

Come and join us on the Mountain at Montreat!

In 1897, the first visitors to Montreat arrived by horse-drawn wagon and slept in tents. Today, this national conference center for the Presbyterian Church (USA) offers warm hospitality to more than 45,000 guests each year.

Sunday October 3 through Friday October 8, 2010.

In addition to enjoying the beautiful Montreat Conference Center, the trip will include the following exciting opportunities:

- ***Black Mountain Shops and Restaurants***
- ***Chapel of the Prodigal***
- ***The Asheville Farmer's Market***
- ***Historic Biltmore Village***
- ***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – a production of the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts***
- ***The Cove – Rev. Billy Graham's National Training Center***
- ***Golfing at the beautiful Grove Park Country Club (optional)***
- ***Chimney Rock***
- ***Folk Art Center***
- ***Grandfather Mountain***
- ***Dinner at the Grove Park Inn***

*We hope you will consider joining us! The cost for this 6 day adventure is \$350 per person which includes transportation, lodging, linens and 10 meals. Entrance fees to the Tom Sawyer Play, Chimney Rock, Grandfather Mountain and golfing are NOT included. **Won't you come and join us on the mountain?***

Retreat Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday October 3, 2010

- 8:45 AM** **Worship** at FPC – Saint Marys
- 10:00 AM** **Leave for Montreat**
Lunch near Columbia SC
- 6:00 PM** **Arrive at Reynolds Lodge – Montreat, NC**
- 6:30 PM** **Supper at Assembly Inn**

Day 2: Monday October 4, 2010

- 8:00 AM **Morning Worship**
- 8:30 AM **Breakfast at Assembly Inn**
Morning visit to Black Mountain
Shopping
Lunch at Reynolds Lodge
Afternoon visit to the Chapel of the Prodigal
- 4:15 PM Leave for Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts in Franklin, NC
- 5:45 PM **Supper in Franklin, NC**
- 7:30 PM *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Day 3: Tuesday October 5, 2010

- 8:00 AM **Morning Worship**
Breakfast at Reynolds Lodge
Free morning to explore Montreat and Black Mountain
Shopping
- 12:00 PM **Lunch** at *The Cove*, Billy Graham's Training Center
Afternoon events will include a visit to the chapel at *The Cove* and the
Farmer's Market near Asheville and the historic Biltmore Village
Shopping
- 6:00 PM **Supper at Reynolds Lodge**
- 8:00 PM **Movie Night**

Day 4: Wednesday October 6, 2010

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast at Reynolds Lodge**
Optional Event for Golfers – Grove Park
Optional Event – Chimney Rock
Lunch – On Your Own
- 6:00 PM **Spaghetti Supper at Reynolds Lodge**
- 8:00 PM The Reynolds Lodge Variety Show and **Worship**

Day 5: Thursday October 7, 2010

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast at Reynolds Lodge**
- 10:00 AM **Leave for Grandfather Mountain**
 - Picnic Lunch**
 - Free Afternoon**
 - Folk Art Center (optional)**
 - Shopping**
- 6:30 PM **Dinner at the Grove Park Inn**
- 9:00 PM **Closing Worship at Reynolds Lodge**

Day 6: Friday October 8, 2010

- 8:00 AM **Leave Reynolds Lodge – Morning Prayer**
- 8:15 AM **Breakfast in Black Mountain**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch at the Thornwell Home, Clinton SC**
- 1:00 PM **Driving Tour of Thornwell**
- 6:00 PM **Arrive in Saint Marys**

Black Mountain – at the intersection of Interstate 40 and NC 9 is one of the most charming towns in western NC and home of its focal point *Town Hardware and General Store* an old-fashioned store featuring old-timey tools, toys, gifts, and house-wares. It's like a step back in time as you will discover an endless number of practical and hard-to-find items.

