



September 8, 2020

Dear Preacher,

United Baptist Church is thrilled to host the **Living United Pastor's Couples Retreat – A Thrill of Hope – on Dec. 7-9, 2020 at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel.** Serving God together in the ministry is truly wonderful! Often this service comes with, many needs, burdens, and attacks from Satan. Because of this we would love to encourage you to join us and many other Pastoral Couples at this year's Pastor's Couples Retreat. The retreat is designed to have purposefully directed instruction and encouragement to help joyfully navigate marriage and ministry. The retreat also has a lot of time to relax and get away from the busyness of ministry as a couple.

Would you consider three things in reference to this retreat:

1. Please Come to the Retreat

We understand the busyness of a Pastor's schedule. We are planning on making this a time of relaxation and refreshment with two nights at the Hilton, three meals, and all the other things you have come to expect at a Living United Couples Retreat. We have made payment options that make the retreat very affordable for those with limited income. **And preachers to be very blunt your wife needs this retreat. Pastoral couples are in constant ministry mode. Your marriage will benefit by having time away to be ministered to.**

2. Please Involve Your Church in You Coming

We are praying that your church will see the benefit of sending you to this retreat. We **REALLY** hope no pastor pays for this out of his own pocket. **We have enclosed an envelope with two letters addressed to the men of your church. We hope you will give this to one of the key men in your church.** On the registration this year, there are two price options. The lower priced option is based on sponsorship availability. Our desire is to keep the cost as low as possible for all pastors, but our vision is that the churches would send their pastor. We do not want cost to stand in the way of you attending this retreat. **Each sponsorship is on a first come first serve basis.**

3. Please Consider Helping

In our desire to keep the cost of the retreat low, we are asking churches to make an investment which sponsors those that can't afford the full price. We believe many churches will want to get involved in showing appreciation and love for Pastors. Also, we have had many Pastors express an interest in helping. We are trusting God to have:

- 15 churches give \$250
- 10 churches give \$500
- 5 churches give \$1000

We do not want finances to stand in the way of anyone coming. This support helps us keep the cost low and also allows pastors who couldn't otherwise come be able to come.

4. Who can come

All Sr. Pastoral Couples, Missionary Couples on Furlough (Missionaries who attend must have served one term on the field), Full-Time Evangelist Couples, & Retired Pastoral Couples (retired pastors are welcome to attend, but scholarships are not available for them. They must pay the full \$435.)

We have been planning and praying over this retreat for years. Enclosed is a flyer, session titles, and speakers. If you have any questions or if we can help you in any way, please give us a call.

His Servant & Yours,

Steven B. Brudnak
Pastor

