

Mark your calendar for **The Retreat 2024, May 6-9, 2024!** You don't want to miss it. This is a ministry for those ages 55 and up at Springville Camp and Conference Center where you can enjoy the beauty of nature that Springville Camp and Conference Center offers as well as fellowship with other seniors of like faith. We are expecting another great Retreat with our special guests this year, **Alton & Johanna Garrison**, and **Joe Phillips**.

**Alton & Johanna Garrison** – Alton Garrison serves as the Executive Director of the Acts 2 Journey Initiative, a biblically based, culturally contextualized template that assists churches in renewing their spiritual vitality and discovering their full kingdom potential. He has previously served as the Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God; Executive Director of U.S. Missions; Superintendent of the Arkansas District; and Pastor of First Assembly of God, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Prior to pastoring, Garrison traveled as an evangelist for 18 years.

Alton has authored the books: *Hope in America's Crisis*, *Building a Winning Team*, *Acts 2 Church*, *The 360 Disciple*, and *A Spirit Empowered Church*. Garrison and his wife, Johanna have one daughter, Lizette, one grandson and one granddaughter.

**Joe Phillips** – Primarily Joe is a public speaker, comic, author, actor, and filmmaker. Joe has a varied background in ministry. He was involved in youth ministry at large churches for fifteen years. He has been a pastor denominational leader. Bible teacher, coach, and missionary. Joe has written four books and produced a film entitled "Aren't You Somebody?" which was partially shot in Thailand. Joe and his wife Cecilia, have four children and three grandchildren. The couple, and most of the family reside in the Charlotte, NC area.

Please help us by letting your friends know about the retreat and encourage them to attend! Some of the activities we will be offering this year are:

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| -Bingo              | -Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddle Boats |
| -Zip-lining         | -Shopping Trip                  |
| -Fishing Tournament | -Nature Walks                   |
| -Giant Swing        | -Paint Class                    |
| -Shooting Range     | And MORE!                       |

**Our online registration opens March 1, 2024.** Just to refresh, here are the details needed to register.

1. You will need to go to the AMN website, [www.amnag.org](http://www.amnag.org). Once the AMN website loads, click on **Events**, located at the top of the website.
2. Locate and click on **The Retreat 2024**.
3. Once you have selected The Retreat 2024, click the link stating **click here to register**.
4. Under the Church Name on the registration, you will need to locate your church number by finding **your church's city**, and then the church name on the enclosed list.
5. Once you have filled out the form, you will have the option to pay online with a credit card or send a check to the Alabama Ministry Network Office.

If you are sending a check, please mail to: Alabama Ministry Network, 5919 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36117, Attn: CE Dept.

**The cost for this retreat is \$135 per person. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration to secure your spot.** Each person planning to attend The Retreat must fill out an application. If you are paying by credit card, the remaining balance will automatically be charged on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If you are paying your deposit by check, the remaining balance is due upon arrival at camp.

**What you will need to bring:**

Queen Sheets	Towels & Washcloths
Toiletries	Fishing Gear (optional)
Board Games/Cards	Lawn Chair (optional)
Snacks to share for evening fellowships	

**Check in at camp opens at 1pm on May 6, 2024.**

If you have a physical handicap and have difficulty using the stairs, please indicate this on your registration and request a ground floor room. **The ground floor rooms will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, according to severity of handicap.** Please note, downstairs rooms are limited, so if you are physically able to room upstairs, please be mindful of those that cannot and leave the downstairs rooms for them.

Each year after the evening services we have a time of fellowship and refreshments. We ask that each one bring a homemade or store bought good to share with the group if you are able.

If you have any questions about registration, or the retreat, please call Kristi at 334-279-7172 Ext. 201 and she can walk you through the process or answer any questions you may have.

**Vint A. Norris, AMN CE Director**