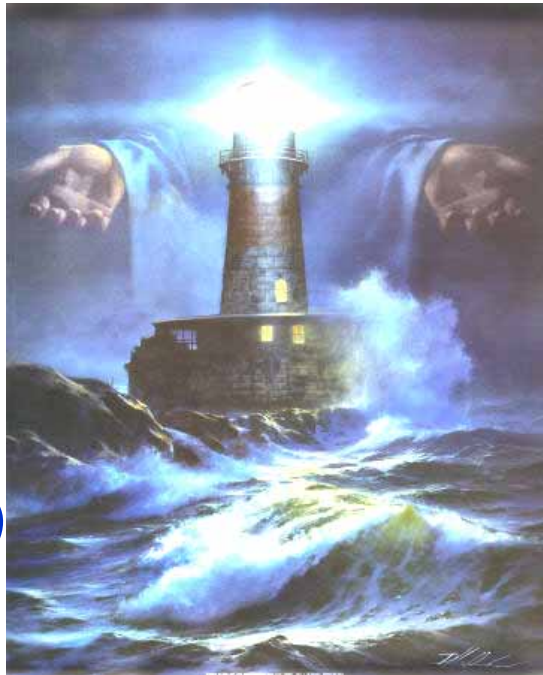


2008 Men's Fall Retreats

Would you like an opportunity to get away from your routines

Spend time in a relaxing environment, in the company of other Christian men

Be uplifted by the Holy Spirit through music and messages



*Then we promise to offer you a spirit-filled weekend that will have a positive impact on your life
At one of these Weekend "Get-A-Way's"*

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LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER LEESBURG
OCTOBER 10-12 OCTOBER 17-19
OCTOBER 24-26, 2008

SPONSORED BY FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST MEN

WELCOME TO LEESBURG!

Greetings and welcome to Leesburg, I want to welcome you on behalf of the Florida Conference United Methodist Men, to the 60th Year of Men's Retreats. To a large number of folks Leesburg is just a small central Florida town but to the Leesburg Men's Retreat participants, Leesburg is much more. For a number of retreat participants it has been a place of a Damascus Road experience, a place where marriages have been saved, addictions overcome, lives have been changed and men have gone home a different husband, parent or Son because they have been with Jesus. Would you let this weekend be more than just going to a small central Florida town. Please give the Holy Spirit permission to apply a little Holy Spirit Sandpaper to those areas of need in our lives. May you be Blessed this weekend in the Strong & Sweet name of Jesus.

**Rodney Akers
UMM President.**

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OUTLINE

**Each weekend will follow the same general schedule.
A more detailed schedule will be provided
for each specific retreat**

Friday

3:00 PM	Registration
6:00 - 6:45	Dinner
7:15	General Session, Music & Message
9:30	Praise Time

Saturday

7:00 - 7:30 AM	Personal Morning Devotion
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast
8:45	General Session, Music & Message
10:00 -10:30	Break
10:30	Singing, Announcements & Enrichment Sessions
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Free time for leisure activities
3:00 - 5:00	Enrichment Sessions
5:15	Dinner
7:00	General Session, Music & Commitment service

Sunday

7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:45	Music, Worship & Communion

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Rev. Scott Smith is a graduate of The Florida State University, and Duke University. He says his main job is to be a husband to Kris. Second job, Daddy to Caleb (13), Joshua (11), and Jacob (9), which includes but is not limited to being a soccer coach, advice giver, rules maker, and fun guy. When not busy with those two jobs I find time to golf, study history, read and follow Florida State football. The rest of my time is spent being the lead pastor at Community of Faith UMC. We started COF 9 years ago just west of Disney World.



Andy Searles Andy was born, raised and educated in the UK. He came to the US in 1996 as a part of the ministry that is now "Celebrate Jesus" and has been on the pastoral staff at Aloma UMC in Winter Park for almost 10 years. Andy loves to use his spiritual gifts of leadership, creativity and shepherding to see God invite people forward on their discipleship journey.



Rev. Donald Taylor will be sharing with us a unique insight into our Jewish roots. Upon graduation from High School, Don was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy and is still active in the Navy Reserves. While working toward a ThM in Hebrew studies, he pursued his interest in Judaism, studying for six years under an Orthodox Rabbi. Don now serves as Director of Chaplain Services for Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs.



