

NEW FAITH CHURCH 2026 MARRIAGE RETREAT | JULY 17 - JULY 19

OMNI BARTON CREEK RESORT & SPA | AUSTIN, TEXAS

DR. ANDRE J. LEWIS, LEAD PASTOR

Welcome to LESSONS

BUILT FOR LEGACY

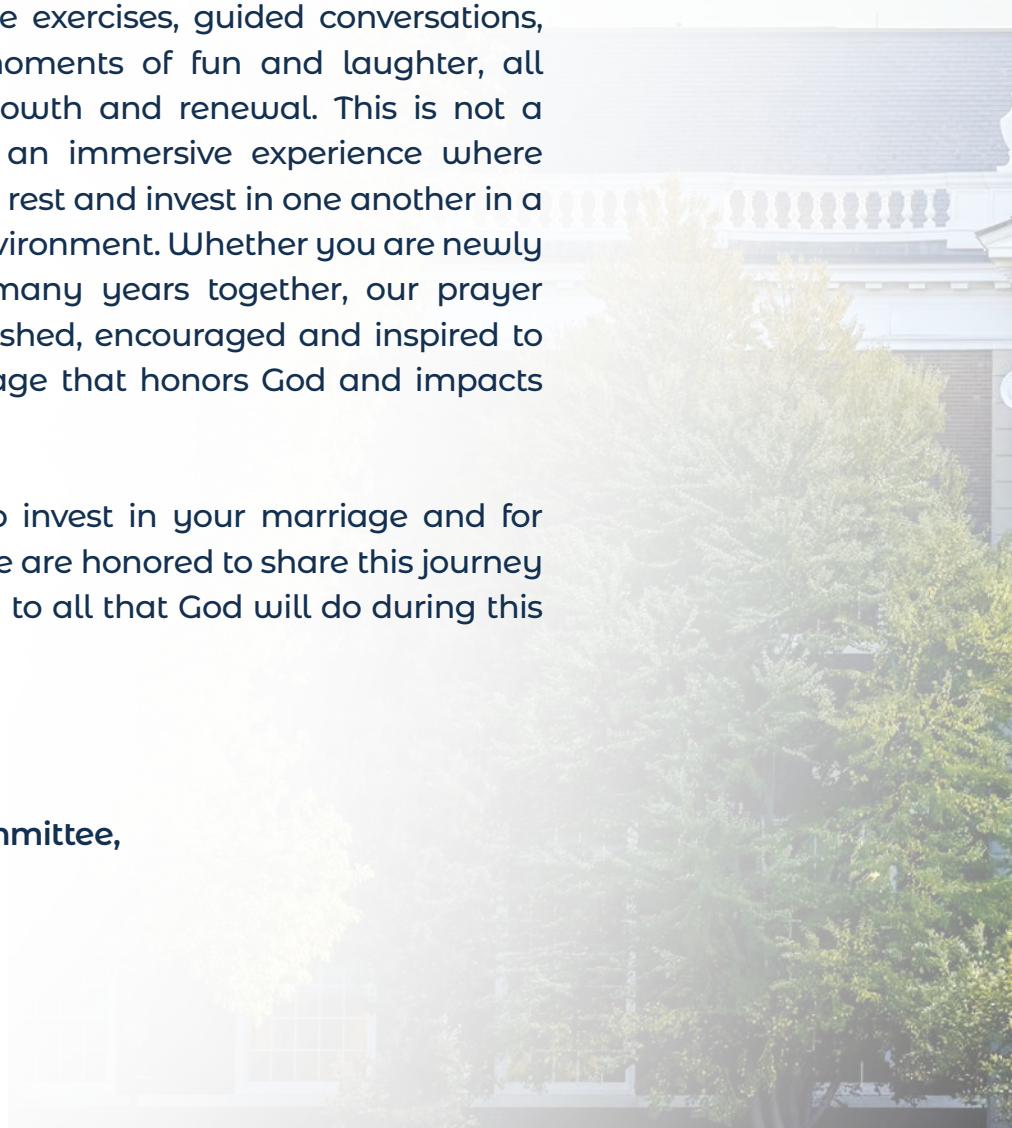
Welcome to the New Faith Church 2026 Marriage Retreat. On behalf of the Married Life 2026 Retreat Planning Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to this special weekend designed to strengthen marriages, deepen faith, and equip couples to build a lasting generational legacy. We believe that every marriage has the potential to reflect God's love and purpose and this retreat has been intentionally created to provide practical tools, meaningful experiences and opportunities for authentic connection that will help your relationship thrive.

