# **ABOUT THE RETREAT...**

In his book, *Soul Keeping*, John Ortberg writes, "The Soul is the hinge on which the rest of your life hangs. It's the difference between deep satisfied spirituality and a restless dispassionate faith.... Many souls are starved and unhealthy, unsatisfied by false promises of status and wealth. We've neglected this eternal part of ourselves, focusing on the temporal concerns of the world – and not without consequence."

On this retreat we will explore the nature of the soul and how it can be healthy and take time to explore how we can plan to make our souls healthy in God. As a communal event, we will accompany our fellow brothers in Christ in their faith journey.

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US...

On this retreat, you will experience great teaching, small group discussion that is honest and open, worship that is simple yet Godexalting, and fellowship with other brothers who are looking for the same thing you are — a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. There will also be an opportunity to go hiking, hanging out talking with other guys, or just relaxing with a good book for a couple of hours. So, make the time to join us for the time of your life!

# **ABOUT OUR SPEAKER...**



Recently retired after 36 years as pastor of a Baptist Church, John French continues to offer ministries of spiritual formation companionship, including spiritual direction

supervision and retreats. John and his wife Janet live in Rockport. They enjoy life with three grown children, their spouses, and five active grand-boys. John enjoys, biking, gardening, and all things beach.

# Retreat Schedule September 17 - September 19, 2021

# **Friday**

(Plan on eating dinner before arriving) 6:00-8:00 pm – Arrival/Check-in/Register 8:00-9:30 pm – Worship/Session #1

# **Saturday**

8:00-9:00 am – Breakfast 9:30-10:30 am – Worship/Session #2 10:30-10:45 am – Break 10:45-11:15 am – Session #2 continued 11:45-12:45 pm – Lunch 1:00-5:00 pm – Free Time!!! 5:00-6:00 pm – Dinner 7:00-8:30 pm – Worship/Session #3 8:30-8:45 pm – Break 8:45-9:15 pm – Session #3 continued

# **Sunday**

8:00-9:00 am – Breakfast 9:00-10:15 am – Worship/Session #4; 10:15-10:45 am – Break/Pack bags & get out of rooms 10:45-11:30 am – Wrap Up/Prayer 11:30-12:30 pm – Lunch/Depart

### **MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

- Kevin Baird
- Steve Jamison
- David Rox
- Rich Schonewald
- Andrew Ting

# MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

First Congregational Church of Hamilton, MA Friday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 At Alton Bay Christian Retreat Center Alton Bay, NH

| Name<br>Address |   |
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|                 | in the appropriate spaces below. s all meals, program teaching, and odging. |
| \$              | _Regular registration (includes   |
| •               | lodging with 3 to a room) \$130   |
| <b>\$</b>       | _Private room lodging \$200 (only a limited number available – first        |
|                 | come, first served!)  |
| \$              | _I would like to request scholarship  |
| \$              | financial aid<br>_I would like to donate \$                                 |
| Ψ               | to the scholarship fund.  |
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PLEASE CONTINUE FILLING OUT THIS FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

Balance will be due upon arrival at

Full payment included with this form

Deposit made

retreat

# Roommate selection (optional):

Lodging arrangements will be made randomly among men who have registered unless you specify roommates. Please list the two roommate preferences you have. Please remember that roommate arrangements will only be finalized when all men listed have completed the registration process.

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# **Recreation selection (optional):**

Please indicate which type of activities you would like to participate in:

| Hiking/Walking |
|----------------|
| Running        |

Biking (bring your own bike)

☐ Basketball

☐ Shuffleboard/Ping Pong

☐ Just relaxing and hanging out

Please tear off this registration form and return to a registration table, or give to David Rox, or mail it to:

First Congregational Church of Hamilton P.O. Box 213 Hamilton, MA 01936 Attn: David Rox

If you have questions or concerns, please contact David Rox at 978-257-4219, or by e-mail: david.rox@gordon.edu or contact the church office at 978-468-1940.

# Driving directions to Alton Bay Christian Retreat Center from Church



Alton Bay Christian Retreat Center off Route 11 at 5 Broadway Blvd., Alton Bay, NH 03810

# From FCCH:

77.6 mi. – about 1 hour 45 min.

- ➤ Take Interstate 95 north into NH
- ➤ Take exit 4 onto NH-16/Spaulding Turnpike/US-4 and continue to follow NH-16/Spaulding Turnpike (partial toll road)
- ➤ Take exit 15 off of Route 16 and get onto NH Route 11
- ➤ Stay on Route 11 in to Alton Bay, NH
- ➤ When you see the southern tip of Lake Winnipesaukee in front of you, stay to the left and follow Route 11
- ➤ You will make a turn to the left followed by a quick turn to the right to stay right on the lake front on Route 11
- ➤ After making these two quick turns (the "zig-zag"), look for the Alton Bay Christian Retreat Center entrance on your left and turn left and go up the hill to the Conference Center

# **SOUL CARE:**



# ATTENDING TO THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF YOU

with
John French

Men's Retreat Registration Form

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