

MARRIED COUPLES

ROMANCE

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VALENTINE ROMANCE WEEKEND

February 10-12, 2017



DARYL & STEPHANIE FITZGERALD

Session Speakers

Pastor Daryl Fitzgerald and wife Stephanie are presently on staff with Freedom In Christ Ministries. They have ministered abroad on the continent of Africa in Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Uganda. After Pastor Daryl received his Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University, he focused on his passion of working with teens. This passion led he and Stephanie to write several books to help parents and their youth understand their identity in Christ.

Daryl and Stephanie began to see the great need for marriage building as they worked with families leading Pastor Daryl to become a Family Pastor about 10 years ago. He and Stephanie now minister to the whole family with an emphasis on marriages.

To help further his passion, Daryl became a LCI (Life Coach Institute) certified professional life-coach. However, Daryl's greatest accomplishment is being married to his best friend and wife Stephanie for 24 years. After working in ministry for the past thirty years, they both recognize the importance of building strong marriages as it relates to building purpose and direction in the lives of any family.

A healthy marriage has always been important to the Fitzgeralds. They believe the key to understanding the dynamics of good family relationships is understanding your identity in Christ, developing mutual respect and developing good communication skills for one another. For years they have given support, counseled and encouraged married couples to pursue a healthy marriage because they believe a healthy marriage helps develop healthy children. By the grace of God, they have seen many marriages strengthened and completely restored.

The greatest legacies Daryl and Stephanie have on earth are being the proud parents of five children: Ashley, Shayna, Darius, and twins Alexis and Alexandria.

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BUILDING STRONGER MARRIAGES

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We request that you SILENCE CELL PHONES during sessions and the couple relationship-building activities in order to minimize distractions for all participants.

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| 5:30 pm | Room Check-in & Relaxation | 1:15 pm | Ride to Relationship-Building Initiatives
<i>Dress for the outdoors & meet in front of The Lodge.</i> |
| 5:30–6:15 pm | Join other couples for Fellowship in the Great Room | 1:30 pm | Relationship-Building Activities
<i>Hot Beverages & Bottled Waters available during Break Time</i> |
| 6:15 pm | Welcome & Prayer in the Great Room | 4:30 pm | Ride back to The Lodge |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner | 4:45 pm | Couple Time
<i>See info sheet in your folder for suggestions.</i> |
| 7:30 pm | SESSION 1: Understanding Who You Are | 7:00 pm | Candlelit Dinner with Live Music followed by couple time in the Great Room, around the campfire at the back of The Lodge or in your room |
| 9:00 pm | Campfire with S'mores | | |
| SATURDAY | | SUNDAY | |
| 8:00 am | Breakfast | 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 am | SESSION 2: Understanding the Spiritual Battle | 9:00 am | Worship |
| 10:30 am | 15-minute Break | 9:30 am | SESSION 4: Understanding God's Purpose for Marriage |
| 10:45 am | SESSION 3: Understanding How to Walk in the Spirit | 11:00 am | Group Photo, Pack Up, Check Out of Rooms & Cabins |
| 12:15 pm | Lunch | | |



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WHAT TO PACK

- An open heart and mind to where God leads you this weekend
- Note-taking supplies (if you are a note-taker)
- A camera or phone to capture memorable moments
- Casual clothing for sessions and free time
- Loose-fitting pants and sturdy shoes or hiking boots are recommended for the couple relationship-building activities. Do not wear open-toe or open-heel shoes, sandals or flip flops.
- Dress-casual outfits for the Saturday night dinner
Couple photos are taken in the Great Room before dinner.
- **Valentine & Fall Weekends:** warm clothing for outdoor activities and wagon ride: jackets, gloves and long johns
Summer Weekend: swimsuits, water shoes, beach towels and sunscreen

ALLERGIES/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Contact Guest Services if you have food allergies or dietary restrictions. Our Food Service Director will do his best to accommodate your dietary needs. Call 615-794-2918 or email Contact@DeerRunRetreat.org.



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FAQs

IS THIS WEEKEND FOR US?

The weekend is designed to offer new insights and renewal to even the best marriages and relationships. The weekend gives you time away from everyday stress and schedules and provides time for you to focus on each other.

It is also a weekend for couples who are struggling and are seeking hope for restoration of their relationship. The speakers, worship and other elements of the weekend give you a foundation to rekindle your love and start anew.

DO THE LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDE A PRIVATE ROOM FOR MY SPOUSE AND ME?

Yes, rooms are not shared. All accommodations are private rooms with a private bath.

WILL WE HAVE SOME FREE TIME TO CHOOSE WHAT TO DO ON OUR OWN?

Yes, couples have time on Saturday afternoon to relax together and choose to stay at Deer Run or spend time off site. Nearby options are historic Leiper's Fork or downtown Franklin, each only 15 minutes from Deer Run.

ARE THE COUPLE RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING ACTIVITIES PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING?

Many of the activities are not physically challenging, but rather help you with communication and trust. For the more physically challenging activities, it is participation by choice. Most couples who attend comment that this is one of the best parts of the weekend experience.

IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE ON SITE?

Sorry, but no, childcare is not available.

WHAT SHOULD WE WEAR TO THE SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER?

Wear whatever is comfortable for you; there are no dress requirements. However, this is an opportunity to dress up if you would like to.

IS DEER RUN AFFILIATED WITH A SPECIFIC DENOMINATION OR CHURCH?

Deer Run is a non-denominational, 501(c)(3) nonprofit Christian ministry which teaches fundamentals of God's Word from The Bible. Deer Run is not owned, governed, or funded by a church or church organization. Deer Run has a volunteer board of directors and is funded through user fees, individual donations, monthly supporters and grants.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT DEER RUN. HOW CAN WE GET INVOLVED?

Volunteers are vitally important to this ministry! They help us meet the needs of our guests and with property upkeep and improvements. Volunteers help throughout the year in areas such as serving meals, landscaping, cutting firewood, construction, summer camps, fund raising events plus community and family events. Call the office if you are interested in serving or fill out a volunteer card while you are at Deer Run.



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