Rev. Larry Bergstrom, In his college years, Larry felt God's call upon his life and began a career in full-time youth ministry with the United Methodist Church. For the next 19 years, he served churches in Florida and Georgia. In 1989, God called him to the ordained ministry. After graduating from Asbury Seminary he was assigned as one of the pastors to First United Methodist Church of Coral Springs. For the past few years Larry has shared his ministry with us at the Leesburg Retreats, both as a speaker and as the leader of the popular Worship/Praise Band from Coral Springs.



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MUSIC AND WORSHIP TEAM



Higher Ground was formed in 1998 as a praise band for contemporary worship services at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Springs. From there they have grown and shared their music with the community at homeless shelters, children's homes, cancer benefits, craft fairs, and coffeehouses. They are strong Christians who try to serve God not only with their music, but by living Christian lives that witness through their actions and attitudes. They believe their ministry can usher people into the presence of God, and further the cause for Christ.

Men's Retreat DVD is now available

We now have a DVD available to help promote the Men's Retreats within a congregation. The DVD is setup with a 3 minute "promo clip" which could be used during announcement times in many churches. There is also a longer (19 minute) segment looking at a weekend retreat, which can be used in the men's meetings, church dinners, etc. to encourage men to attend the retreats. Copies of the DVD are available by contacting the UMM office at 877-815-3692 or requesting one from our website - www.ummflconf.org

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John Riley is a challenging, inspirational speaker with the unique God-given ability to communicate great truths in a simple, understandable manner. John has spoken to more than 9,500 audiences in 15 countries and throughout America for 30 years, uplifting and encouraging his listeners to do and be all that is possible through God for His Glory. He has been a regular speaker at Leesburg since 1979.



Ed Diaz is a co-founder of Walk Thru The Bible Ministries and has taught that seminar extensively over the last 30 years. He is Division Director of Search Ministries, which provides training for Christians in Lifestyle Evangelism. Ed co-authored "The Winning Run", a man's devotional book with a baseball theme. He also serves as Spring Training Chapel Coordinator for the Detroit Tigers. Currently much of his week is spent dealing with executives in small groups or individual Bible study.



David Adams While working as an insurance salesman after graduating from college, David received a call to the ministry while attending a 1994 meeting of UMM. Following his graduation from Asbury Seminary in Wilmore Ky., he served as pastor of several Churches in TN. He also served as the president of TN Conf UMM and was elected to the top staff executive position of the GCUMM in 2006. David has also served as treasurer of the National Assoc. of Conf. Presidents and on the General Board of Discipleship.



Music Leader - Ross Kimura & Vinny

Ross Kimura has served as Music Pastor at St. Paul UMC in Largo Florida. A native of Hawaii, he has lived in New York City, where he studied at Julliard School of Music. He Has a masters in piano and opera orchestrations and has played at the Paris, London, and Milan Conservatories. Ross can bring Life to Traditional Hymns in a way that would make Charles and John Wesley and Cokesbury want to sing along.



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Additional Opportunities Available All Three Weekends

Saturday Afternoon Free-Time Options
Equipment available for
Pick-up sports activities-Volleyball-Flag Football
Soccer-horseshoes Swimming - Canoeing
Or enjoy
Concerts-hymn sings and discussion groups



—SPECIAL— —PRESENTATION—

HELL'S BEST KEPT SECRET Led by The Biker & The Preacher

Are you busy in the church doing a lot of "stuff." Well good for you! So you can be proud of who you are and what you do; however with all the busyness, you might be missing out on a deadly **Secret**. **Hell keeps this a secret very well.** Come uncover the truth that sets you free. Remove the cover of darkness and let the light of eternity shine through to you and me. Discover with the Biker and the Preacher **Hell's Best Kept Secret**.

Saturday Afternoon Free time opportunity 3-4 pm and 4-5 pm

Football Fans!!!

Those of us who would enjoy watching college football during our free time on Saturday Afternoon will have the opportunity to watch a Game on the 6 foot Big Screen in the Gold Room
Hope to see you at the Game!

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Dr. Riley Short retired as Senior Pastor of First UMC, Lakeland. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Candler School of Theology and has Doctorates from Bethune Cookman College and Florida Southern College. His story telling ability is his specialty and he is a master at using this ability to teach Biblical truths. This gift has also made him a favorite speaker at the Leesburg Retreats for many years. Dr. Short is presently serving as a Professor of Preaching at Asbury Theological Seminary at the Orlando campus.

Rev. David McEntire has pastored churches in the Florida United Methodist Conference for more than 26 years. He is a 1972 graduate of Florida State University, majoring in Psychology and Religion. He attended seminary at Duke University and has served churches in Plantation, Ocklawaha, Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach, and now as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lakeland. David describes himself as an evangelical pastor with strong Wesleyan roots and theology. He is passionate about mission and evangelism and most of all loves to preach. David's greatest joy is knowing that a person has come to know the love of Christ in a personal way.