Throughout the weekend, you will experience faith-centered teaching, interactive couple exercises, guided conversations, worship, reflection and moments of fun and laughter, all designed to encourage growth and renewal. This is not a lecture-heavy retreat but an immersive experience where couples can learn, connect, rest and invest in one another in a supportive and uplifting environment. Whether you are newly married or have shared many years together, our prayer is that you will leave refreshed, encouraged and inspired to continue building a marriage that honors God and impacts future generations.

Thank you for choosing to invest in your marriage and for joining us this weekend. We are honored to share this journey with you and look forward to all that God will do during this unforgettable weekend.

Blessings,

2026 Retreat Planning Committee,
The Married Life Ministry
New Faith Church




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Spotlight on our Guest Facilitators

PASTOR BRYAN & FIRST LADY STEPHANIE CARTER

Pastor Bryan and First Lady Stephanie Carter have experienced the richest blessings of the Lord as they have ministered together since 2003 at Concord Church in Dallas, TX. Concord Church serves over 9,000 members with a mission of being a church that "Grows People."

Bryan is best known as a connector, thought leader, pastor, and dynamic communicator. Innovative, strategic, compassionate, and visionary are just a few words used by others to describe him. He is a passionate leader with a vision for inspiring people to grow to their full potential in Jesus Christ.

Bryan is committed to serving the city of Dallas and beyond by working toward city transformation, building stronger families, and economic development. He currently serves on the boards of Frost Bank Dallas Advisory Board, Dallas Mavericks Advisory Council, and Family Life Ministries.

Bryan also serves as board chair for Harmony Community Development Corporation, an organization committed to improving the community of southern Dallas by transforming communities to become whole and empowered. He has served Harmony CDC since 2007. For ten years, he led the African American Pastors Coalition, a fellowship of over sixty churches committed to serving and addressing critical needs in the Dallas community. He also served as co-chair of Dallas Clergy, a fellowship of Dallas churches from across the city. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Bryan is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a specialty in Science and Math. He is also a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Arts in Christian Education with a specialty in Family Ministry and a recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Dallas Baptist University.

Stephanie Carter, affectionately known as 'Lady Carter,' has served as women's ministry leader at Concord Church since 2010. She employs her encouraging and inspiring leadership to the women of Concord Church and the community to live fulfilling lives.

Under her leadership, the women's ministry serves over 500 women through 'The Sisterhood' and 'Fearless Mom'. These weekly Bible studies are designed to foster environments where women can connect, grow spiritually, and be empowered. Her heart is a ministry shaped by creativity, service, biblical teaching, and relationships. Lady Carter has been privileged to serve as a speaker, teacher, and motivator in various churches, conferences, and organizations.

Lady Carter is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She served as a teacher and instructional specialist in Fort Worth ISD for six years.

Pastor Bryan and Lady Stephanie, college sweethearts, have been married for 26 years. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Kaitlyn and Kennedy and one son, Carson.

Your Schedule for the Weekend

LOVE LESSONS
DAY 01

2:30PM - 5:30PM

SHOAL CREEK
WILDFLOWER ATRIUM
DARRELL BALLROOM

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REGISTRATION & PRE-RETREAT STATIONS

6:30PM - 7:15PM

HILL COUNTRY PAVILION

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THE LEGACY LOVE GAME SHOW & SESSION I

DERRICK JAMES, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

LOVE LEGACY GAME SHOW – IT'S GAME TIME!

Huddle up for some couple's fun and games.

WELCOME, ERIC & LATONIA JACKSON

PRAYER, REV. ERIC & PRINCESS MCMILLAN

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

7:15PM–8:00PM

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SESSION I
PHED 305 – THE CHEMISTRY LAB: EXPERIMENTS IN INTIMACY

Format: Combined (Husbands & Wives) Session

Dr. Bryan & Lady Stephanie Carter

Session Description: A dynamic, transparent, and heart-opening session exploring emotional, spiritual, and physical intimacy. Couples learn how to cultivate closeness through intentional pursuit, emotional safety, and a rhythm of romance that strengthens their connection.

8:00PM-10:30PM

HILL COUNTRY PAVILION & PATIO

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MEET US ON THE YARD, "MIX & MINGLE!"

An opening night experience with lite bites, a live DJ, line dancing, and a lively atmosphere designed for couples to connect, engage, and enjoy fellowship as they kick off the retreat weekend.

