

Pastors' & Wives Retreat Home at Lighthouse Christian Camp

FAQ

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1. **Q. What is the purpose of the Pastors' Retreat Home?**
A. We provide the opportunity for pastors and their wives to get away from the demands of ministry in order to be refreshed, encouraged, loved, and to enjoy a much needed time of rest. We provide a place for pastors and their wives to get alone with God for prayer, inner healing, and renewal.

2. **Q. Are there any charges to stay at the Pastors' Retreat Home?**
A. Yes. New rates begin on July 1, 2018, a non-refundable deposit is required depending upon your length of stay:
 Four, Five, or Six night stay (Five, Six, or Seven days) ---- \$180.00
 Two or Three night stay (Three or Four Days) ----- \$120.00
Note: There is a minimum two night stay and a maximum six night stay at the Pastors' Retreat Home. Once we inform you the dates you have requested are available, your required non-refundable deposit must be postmarked within 7-days made payable and mailed to: **Lighthouse Christian Camp, 205 Serenity Place, Smithville, TN 37166.** Once we receive your deposit, your reservation will be confirmed. Once your deposit has been processed, cancellations will not receive a refund.

3. **Q. How do I make a reservation?**
A. Reservations can be made by email or by mailing your completed reservation form. To help guarantee your reservation, please complete the questionnaire and return it to us promptly by replying to the email you received. Once your reservation is confirmed, you will receive instructions for the house key pick-up. Check-in is any time after 2:00 p.m. on your day of arrival and Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. on your day of departure.

4. **Q. What is the maximum length of stay?**
A. Based on availability, we offer the home for a minimum of two nights/three days or a maximum of six nights/seven days; ideally checking in on a Friday afternoon, staying through the Thursday morning of the following week. This allows us to clean the home for the next reservation and to not impede its use for a full weekend after your stay is complete.

5. **Q. Are there dates in which the home is not available?**
A. Yes. The following dates are not available: during the week of the Pastors and Wives Retreat, in early October, and the week after; Thanksgiving week and the week after Thanksgiving; and Christmas and New Year's Week and the week after New Year's.

6. **Q. What should I expect during my stay?**
A. You will enjoy all the beauty of God's creation that the State of Tennessee has to offer. We respect your desire to get away and take time up the mountain to pray, yet we are available to serve you and be a blessing (See Question 10).

7. **Q. What should I expect upon departure?**

A. We ask that you leave the home in the condition in which it was found when you arrived. On your departure date, please gather all trash and notify Camp Staff for drop-off location, wash and dry towels and wash cloths along with the bedding that was used during your stay (a laundry room is available within the home). There is a manual in the home with further details.

8. **Q. During winter months, are there indoor activities?**

A. Yes! Located within the Pastors' Retreat Home you will find a game room that includes a pool table, ping pong, foosball, and other indoor activities for you and your family.

9. **Q. Are there hiking trails and other spring/summer outdoor activities?**

A. Yes. We are located in the beautiful hills of Tennessee! You will find nature trails for prayer walks to enjoy God's beauty. We have a "use at your own risk" policy. Always use caution and be alert for the things of nature such as poison ivy, poison oak, critters, and uneven walk surfaces. We have tennis courts, swimming pools, and there is a marina within ½ mile of the home where boat rentals are available.

10. **Q. If we plan to swim, what do we need to know?**

A. If you plan to swim, towels are not provided. Please do not remove towels from the Pastors' Home to be used in the pool area. You must use your own personal swim towels. Swimming is allowed only when not in use by Campers. On Saturdays and Sundays the pool is usually available from 9:00am—8:00pm. On weekdays, especially in June and July, please check with Camp Staff for the best swim times. The pool is usually open from mid-May through early September.

11. **Q. Is the Pastors' Retreat Home equipped with Wi-Fi?**

A. No. However, the Home is equipped with Dish Network for your enjoyment.

12. **Are there any opportunities for pastors and their families who play an instrument?**

A. Yes. Based on availability of local Christian musicians, there may be an opportunity to schedule a Pickin' Session during your stay. You may indicate your interest on the Reservation Form.

13. **Q. What type of ministry to pastors and their families do you offer?**

A. **Shepherd's Fortress Ministries**, a ministry to Pastors and their families, is available to serve you. David Revelle, director of Shepherd's Fortress, is partnering with us to provide additional prayer, encouragement, and support or simply a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee or a glass of sweet tea. Growing up in a pastor's home and serving in pastoral ministry for more than twenty years, David is very familiar with the joys and demands of a pastor and his family. Shepherd's Fortress also provides pulpit supply to help enable pastors to enjoy a getaway at the Pastors' Retreat Home. Please visit www.shepherdsfortress.org

14. Q. Do you host a retreat for groupings of Pastors and their wives for fellowship?

A. Yes! Every year we host our annual Fall Pastors' & Wives Retreat (Dates and details are available on our website). Pastors and their wives are loved, encouraged, and served by camp staff. Lodging, meals, ministry sessions, and light recreation are all provided free of charge. (Due to nature of the ministry-focused sessions, this is an adult only event. Thank you for your understanding.) During this event, reservations for the Pastors' Retreat Home are limited to event attendees.

15. Q. Can my church/Ministry use the facilities for our own personal Staff Retreat or Staff Meetings?

A. The Pastors' Retreat Home is for the specific purpose listed in Question 1. The objective of our Pastors' Retreat home is limited to providing the opportunity for pastors and their wives to get away from the pressures and demands of ministry. For contact info of ministries who offer facilities for this purpose, please contact Shepherd's Fortress Ministries by calling 615-489-3676 or by email shepherdsfortress@gmail.com Please visit www.shepherdsfortress.org

16. Q. Is the Pastors' Retreat Home available for vacations for me and my extended family?

A. God has ordained this home to be used specifically for ministry to pastors and their immediate family. For a list of ministries and organizations who offer vacation opportunities at special rates, contact Shepherd's Fortress Ministries: 615-489-3676 or by email: shepherdsfortress@gmail.com Please visit www.shepherdsfortress.org

17. Q. Are pets allowed at the Pastors' Retreat Home?

A. Although we love them, pets are not allowed.

18. Q. Are there opportunities for my church to be involved in the ministry of Lighthouse Christian Camp?

A. Yes! There are numerous ways in which you may be involved! Lighthouse Christian Camp is a faith ministry dependent upon donations from businesses, churches, and individuals throughout the year. Here are a few of many examples: Pastor, your church can make it possible for disadvantaged children to come to camp free of charge! For only \$135 you can sponsor a child to come to camp for an entire week! During the summer months we need week-long Camp Counselors and volunteers for both our Girls Camps in June and our Boys Camps in July. During the off-season we welcome project teams/volunteers to come and help with the many projects to maintain our facilities and grounds. Donations of Christmas gifts are needed for our Boys and Girls Christmas Parties in December. More information is available at the Camp Office and on our website: www.lighthousechristiancamp.com or Phone: 615-597-1264

Suggested items you may want to bring:

- Bagged Ice: the ice-maker is not in operation.
- Groceries: If you desire to prepare meals, the home has a full kitchen.
- There is a Keurig Coffee Maker in case you might want to bring your favorite flavor.
- Swim towels if you plan to swim (See Question #9 above).
- Pack 'N' Play or Bassinet for infants.