



Reading
Other People's
Mail

Fresh insights from the letters of the New Testament

A CHURCH RETREAT

MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTREAT, NC – OCTOBER 25-27, 2013

A Retreat for Everyone

The poet Helen Hunt Jackson noted there's something inspiring about "October's Bright Blue Weather." And, there can be no more special place to enjoy a weekend of this special time than Montreat, NC. And finally, there can be no one better to spend this weekend with than your family—including your church family.

That's why for the fifth year, Morningside Presbyterian Church invites you and yours to a retreat built around spending time exploring our faith together, but with time built in to get better acquainted whether eating, rocking, hiking, biking, boating, shopping or playing games. There's a full schedule of activities for kids, too! Past attendees have given our Montreat weekends two thumbs way up.

The Program

We're honored to welcome the Rev. Dr. Tom G. Long to lead our 2013 theme, "Reading other people's mail: Fresh insights from the letters of the New Testament"



Dr. Long's most recent book, "What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith," explores questions of God and human suffering, and was named "2011 Book of the Year" by the Academy of Parish Clergy. Long's 1989 book "The Witness of Preaching"—now in its second edition—is one of the most widely used texts on preaching, appearing on class reading lists in seminaries across the country and world. The author of 20 books to date, Long is a frequent contributor to "The

Christian Century" and the "Journal for Preachers," and a popular presenter at preaching conferences worldwide. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Accommodations, Meals and Rates

Home for the retreat will once again be the stone-built William Black Lodge with its rustic setting, inviting porch and welcoming fireplace. Rates include two nights' lodging, dinner Friday, three meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Most rooms have two twin beds and a



private bath; however, some rooms have queen or double beds and others share a bath. Consult the Registration Form for more details. Specific room requests will be honored on a first-come basis, so register early if you have a preference.



Your paid registration fees (separate from accommodation charges—see the form) will hold your room, but final payment for the entire package is due no later than September 22. Registration fees cover the cost of conference facilities, guest speaker, program supplies and other necessities.

The following rates apply to guests staying in the lodge. For those who wish to stay elsewhere, registration fees still apply. You may also purchase meals with the group at the lodge.

Single adult occupancy/meals/private bath	\$240 per person
Double adult occupancy/meals/private bath	\$180 per person
Triple Adult occupancy/accessible suite	\$155 per person

Sponsorships

If financial considerations discourage you from registering for the retreat, you may apply for aid. Please submit a request to Mary Chapman (chapman.maryv@gmail.com). After your request is reviewed, you'll be notified if your request is accepted and how much aid you will receive. If you would like to contribute to help sponsor someone who could not otherwise attend, also contact Mary Chapman. You can contribute any amount and at your request your gift will be kept anonymous.

Questions

Your source for answers to all retreat questions is our chairperson, Mary Chapman, at 404.234.0560 or via email at chapman.maryv@gmail.com.