

Background

We have both experienced the dark places that can occur in a marriage—times of little communication or mostly angry communication that results in both partners feeling alone and abandoned. After being married for 25 years, both of our former spouses asked for a divorce. As a result, we both determined that if God blessed us with another mate—we would truly submit our marriage to the Lord.

God brought us together over fifteen years ago, and in December of 2017, we will celebrate 14 years of marriage. We have made it a high priority to work on our relationship with the Lord and our relationship with each other. We are advocates for marriage and are committed to mentoring people for God's glory.

David has his Master of Divinity degree in pastoral care and counseling and is a certified grief counselor. Virginia has her doctorate in nursing, and is a women's ministry leader.

Two Types of Hilltop Retreats

1) Directed Retreat

A directed experience with mentoring for each individual, as well as for the two of you as a couple. Your schedule would include prayer times and written assignments, and also time to just relax.

2) Unstructured Retreat

Use this time as an unstructured retreat. We will still meet with you on the evening of your arrival to orient you to the property and see how we can be of help, but the rest of the time would be free for you to use as you desire.



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Haven of Hope

A retreat home for couples who
need a time of refreshing
and reuniting.

Welcome...

to a hilltop in Newark, Ohio. We invite you to pull away from your everyday life and spend time focusing on your spouse, your marriage, and Jesus, the One who loves you and wants your marriage to be all it can be.

We have been blessed with 11 beautiful acres and we believe that God is calling us to open our home to struggling couples. Our primary focus is on pastors and their wives but we are also open to any couple who is struggling and believes that this retreat experience would be beneficial (with a pastor's recommendation).



General Information

- Most retreats are 2 nights and 3 days. Options for a longer retreat are available, as needed.
- **Cost:** \$50 registration fee (there is no additional payment expected, but donations will be accepted and used to help us continue this ministry).
- **Included:** Assignment materials, mentoring time, breakfast and lunch, room with a queen size bed. Complete use of the downstairs (kitchen, living room, private bathroom, and bedroom). Supper is on your own. Feel free to go out for dinner, or use the kitchen in your apartment to fix your evening meal.
- No children, pets, or smoking.
- We are members of First Baptist Church, Heath, a cooperating Southern Baptist Church.



How to Register

For Pastors: Please send us an email with the dates you are interested in and let us know the church where you serve as pastor. We will let you know if your requested dates are open and send you a questionnaire to help us prepare appropriately for your visit and begin praying for you both.

For others: Please send us an email with the dates you are interested in, and also, please ask your pastor to send us an email with their recommendation for you to come.