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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND FEC'S FALL MARRIAGE RETREAT

Registration is now open for FEC's fall marriage retreat, offered either October 27-29 or November 10-12 at Miracle Camp and Retreat Center in Lawton, Michigan. FEC's highly popular retreat features strong Biblical teaching, tons of laughter, and loads of practical tips to strengthen your marriage. This year's retreat promises all this and more, thanks to lead teachers Matt and Lanita Boyers from Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon, Ohio.

In a casual teaching atmosphere, Matt and Lanita share personal stories from their marriage, paired with Biblical teaching designed to help you establish Godly principles in your daily life together. Each year, Matt and Lanita also bring a team of fully committed leadership couples, who are dedicated to

pouring into the lives of each person who attends. "All of the couples we bring have experienced awesome transformation in their own marriages," says Matt. "During breaks, they're on mission to connect with each couple at the retreat." Many of these ties endure beyond the weekend.

According to Jonathan Hyde, executive director at Miracle Camp, "one of the best parts about FEC's marriage retreat is the downtime. It's truly designed to foster stronger connections with your spouse, and you have all afternoon on Saturday to do just that." Whether you want to stroll the beautiful grounds at Miracle Camp, experience high-adventure ziplining, or just take a nap, you have all the flexibility you need. **Spots fill up quickly, so be sure to register soon at <http://www.miraclecamp.com/marriage/>!**

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Residency Program Expands, Adds International Focus

"There's no way we can do this." That was pastor Matt Boyer's first thought about the now highly successful leadership development residency program at Crossroads Evangelical Church in Wauseon, Ohio. Contrary to Matt's first prediction, church leaders stepped up, residents showed up, and the program has succeeded in ways Matt could never have imagined. Every resident who has tackled the training is now serving in a leadership position within FEC. This year, in addition to equipping up to four more church-leaders-in-training, the program is adding an international component.

Raj Mari, brother of Syam Mari of ZEC Ministries, is planning to join the team for six months of intensive ministry training. "Our thought is that Raj might recreate the program in India," says Matt. "We hope he's the first of several international pastors to join us in years to come."



Matt Boyers

To learn more, check out the leadership development tab at crossroads.wauseon.org.

MEET THE TEAM

Linda Burton



"God brought me to FEC at a time in my life when I needed it the most." Linda Burton, a Fort Wayne native, considers herself to be both privileged and blessed to be a part of the FEC team. After many years at Raytheon followed

by a short season at a local bank, Linda was extremely thankful to join the Christian Service Foundation (CSF) part-time, an affiliate of the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches. Linda's background in accounting greatly aided her as she transitioned into her new role at CSF in handling various accounts. "I feel that I am able to use my analytical nature in this position, and it fits me well," Linda shares. When Linda needed to move into full-time work, FEC had an opening, and Linda was able to fill in the gap, working part-time for CSF and part-time for FEC. "God orchestrated the perfect scenario at just the right time. In a season when I needed 'family' and an encouraging atmosphere, God provided abundantly through an organization I already loved." Linda lends accounting assistance to Nate Zimmerman, the Administrative Director, in a variety of accounting responsibilities and some special projects. "I love that my position with FEC provides a variety of tasks and also has given me the opportunity to serve God alongside people that I consider to be like family." Linda has attended Pine Hills Church for four years, and greatly enjoys time with her two daughters, Alex and Sarafina.

COAST TO COAST

Infinity Church Reaches San Clemente Neighborhood for Christ

FEC has officially expanded its reach from coast to coast, thanks to a new church plant in San Clemente, California. Led by Ken Eastburn, longtime pastor and native Californian, Infinity Church has developed a unique approach to reaching its neighbors. "It all started when I walked my dog to our neighborhood park overlooking the ocean," says Ken. "The more I walked, the more I prayed for my neighbors," he says. "We began to realize that this was a group of people longing for community." When Ken and his wife met at the neighborhood park on a Sunday morning for songs and prayer, just to see what God might do, ten people decided to join them. Soon, that number doubled, and a pastor friend introduced Ken to Tom Bennardo, FEC's director of pastoral development & western U.S. church multiplication. The rest, as they say, is history. Please join us in welcoming FEC's newest church plant. To learn more, visit <https://fecministries.org/ministries/initiatives/sanclemente/>.



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