

FIND YOUR BALANCE



CHURCH RETREAT
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13-15
MALIBU, CA

Boasting nimble trapeze artists, daring lion tamers, death-defying tightrope walkers, and exotic animals of all shapes and sizes, it's no wonder that the circus is known as "the greatest show on earth." The Apostle Paul, however, says that the church is the greatest show beyond the earth, writing, "through the church the manifold wisdom of God [is] made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." For one unbelievable weekend, you're invited to come explore the kind of lives that make the church so worthy of cosmic display. So, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages... see you under the big top!



RETREAT SPEAKER

Dana Allin, a native of Santa Barbara, has served as the Synod Executive for ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians since 2013. Prior to this appointment he served as the senior pastor of Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, FL, and the pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, CA. Dana co-authored *Together on Mission*. His latest book, *Simple Discipleship*, is scheduled for release in January 2019. Dana is married to Beth, who is also an ordained ECO pastor. They have two boys and a girl - Micah (13), Peyton (12), and Piper (9).

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

The retreat begins with dinner on Friday night at 5:30 and ends after our morning gathering on Sunday (no lunch on Sunday). Throughout the weekend, we will enjoy four sessions of corporate worship, teaching, and play in addition to plenty of informal fun and fellowship!

ACTIVITIES

Saturday afternoon features time set aside for the church family to just enjoy being together! Take part in soccer, volleyball, wiffle ball, frisbee golf, bocce ball, runs, jogs, hikes, walks, card games, coffee chats, naps, or make your own fun! Additionally, the ropes course and climbing wall will be open and a bounce house will be set up for the kids! **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are willing to give an hour or so of your time on Saturday for supervising the ropes course, or if you are a certified lifeguard, please let Sara Rudeen know at 451-5392 or email retreatinfo@sbcommunity.org.

KIDS RETREAT

We see the retreat as an opportunity for our whole church family to gather and are intentional about addressing the developmental needs of children/families attending. Each year, children come away from the weekend excited about God and how much He loves them. Everyone (whether they have a child in the program or not) is welcome to participate in the children's portion of the retreat. Each parent is required to serve at one of the four sessions and will sign up during online registration. We also welcome the help of Junior High and High School students and they can earn community service hours for their efforts. Email kidsretreat@sbcommunity.org for more info or to sign up to serve.

LOCATION

The Church Retreat takes place at Salvation Army Camp Mt. Craggs / Camp Gilmore in Malibu Canyon. From SB, take the 101 south, exit at Lost Hills Rd. Turn right on Lost Hills, then turn right on Las Virgenes Rd. Continue on to Tapia Park. Turn right into the park and follow the signs to the Salvation Army Camp. There are two gates with access codes. At the Ranger Station kiosk, enter #1865 and at the camp gate enter #1865. Parking is limited, so CARPOOLING is strongly encouraged (besides it's more fellowship time). Camp phone number is (818) 222-6327.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

Registration opens March 1. To register, visit sbcommunity.org/news-events/retreats. Once there, you will find important information about registration for families, an overview of the various housing options and even suggestions for what to bring!

QUESTIONS?

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