The Chapel of the Prodigal - nestled within the campus of Montreat College this lovely chapel is the home of one of the most beautiful Christian frescos in America and it is based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). The Chapel contains an Allen Renaissance organ and a splendid carillon which produces the sounds of sixty-one bells. The Ruth Bell Graham Prayer Room on the chapel balcony level features the beautiful calligraphy "*Come Unto Me*" a verse chosen by Mrs. Graham

Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts – located in Franklin, NC this theatre hosts a long list of family-oriented events throughout the year. We will see the only performance of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. The 1,500 seat state-of-the-art facility presents the finest in performing arts to the

surrounding towns. Performances include passion plays, musical productions, professional drama troupes, dance and choral festivals, recitals, and various genres including country, bluegrass, gospel, pop, contemporary Christian, and more. The stunning architecture, technical facilities, and impeccable acoustics provide the highest professional standards for both the audience and the performers. The Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts has already become one of the premiere venues for world-class performances as it showcases artists in Western North Carolina and the surrounding areas.

The Cove – The Reverend Billy Graham built his national training center here. We will have lunch at the center and visit the beautiful Chatlos Memorial Chapel overlooking the valley.

The Asheville Farmer's Market – This is a fifteen minute drive from Montreat and the marketplace for many Carolinian farmers and merchants who provide some of the freshest fruits, meats, and vegetables in the region. We will shop here on Tuesday so that we can savor and enjoy the goodies the rest of the week!

Historic Biltmore Village – This planned community constructed in the 1890's at the entrance of the Biltmore Estate re-creates the atmosphere of an ever charming English community. Today Biltmore Village is home to over 30 unique shops and galleries.

Golfer's Paradise – Golfing at the Grove Park Inn and Resort is a golfer's dream. This is an optional activity of Wednesday, October 6th. Discover the course that *Golfweek* magazine included in its 2005 "America's Best" listings and *Golf Digest* named in 2004 as "one of the ten best courses in the United States that is 100 years old or more." Designed by the legendary Donald Ross, the course is rated as the 8th best in North Carolina (with five of the seven courses rated higher located at legendary Pinehurst).

Grove Park Inn and Resort – Scrumptious entrees and desserts are the fare at this ever popular restaurant, one of several in this golfing resort community. We will celebrate our last evening meal in the mountains here and give thanks to God for our time together. The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa is one of the South's most venerable and famous grand resorts. Built in 1913 from granite stones mined from Sunset Mountain, the resort overlooks the Asheville skyline and provides guests with majestic views of the legendary Blue Ridge Mountains.

Chimney Rock - Chimney Rock, a 535 million-year-old towering monolith, has been an iconic focal point in the Western North Carolina mountains for well over a century. With

sweeping panoramic 75-mile views of Hickory Nut Gorge and Lake Lure from its summit, the Chimney is a one-of-a-kind experience and is accessible by a unique 26-story elevator built inside the mountain. Some of us will take in the view from this point. Others may climb to the top and sense a swell of pride and accomplishment. ALL of us will be able to appreciate with gratitude the amazing beauty of this earth.

Folk Art Center – The Folk Art Center opened in 1980 and is a result of cooperation and partnerships between the National Park Service, the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Southern Highland Craft Guild. The FAC houses galleries, a library, the Guild Archives, craft and gift shop, and a bookstore.

Grandfather Mountain – Grandfather Mountain is one of the most biologically diverse mountains in the world, home to 73 rare or endangered species. Suspended a mile above sea level, we will walk across the highest swinging footbridge in America as we gaze upon the great peaks of the southern Appalachians. It is here that we will enjoy a wonderful picnic lunch together.

2010 Blue Ridge Mountain Retreat

Organized by First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, GA

October 3-8, 2010

Participant _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Roommate _____

____ Check here if private room is requested (\$50 additional charge)

Food Allergies _____

Physical Impairments _____

____ Check here if you would be willing to lead a devotional

____ Check here if you would like information sent to you concerning our *Journeys of Paul* trip in June 2011

____ Check here if you would like information sent to you concerning our *Journey of Faith* trip to Israel in April 2012

Mail to: *First Presbyterian Church*

P.O. Box 709

Saint Marys, Georgia

Cost: *\$350 per person*

Please make copies of this registration form for multiple participants
