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## 2013 MARBLE RETREAT GROUP SCHEDULE

September 17-26  
October 22-31  
November 5-14  
December 3-12



# Marble Retreat

The mission of Marble Retreat is to help bring healing, hope and restoration to those in vocational Christian ministry and the Church at large through Christ-centered brief intensive counseling.

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## The Lord Provides

*"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep equip you with everything good for doing His will..." Hebrews 20, 21a*

*"We can be certain that God will give us the strength and resources we need to live through any situation in life that He ordains. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." Billy Graham*

Marble Retreat has always been dependent upon God, it has always been a faith journey since Louis and Melissa McBurney began this ministry in the 70's. One of the key ways God has supported and sustained the ministry of Marble Retreat is through volunteers – those folks who have shown up with their time, talents, and

resources to meet the needs of this ministry. This spring and summer has been no exception – God has provided greatly through His people. We have had volunteers to host groups, rebuild our



Volunteer host couples enjoying a day in the mountains.

outdoor deck, volunteers to weed, build benches, work on the woodstove, cut down trees, and clean the lodge. **Thank you** to all who have donated your time, labor, and money toward the upkeep of the lodge. **Thank you** to those who have helped with

the website updates and labeling newsletters. **Thank you** to those who have given financially toward this transition and toward our scholarship fund.

The ministry of Marble Retreat would not be possible without those that God provides. We would not be able to do what we do without your help.

**Thank you** to each and every one who has in one way or another been supportive to this ministry and to us. May God bless you for your generosity.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" - Phil. 1: 3-5*

**"Until one discovers this primal truth, human life will be distorted and driven. In fact, all else should follow from the deep knowledge that one is loved. Without that knowledge, all else is likely to be efforts at self-validation, efforts to ward off shame and condemnation in short, a lifestyle (especially for clergy) of driven-ness."**

*-Spiritual Wholeness for Clergy by Donald R. Hands and Wayne L. Fehr*

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# Volunteer Wish List



Chuck and Mick - Great work on the deck!

**Would you like to come to Marble Retreat on a work project by yourself or with some friends?**

We are always in need of extra help around the facilities. For example; we have wood that needs to be split and stacked, rooms that need painted, and a deck that needs stained. We always need volunteer hosts

and hostesses during our groups. We also periodically have administrative projects such as labeling mailings, filing and website updates. If you are looking for a volunteer work project for yourself or for your small group in a retreat setting and this is something that interests you, please contact Mike or Kari at [mmackenzie@marbleretreat.org](mailto:mmackenzie@marbleretreat.org) or call the office at (970) 963-2499.

## Deeply Loved

The foundational bedrock of our identity is that we are children of God, deeply loved. Yet many of us struggle to get hold and keep hold of this truth in a way that impacts our daily living. One of the reasons why it is a struggle is because many of us have areas of our lives that we feel are unlovable. Or we have only experienced love when we are "lovable," when we act nice, look nice, and smell nice. When we reject the

"unlovable" part of ourselves, we reject one of the main aspects of love – acceptance. We all need to be loved and allow ourselves to be loved in our brokenness. Through Christ we are fully acceptable in God's eyes. He loves us fully, even with our brokenness. One of our goals at Marble Retreat is to provide a place where a child of God can experience being loved and accepted in brokenness.

## Alum Quotes - from summer 2013

"Life-changing, God-centered, mission stretching time. Healing. Safe. Restful." -alum

"The small group atmosphere provided accountability and safety. What I did not expect but was so blessed by was the community, the support, the advice, the encouragement, the compassion from other group members, and the bond developed between us all. Loved the group model!" -alum

"Because of group, so much was accomplished in a short time. Best therapy we've had." - alum

"Thank you for giving your time, energy and hearts to allow us to unburden ourselves in a safe, respectful, and loving atmosphere. Our time here has impacted us in many ways and will for certain bear fruit in our lives and ministry." -alum

"It was wonderful, freeing, healing." -alum

"We were truly blessed, loved, ministered to, challenged, grew and enriched thru our time here. We were given tools to grow here and in the future." -alum



A place of rest.

### CAN YOU GIVE TO MARBLE RETREAT?

We have many needs at Marble Retreat. Here are some of them:

- Ongoing General Operating Funds
- Scholarship Funds for both Clergy and Laity
- A new commercial refrigerator for the lodge kitchen
- Stain and Labor for the outside of the lodge

Marble Retreat is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. You have several ways to donate, on-line click the donate button, check or credit card by mail or phone.

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