



# GALATIANS 6:6 RETREAT

A Retreat for Couples in  
Ministry

Brought to you by Intimate Life Ministries  
and the Great Commandment Network



“Let those who are taught  
the word share all good  
things with those who teach.”

— Galatians 6:6

## Reasons to Send Your Pastor to a Galatians 6:6 Retreat

According to pastors, some of the top  
challenges facing their families are ...

- Not enough quality time together.
- Their families' spiritual health.
- Protecting their kids from negative influences.
- Marriage challenges.
- The need to strengthen marital/parental relationships.

*Statistics provided by: "Focus on the Family" 2011  
Constituent Pastors' Needs Assessment*

In addition, recent surveys have revealed that ...

- 80 % of pastors say they have insufficient time with their spouse and that ministry has a negative effect on their family.
- 33 % of pastors say that being in ministry is an outright hazard to their family.
- 50 % of pastors' marriages end in divorce.
- 80 % of pastors' spouses wish their spouse would choose another profession.

*Statistics come from the article: Ministry and Marriage: Pastors' Wives Tell All, found in "Enrichment Journal."*

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Pastoral couples face a lot of unique challenges. Their lives are often dominated by a calling that demands much more than your average profession, which can create unique relational issues and extra strain on their families. If you look at some of the statistics contained in this brochure, you'll find that for 80% of pastoral couples, ministry has had a negative effect on their families. This is why we have partnered with Intimate Life Ministries to give pastoral couples a uniquely-free opportunity to take a few days away from their busy lives to invest in their marriage. Even if you feel your marriage is healthy and without strain, this time away with your spouse could be an invaluable opportunity to grow together in the Lord, and as husband and wife. Contact us anytime about this opportunity. We'd love to support you in it.

Rev. Matt Larkin

ACGC Director of Student & Family Ministries

### Retreat Schedule:

#### First Day

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration at Conference Location

9:00 – Noon Intimacy Overview: Crisis in Culture, Relationships and Message

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Experiencing Great Commandment Love, Part 1

6:00 p.m. Evening Dinner in the Restaurant or order Room Service — “Couples’ Homework”

#### Second Day

Before 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Noon Experiencing Great Commandment Love, Part 2

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Preparing for the 21 Century: Restoring a Great Commandment Heart and Great Commission Passion

4:00 p.m. Dismiss

# TESTIMONIALS



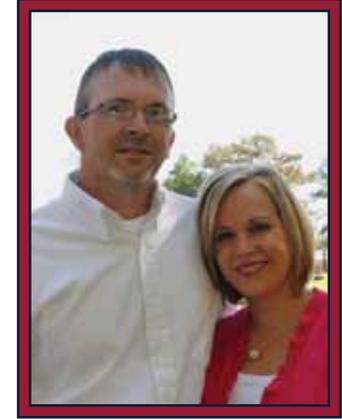
**T**his past November, Laura and I were invited to participate in the Galatians 6:6 retreat in Rome, Georgia. As we are usually quiet and private people, we were both a little nervous and anxious about attending; however, that did not last long. From the moment we were met at the front gate until the moment we checked out, we were treated so graciously and with the greatest of accommodations. We not only were treated with first class meals, meeting other amazing ministerial couples and engaging lessons; but we were given a time to really find out who each of us is spiritually. Only being married three years, getting involved in a new and challenging church work and having a 1-year-old son, we needed this time to unplug from everything and take time to really listen to what God had to say to us about our marriage and its role as being an example for our local church body. I cannot express how thankful we are for the ministry of David Ferguson and Intimate Life Ministries.

Rev. Daniel and Laura McGee, pastor of Lenoir Community Church (Lenoir, N.C.)



**R**honda and I recently had the privilege of attending the Galatians 6:6 retreat in Jacksonville, Florida. We both agreed that it was much more than we had initially expected. When Rhonda heard the words “marriage retreat” she thought we would be coached in fanning the romantic flame back into our marriage. She thought we’d have the opportunity to heat up whatever in our marriage had grown cold. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that Galatians 6:6 wasn’t about this at all. In fact, Dr. Ferguson led us into understanding how to transform our marriage in light of pure biblical truth. The radical transformation of salvation and redemption in Christ is to be applied powerfully to our marriage. Prior to Galatians 6:6, I had heard Dr. Ferguson teach, so I already had a taste of the depth of his biblical insight and application to ministry. However, sitting under his teaching and applying it directly to our marriage was powerful. Rhonda and I laughed, cried, prayed and praised the Lord together. In a word, Galatians 6:6 is transformative.

Mr. Jeff and Rhonda Walsh, ACGC Director of World Outreach (Charlotte, N.C.)



**S**ometime ago now I was approached about attending a Galatians 6:6 retreat. At that time, though, I was not opposed to attending; it just didn’t seem like the right time for Angela and I as we had two small children and just didn’t feel it right to be away from them. That, however, was not the reason at all. It wasn’t until I sensed God’s calling for me to apply for the pastorate at the Shiloh AC church that the real reason we were to wait revealed itself. After having the call extended to me to pastor the Shiloh church, I was given yet another opportunity for Angela and I to attend a Galatians 6:6 retreat. This proved to be a date set up by God, and all along it was for this reason that attending before just didn’t feel right. Galatians 6:6 equipped me for the journey ahead of us, by affording Angela and I some down time, as well as time to connect with brothers and sisters in Christ, all the while challenging us in how we strategically share the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Rev. Travis and Angela Hutcheson, pastor of Shiloh AC Church (Monroe, N.C.)