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Reverend Jim Hollis is a General Evangelist of the United Methodist Church and Director of Proactive Evangelism Ministries. He and his staff have worked extensively since 1993 with United Methodist Men. He was a keynote speaker at Purdue (Congress of UM Men) for two quadrennials; was named a Fellow in the Society of John Wesley by the National Conference Presidents of UM Men; has led ministry training and teaching with more than 850 congregations across 41 states and 8 denominations. He was the recipient of the Denman Evangelism Award for Clergy for the North Georgia Conference in 1994



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Music Leaders - John & Margie Anderson



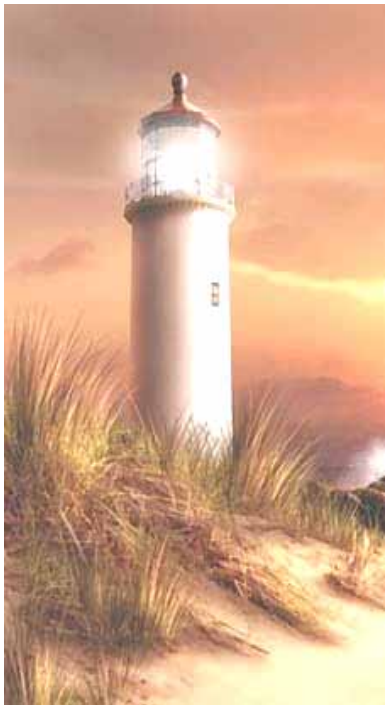
John and Margie have been sharing their love of Jesus Christ through music for almost a quarter century after meeting at Florida Southern College in the 70's. John is the music Department Coordinator and Professor of Music at Polk Community College in Winter Haven. John taught music and musical theater for 25 years, and served 8 years as director of the Candlelight Cast Choir at Disney World. Margie is a home-school mom and has a private piano and voice studio. They are currently active with the Hew Hope Choir and the "a cappella Praise" ensemble at First UMC, Lakeland.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Weekend Offering

The money that we charge you to attend these retreats is used solely to pay for the weekend. We hope that you come prepared to make an appropriate donation, based on your ability and as you are moved. This has been a tradition from the beginning of the retreats, enabling many worthwhile projects to be funded. One of the largest of these projects is the **scholarship fund** for seminary students. To date, we have provided over **\$500,000** to seminarians in the Florida Conference! These funds are given with the understanding that the recipients will return to Florida to serve in our churches after ordination, **a need that becomes more crucial every year**. The scholarship program has become very popular—so much so that we are finding ourselves unable to support many of the other worthy causes that we have supported in the past. These Offerings also support the **Florida United Methodist Children's Home, The Russo Prison Ministry and the Conference Scouting Ministries**. Please prayerfully consider helping us to help the future of these Ministries of the Florida Conference.



AUDITORIUM- Open all night for your benefit.

BIBLES - This is a Spiritual Retreat and we suggest that you bring your Bible to every session.

BOOKSTORE - The Cokesbury Bookstore is located near the auditorium at the Life Enrichment Center and will be open during the retreat, EXCEPT SUNDAY.

CANTEEN - A canteen is maintained in the Gold Room for your convenience.

COUNSELORS - Will be available throughout the weekend to pray and counsel with you.

ENRICHMENT SESSIONS are scheduled as part of each weekend. These sessions will afford us the opportunity to break into smaller groups, allowing discussion and a more personalized encounter with our program leaders.

