

REGISTRATION

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1 Give us a little personal information....

Name (for nametag): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Roommate Preference? _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Indicate any special needs:

I need a disability-friendly room assignment

I'd like RV hook-up information

I will want acknowledgement of Continuing Education (1 CEU is available for all participating in the full weekend)

I have dietary needs/restrictions (please list/define): _____

Please list/define any other special needs/concerns: _____

"Spirit Journey" is...



...in its eleventh year as a sponsored ministry of the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

...open to lay and clergy of all denominations

...a 3-day (48-hour) retreat adapted from a model developed by the Upper Room in its "Academy of Spiritual Formation" program

...a time of rest and renewal

...an opportunity for intentional spiritual growth in a disciplined, accepting community

...a place where community silence enhances personal prayer and reflection

...a time to fill the deep spiritual hunger that characterizes many lives

...a time of spiritual renewal and discovery through academic presentation, personal reflections and communal sharing

For more information, you are encouraged to call any of the following *Spirit Journey* Team Leaders:

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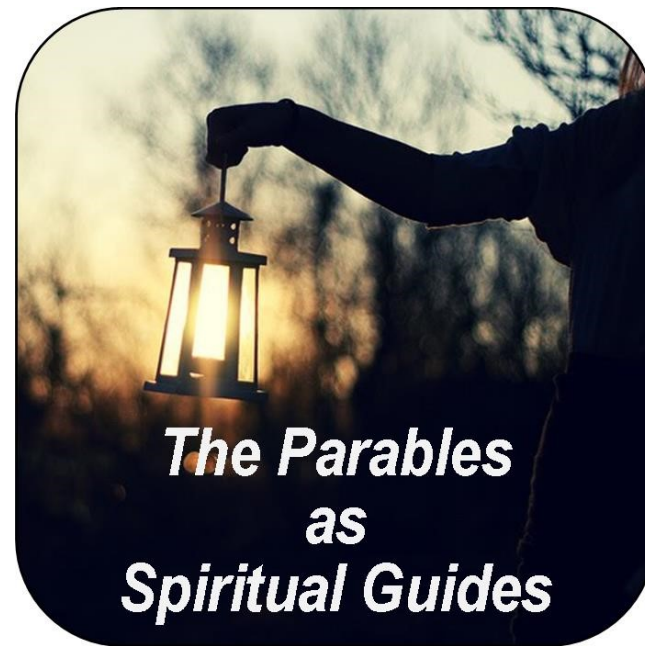
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Spirit Journey, 2015

(A spiritual formation-renewal program of *THE UPPER ROOM*®, sponsored by the Center for Congregational Excellence of the Texas Annual Conference)



The Parables as Spiritual Guides

with Jerry Webber,
faculty-presenter

Thursday afternoon [4 p.m.],
October 22, 2015

through

Saturday afternoon [4 p.m.],
October 24, 2015

Lakeview Conference Center
Palestine, Texas

Our Schedule...

As an adaptation of the Upper Room’s “Academy of Spiritual Formation”, the rhythm of “Spirit Journey” is along the lines and spirit of a “Benedictine schedule”—marked by a weaving together of the elements of worship, rest-free time, study, silence, and community time:

Thursday, October 22
 4:00 Registration & Check-In
 5:00 Evening Prayer/Eucharist
 6:00 Dinner
 6:45 Introductory Session
 7:45–9:15 Small Groups
 9:30–9:45 Night Prayer
 9:45 Silence (until Morning Prayer)

Friday, October 23
 7:30–8:00 Morning Prayer
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:00–10:00 Morning Presentation
 10:00–11:00 Silence for prayer & reflection
 11:00–11:30 Plenary discussion with faculty
 11:30 Community Time & Lunch
 2:30–3:30 Afternoon Presentation
 3:30–4:30 Silence for prayer & reflection
 4:30–5:00 Plenary discussion with faculty
 5:15–6:00 Evening Prayer/Eucharist
 6:00 Dinner
 6:45 Evening Option
 7:45–9:15 Small Groups
 9:30–9:45 Night Prayer
 9:45 Silence (until Morning Prayer)

Saturday, October 24
 7:30–9:00 Morning Prayer
 8:00 Breakfast
 9:00–10:00 Morning Presentation
 10:00–11:00 Silence for prayer & reflection
 11:00–11:30 Plenary discussion with faculty
 11:30 Community Time & Lunch
 1:00 Afternoon Presentation
 2:00 Small Groups
 3:30 Closing Prayer/Eucharist

Participants are encouraged to be present for the entire event.

Lakeview Methodist Conference Center...

is a beautiful wooded facility nestled in the East Texas Piney Woods near Palestine. Accommodations are motel style rooms with full size beds and private baths. Linens are included and disability friendly rooms are available. (cf., www.lakeviewmcc.org)

Our Faculty-Presenter, Jerry Webber

Professionally, Jerry is a retreat leader, spiritual director, teacher and writer who “lives into his vocation as an explorer and poet.” He writes:



I am a husband, father, son, brother, and friend. I find life in living as an explorer. I love to explore landscapes that stretch me . . . the Ozarks of Arkansas, the beauty of British Columbia, the vistas of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the coastline of Nova Scotia, the mountains and river valleys of New Mexico. The terrain of the spiritual landscape stretches me as well, and for the last 23 years I have given myself to the exploration of prayer and soul. To that end, I write, teach, and companion persons on the spiritual journey.

Vocationally, Jerry serves as the Director of the Center for Christian Spirituality—an intentional ministry of spirituality and contemplative life offered at Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. (For more information, you can go to : www.centerforchristianspirituality.org)

Our Topic-Focus: “The Parables as Spiritual Guides”

Jesus told stories that were spiritual in nature. Using images from the culture, he told spiritual stories that illumined the nature of life with God. These stories become for us the doorways through which we are invited to join the Story of God. In fact, the parables themselves contain something of our story within them.

In our time together, we will not unpack or interpret the parables for preaching or teaching; rather, we listen to them more deeply in order to live more honestly into them. We want to find our names and our addresses in them, because in finding our names in the parables, we are able to pray them, bring them into our living, and thus be shaped by them.

Our intention, then, will be to bring prayerful hearts to the parables of Jesus. We bring open hearts and minds ready to be formed by the Spirit, willing to be guided by the Spirit as we are shaped according to God’s design.

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2 Tally your fees... [note: scholarship assistance is available for those indicating a need]

	single	double
Registration by October 1	\$250	\$185
Registration after October 1	\$265	\$200
Optional Pre-Conference [Wednesday Night] Private Retreat (includes program options-materials, 3 meals and 1 night lodging in the Family Life Center)	\$85	\$70
Optional Post-Conference [Saturday Night stay] (Family Life Center lodging only)	\$55	\$40
TOTAL of circled fees =	\$	\$

(A limited number of single rooms will be provided. Contact Registrar for availability.)

Interested in more information about scholarship assistance? Please check here:

3 Return your registration form and payment....

- ↑ Make checks payable to: “TAC Spirit Journey 2015”
- ↑ Return check and form to: Spirit Journey Debbie Puetz, Registrar
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Bryan, Texas 77808