LOVE LESSONS

DAY 02 AM

BREAKFAST

7:00AM - 8:45AM

WILDFLOWER ATRIUM

LATE REGISTRATION

8:00AM - 8:45AM

THE SHOAL ROOM

GENERAL SESSION

9:00AM - 10:00AM

DARRELL ROYAL BALLROOM

DERRICK JAMES, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

WELCOME, BRANDON & ASHLEE RICHARDSON

PRAYER, WILLIAM & JANICE WORKCUFF

SESSION II

8:00AM - 8:45AM

MARR 330: NAVIGATING THE SEASONS OF MARRIAGE

Format: Combined Session - (Husbands & Wives)

Dr. Bryan & Lady Stephanie Carter

Session Description:Every marriage moves through seasons. This course helps couples identify their current stage and learn how to thrive through renewal, joy, transition, and challenge.

BREAK

10:00AM - 10:10AM

SESSION III

10:10AM - 11:00AM

MEN 201 - SHOAL CREEK ROOM
WOM 202 - DARRELL ROYAL BALLROOM

HIS & HERS GROWTH LABS: LEVELING UP LOVE

Format: Breakout Session - Husbands Only & Wives Only

MEN 201 - The Brotherhood Lab with Dr. Bryan Carter
A practical, empowering lab equipping husbands to lead with strength, stability, and spiritual confidence.

WOM 202 -The Sisterhood Studio with Lady Stephanie Carter
An empowering women's lab experience designed to help wives grow in wisdom, confidence, and emotional health. Through honest reflection and practical tools, women learn how to nurture connection from a place of strength and spiritual grounding.

LOVE LESSONS

DAY 02 AM

11:00AM – 11:10AM

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BREAK

11:10 AM –12:00 PM

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DARRELL ROYAL BALLROOM

SESSION IV
COMM 401 – THE UNITY LAB: FIGHTING FAIR & BUILDING PEACE

Format: Combined Session - (Husbands & Wives)

Dr. Bryan & Lady Stephanie Carter

This is a transformative session on unity, conflict resolution, communication, and financial peace. Couples learn how to fight fair, reconnect after conflict, and steward their resources as a unified team.

LOVE LESSONS

DAY 02 PM

2 — DARRELL ROYAL BALLROOM

LINEN, LACE-UP & LAUGHS - AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER, LOVE & LAID-BACK ELEGANCE

DERRICK JAMES, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

2 — 5:45PM

ARRIVAL AND PHOTOS WITH PHOTOGRAPHER

2 — 5:45PM- 7:30PM

LIVE BAND

2 — 6:15PM - 7:30PM

DINNER
BLESSING OF THE FOOD, DR. JOE JOHNSON

2 — 7:30PM - 8:30PM

COMEDIAN

2 — 8:30PM-9:50PM

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING

2 — 10:00PM- 10:10PM

VOW RENEWAL
OFFICIATED BY DR. LEWIS

LOVE LESSONS

DAY 03

7:00AM -8:45AM

BREAKFAST

9:00AM

DARRELL ROYAL BALLROOM

GENERAL SESSION

DERRICK JAMES, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

PRAISE & WORSHIP

REV. CHRISTOPHER WATKINS & MELVIN JOHNSON

PRAYER

JACK & REV. TRISEL DAVIS

9:20 AM-10:10AM

SESSION V

LEG 500: THE LEGACY BLUEPRINT – LOVE LESSONS, BUILT FOR LEGACY

Format: Combined (Husbands & Wives) Session

Dr. Andre J. Lewis

Session Description: The closing course challenges couples to see marriage as more than a relationship; it is a lasting legacy. Through the foundations of covenant commitment, healthy communication, and intentional influence on the next generation, couples will discover how a Christ-centered marriage can impact their family, strengthen future generations, and reflect God's faithfulness for years to come.

CLOSING REMARKS

DEACON RONALD JACKSON


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FRIDAY NIGHT
MEET US ON THE YARD
MIX & MINGLE
ATTIRE: COLLEGE, SORORITY/FRATERNITY, SCHOOL APPAREL, OR YOUR FAVORITE SHIRT
SATURDAY NIGHT
LINEN, LACE-UP, AND LAUGHS
ATTIRE: NEUTRAL LINEN (WHITE, CREAM, TAN, OR OFF-WHITE) WITH SNEAKERS
married life
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SCAN FOR MORE DETAILED RETREAT INFO

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