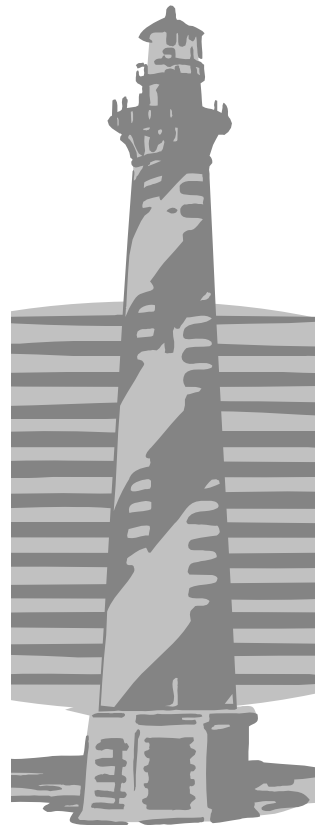
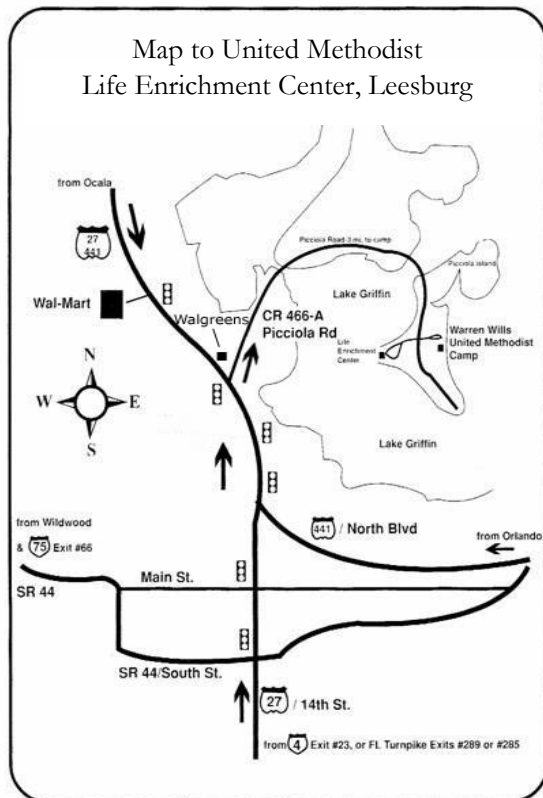
The "**PATH OF SILENCE**" and prayer chapel are located to the right side of the road past housing building 4.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Why Should We Attend?

The answer to this question is as varied as are the participants. For most of us the bottom line is that spiritual growth does not occur in a vacuum. Jesus did not intend for us to make this spiritual journey alone, because most of us, if left unattended will fall into a comfortable rut with our life, work and family. (A wise person once said that if you are coasting, you must be headed downhill). These retreats are an opportunity for men to get away from their routines, to spend time together in a relaxing environment, to be in the company of other Christian men and to be filled with the Holy Spirit through uplifting music and messages by people who have a pretty good idea of what most of us face on a daily basis. We promise to offer you a spirit-filled weekend that will have a positive impact on your life



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READ THIS ENTIRE FORM CAREFULLY

1. Please use the reservation form provided or a reproduction. If you will be registering as a group, we encourage each man to fill in a registration form (completely) and submit it to your retreat coordinator. This will help your coordinator and will aid in accurate housing and name tag preparations during registration.
2. Be sure to indicate 1st and 2nd choice of weekends you prefer. If your requested choices of weekends are filled, you will be placed on the shortest waiting list and given the option of selecting a weekend with vacancies.
3. SEND AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF THE TOTAL FEE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION AS A DEPOSIT (FULL PAYMENT IS ENCOURAGED). FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15, 2008. Reservations will be guaranteed only after full payment is received. Make checks payable to UNITED METHODIST MEN and mail to: P.O. Box 93370 Lakeland FL 33804-3370. IMPORTANT: Please advise immediately if you are unable to fill your reservations. Qualified refunds will have a \$10.00 administrative charge. NO REFUNDS can be made for cancellations within 15 days of the retreat dates or for no-shows.

COSTS

4. Life Enrichment Center (LEC.) - \$132.00 per person includes program, room and meals.
5. Youth Camp (lodges or cabins) - \$113.00 per person includes program, room and meals.
6. Family Campground - 44.00 per camp site, plus \$30.00 per person program fee.
7. Off Camp - \$35.00 per person program fee (does NOT include meals)
8. Meals are available at the LEC for Family Campground and Off Campus participants for an additional \$41.00 per person.
9. Check-in begins at 3:00 PM on Friday. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM.
10. Linens, blankets, pillows, towels, soap, etc., are furnished to those staying at the LEC.

The telephone number at the LEC. is 352-787-0313.

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Please indicate your first and second choice of weekends

Name of person making reservation: _____
(All group additions, changes and/or cancellations must be made by the above person)

e-mail address: _____

Home Mailing address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Church: _____ Church City: _____

District _____

Please make reservations for _____ Men for the weekend of _____, 2008
_____men will stay and eat at the Life Enrichment Center.
_____men will stay and eat at the Youth Camp _____men will attend on Saturday only
_____men will stay at the Family Campground
_____camper spaces required Hook-up: Water/Electric () Full Hook up ()
_____men will stay off campus
Option for Off Campus & Family Campground _____men will eat at the LEC

PAYMENT: Amount \$ _____

Cash ___ **Check** ___ **Credit Card** ___ MC ___ Visa ___

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