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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.

Spring 2014

The Founders and the Future: Celebrating 40 Years of Ministry

Louis and Melissa McBurney opened the doors of Marble Retreat in 1974 - 40 years ago. Since then, over 4000 people have benefited from this intensive Christian counseling program located in the Colorado Rockies. The heart of Marble Retreat has been to provide a place for those in ministry to find rest, healing, hope and encouragement. Marble Retreat has played a role in helping numerous pastors and missionaries stay healthy in ministry, as well as helping to save many ministry marriages. The positive impact of this on the Church is immeasurable.

Louis and Melissa were given a vision by God. He provided the means to fulfill that vision as they led the ministry of Marble Retreat for nearly 30 years, touching the lives of thousands who came during that time. The McBurneys were also instrumental in training others to care for the needs of those in ministry.

Melissa's words today, "Looking in the rearview mirror of Marble Retreat, all you can see is God. It was His idea in the first place and there He is working in every session, every group, being the driving force, the source of wisdom, love, ideas and provision. What a privilege to be allowed to observe His miracles. I tend to think as we look forward, that is what we will see if we use our eyes of faith."

Steve and Patti Cappa took over the reins in 2003 and followed in the footsteps of the McBurneys, giving themselves to this ministry and to serve God's servants with wisdom, love, and grace. Their words, "It has been a sacred privilege to walk with nearly a thousand of God's workers during our season of service with Marble Retreat. Leaving the ministry of Marble Retreat was bittersweet. Bitter, as it is difficult

to say good-bye. Sweet, as we serve during this new season with Colorado Christian University. We pray for God's continued blessings on Marble Retreat."

In the spring of 2013, Michael and Kari MacKenzie were appointed as directors of Marble Retreat. After having specialized in caring for Christian leaders for over twelve years, including completing doctorate degrees in counseling ministry leaders, God opened the door for the MacKenzies to lead the ministry of Marble Retreat into the future.

Now looking back on the words of Melissa McBurney, it has been incredible how God has used and blessed this ministry in the mountains. We believe God is not done with Marble Retreat.

So this year, we pause to celebrate forty years of God's faithfulness to this ministry and more importantly of God using this ministry to strengthen marriages and heal the hearts, minds, and souls of those who serve Him.

This year of celebration culminates with our 40th Anniversary Celebration on October 11, 2014.

We hope you will join us!



Drs. Mike and Kari MacKenzie



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A higher purpose.



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Save the Date



Mark Schultz
www.markschultzmusic.com

October 11, 2014

You are invited to celebrate 40 years of ministry with us, featuring Christian Artist Mark Schultz in concert and special artistic presentation by Disney artist, Noah. This event will be held October 11, 2014 at the Orchard Church in Carbondale, CO from 5:30-9:00pm.

Come enjoy dinner, life changing stories, and a silent auction. One of the many exciting items in the silent auction will be a week's vacation at one of Vacation Internationale's Resort condos (<http://viresorts.com/resorts/resortLocations.html>).

Tickets for the full evening will be \$75.00 per person or \$25.00 for concert only balcony seats.

*Your support has made 40 years
of ministry possible!*

Alum Quotes – from Spring 2014

"The beauty of Marble is in our hearts and is working in our lives. We pray for you and your ministry and cannot thank you enough. We continue to work on it. Hope spring is glorious in the Rockies." - alum

"It's hard to believe that about a year ago we were at Marble. This past year has been full, but so very good. God has led us step by step, and for most of the journey we haven't felt like we've been able to see more than just that one step. We are doing really well... enjoying a slower pace of life with a deepened love for Christ and for one another. He has been sufficient in His grace and abundant in His mercies. Our kids are thriving and it is a pleasure to watch God's good work in them through this season. We think of you all fondly and with deep gratitude." - alum

"I'm getting better - as you've said before. Still in grief (not as frequent), but it's easier compared to last year. We are getting busier - mainly with God's work, which is our priority now. You guys are doing marvelous work for His people. Will still remember you all and the Marble ministry in our prayers." - alum



Recently stained lodge

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our goal is to raise the full cost of this evening by selling tables. If you are interested in supporting Marble Retreat and helping us celebrate our 40th anniversary would you please consider buying a table for \$1,000? For this amount you receive 8 tickets of which, you can sponsor the event and re-donate any un-used tickets back to the ministry to be used by others or you can use the tickets to fill a table with family and friends to attend the event. To buy a table please go to our website and click on the "donate" tab or call 970 963 2499.

Thank you for your support of the ministry of Marble Retreat.

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