help equip members for service to Christ. He is the Superintendent of the Arkansas Correctional School system.

Steve Butler is the Worship Leader and Choir Director at Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. He is active in couples ministry and has extensive experience in working with families.

Buddy Ritter is Director of Ministries for Rock Haven Ministries, in Hasty, Arkansas. He has served as an AWANA missionary focusing on children's ministry and is Pastor of Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Western Grove, Arkansas.

Sharon Long, a certified trainer with The Centers for Youth and Families of Little Rock, Arkansas, develops, implements, and supervises parent education programs. She has Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Psychology from Mississippi State University.

Ross and Amy McBroome have worked for years with MBSE, Family Life, Teenagers, and Mission points from the Mississippi Gulf Coast to Pennsylvania. Currently Ross is the Sr. Pastor at Fort Smith Baptist Fellowship.

## Have You Heard ?

Who? Married couples, engaged couples, and single adults.

What? A Retreat with a Biblical focus.

When? Friday afternoon October 15 through Saturday afternoon October 16.

Where? Arkansas 4H Conference Center, #1 Four H Way, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Why? To make your family or future family all that God intended it to be.

How? By learning what God's inerrant word, the Bible, says about **Building Family Bonds** and learning how to apply Biblical principles in everyday family life.

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established;  
– Prov 24:3



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### Local Coordinators Information

#### Overview

- This Year's focus is **Building Family Bonds**.
- **Friday Night** features **Dennis Swanberg** live on stage.
- **Saturday's format** has been expanded:
  - more topics in the concurrent sessions
  - sessions for single parents and blended families
  - more free time during day and earlier check-in Friday
  - addition of an optional Bonus Q & A Session with the presenters.
- Arrangements have been made for attendees to stay over **Saturday night** for a **Date Night** or **Night on the Town** if they desire.
- A **Promotional Video** is available for your use.
- Register online with **credit card** or check

We are excited to announce the twelfth annual HomeBuilders Retreat sponsored and led with a biblical perspective. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your family or future family God's way in a beautiful setting with some great fellowship, music, and biblical teaching. **As usual the sessions will cover all new material.**

**What ?** A Retreat focusing on **Building Family Bonds** from a Biblical perspective.

**When ?** Friday afternoon October 15 through Saturday afternoon October 16 with an optional Saturday night stay over.

**Where ?** 4H Conference Center, #1 Four H Way, Little Rock, Arkansas. A tremendous facility set in a beautiful location just west of Little Rock at Ferndale.

**Who ?** Married couples, engaged couples, and single adults.

**Why ?** To make your family or future family all God intended it to be.

**How ?** Committing a weekend to learning what God's Word says about **Building Family Bonds** and *learning how to apply these principles in everyday life.*

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### Thank You

We want to express our appreciation for your promotion of this retreat in your church and area as a Local Coordinator. This role will take an investment of your time and effort, but this investment is very rewarding. The overall spirit of your church will be improved by strengthening families through this retreat.

To make your job as Local Coordinator successful we have supplied all of the promotional materials you will need (pamphlets, posters, promotional DVD, and signup sheets). In addition we would like to share the following ideas we have found to be effective. May God richly bless your efforts in this role.

### Promotion

- Utilize the pamphlets, posters, and DVD to promote the upcoming retreat within your church.
  - Run the DVD during worship services or classes on Sunday or Wednesday.
  - Place the pamphlets and posters in prominent locations with good traffic flow. Should you need additional copies of the promotional material please email us or feel free to copy. You can also find additional information at the HomeBuilders website at [www.homebuildersministry.org](http://www.homebuildersministry.org).
  - Set up a registration table in the foyer with posters, pamphlets, and a person to answer questions and take registrations.
- Ask your Pastor to announce and support the retreat from the pulpit. Better yet encourage him and his wife to attend on one of the **Pastor and Wife Scholarships**.
- Concentrate on Couples' and Singles' Classes, both young and older, to recruit attendees.
- Emphasize that the retreat will be both educational and recreational. Also emphasize the purpose of the retreat is to maintain and strengthen families not just fix problems. The poster and pamphlet have pictures of the facilities.
- Utilize couples that have attended a HomeBuilders Seminar or a previous HomeBuilders Retreat to encourage others to attend (perhaps with a testimonial in a Sunday morning service). Also encourage those who have attended the retreat before to attend again since new material will be covered.

### Registration

- You may use the enclosed signup sheet to register your group together through the mail or you may register them online. **This year the online registration will accept credit cards.**



- Encourage attendees to register and make an early commitment. There are onsite motel style accommodations for only 60 couples (please remember this is a mid-south area wide event). Additional accommodations are available offsite as needed.
- The fees are tailored to include or exclude a room for Friday night. For those desiring a room (onsite and offsite), the fees include private motel-style lodging (individual baths accompany each room) with all meals, refreshments, activities, and seminar materials. For those not desiring a room the fees include all meals, refreshments, activities, and seminar materials.
- **Arrangements have been made for attendees to stay over Saturday night if they desire.** Fees for Saturday night include a room but do not include meals. The programmed part of the retreat ends at 4:15pm on Saturday, and would allow couples some much needed time to themselves. There are a number of churches in the Little Rock area to attend on Sunday morning before returning home.
- **We encourage online registration ([www.homebuildersministry.org](http://www.homebuildersministry.org)) since this year attendees may pay by credit card.** If you choose to register your group together by mail, initial registration fees and registration forms should be collected and sent to HomeBuilders Ministry, 303 Chadwick Drive, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291 as soon as possible but no later than **September 15**. The initial registration fees are non refundable.
- The remaining registration fees can be paid by credit card online or sent to the above address before **October 1**. **These fees are refundable through October 1**. After then they may be transferred to another person.
- Pastor Scholarships (paying one half the fees with two additional couples attending) and Missionary Scholarships (paying all the fees) are available through HomeBuilders Ministry. You may want to set up local scholarships for couples or singles within your church or area needing assistance. We have found this to be very effective in our church.

### Logistics

- Information on directions and other logistics will be sent to you after the registration information has been received.
- Dress should be casual. The seminar facilities are excellent and comfortable. Jackets and sweaters may be needed at night depending upon the weather.
- Since this is a couple's and single adult's retreat no arrangements or accommodations will be available for children. The whole purpose is to give attendees time away.
- Sign-in will start at 1:00 pm Friday afternoon to allow free time to enjoy the facilities before dinner. There will also be free time on Saturday.

### Questions and Answers

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact us by phone at (318) 397-2558, by email at [info@homebuildersministry.org](mailto:info@homebuildersministry.org) or by US mail at 303 Chadwick Drive, West Monroe, LA 71291. Check [www.homebuildersministry.org](http://www.homebuildersministry.org) regularly for additional information.

