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*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



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.

Fall 2021

Introducing Patrick and Mindy Crowder, Marble Retreat Pastor Care Therapists



Patrick and Mindy Crowder

In late spring when we began the transition of Kari and Michael leaving their counseling positions at Marble Retreat, we thought about who could step in to meet this need and immediately thought of Patrick and Mindy Crowder. We called them and in God's providence and timing they were wrapping up an assignment and were available to come and cover our summer intensives. That turned into covering our fall intensives and now they are on board with Marble Retreat as therapists for all of 2022!

God had been preparing Patrick and Mindy for this opportunity for many years. Their passion to support Christian leaders runs deep. They have great compassion for those in ministry and the struggles and challenges they face. Patrick and Mindy have counseled, coached, mentored, and taught hundreds of pastors and other Christian leaders over the years. They have a combined 80 years of vocational pastoral ministry which has fueled their love of pastoring and love for pastors. Mindy has a Masters in Counseling from Townsend Institute at Concordia University, and Patrick has a Masters of Divinity from Regent University and is completing his D.Min. in Pastor Care at Lincoln Christian University. In their quest to serve pastors, they started a non-profit: Healthy Pastors and Leaders, Inc. through which they have served ministry leaders in innumerable ways. Their website is www.healthypastors.net.

Here are some words from our guests after having Patrick and Mindy as therapists:

- *Patrick and Mindy shared honestly who they were before asking us anything. This established understanding, vulnerability, and a safe place. I saw God use them in their insight and discernment to draw out of me/us the things that needed to come out to be able to start the healing process. They both used God's word as instruction*
- *as well as affirmation to our hearts. I will be forever grateful for the freedom I found in this process and in this place.*
- *Mindy is amazing, brutally honest, heartfelt and loving as she changed the course of our lives. She is truly gifted!*

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Marble Retreat Update

2021 saw one of the bigger transitions Marble Retreat has had in recent history. The MacKenzies, full-time therapists and directors, left Colorado for Florida and Kari transitioned to full-time mom and Mike to executive director. The Crowders came on board as the therapists. So how is it all going?

First, the ministry of Marble Retreat is doing very well. Our therapy groups are consistently full and we ended our fiscal year in September in the black. Our guests continue to have life-changing experiences. Since 1974, Marble Retreat has been a leader in providing counseling care to Christian leaders and we continue to fulfill that mission. And the need is greater than ever. As you can read in the update on the Crowders, Marble Retreat continues to provide quality, compassionate, and Christ-centered therapy for those who come.

Second, Mike and Kari and family are adjusting to Florida. It is a bit different than Marble, Colorado! As executive director, Mike is spreading the word about Marble Retreat and ministering to Christian leaders through articles, podcasts, and speaking at conferences, while also managing the administration of the Retreat. His book, *Don't Blow Up Your Ministry: Defuse the Underlying Issues that Take Pastors Down*, is opening many doors to encourage pastors and other Christian leaders about the need for health and wholeness as they serve the church. Kari is busy with their two boys and continues to serve Marble Retreat in various ways including doing some podcasts and conferences with Mike, a bit of online counseling, and assisting with some financial aspects of the ministry.

Cheryl, our office manager, has served in this capacity for four years and does an excellent job as our first point of contact and keeping everything running smoothly. Bob and Lisa, our host couple, continue to wow our guests with their friendly hospitality and Bob's delicious cooking. Kevin and Jen, our cleaning crew, serve the Lord with excellence as they care about every detail of keeping the lodge clean. And Patrick and Mindy, therapists, immediately fit right in when they arrived in June, rounding out our staff. God has blessed us with an incredible team! We are all grateful for how He uses us in serving His servants.

Crowders *(continued from page 1)*

- *Mindy has a gift for vulnerability that allows us to feel safe and go deep with her. She is authentic, caring, and truly connects.*
- *Their experience as pastors was PRICELESS. Patrick knew where to go in our stories, gave us tools for making change and gave insight into issues and problems.*
- *Patrick is caring, assuring, and very insightful. Our counseling was beyond anything we hoped for. I was at ease immediately and opened up, and found hope.*
- *Again, we cannot thank you enough for all that you did for us, not only in getting clarity within the ministry, but our marriage as well. I pray and think of you all often and thank God for the much needed work you do for so many.*

We are so grateful to have Patrick and Mindy as part of the Marble Retreat team!

New Book Available December 14th

This helpful resource for pastors and other Christian leaders will be available on **December 14th on IVP Press, Amazon, Christianbooks, and Goodreads.** Based on the experience of working with Christian leaders at Marble Retreat, this book lays out the path for leaders to not only protect

their hearts and ministries from damage but also to live in health and wholeness. It leads those into the Kingdom life who lead others through its wisdom, insights, stories, and practical application. As one early reader wrote, "I must say your new book, *Don't Blow Up Your Ministry*, belongs on the desk of every pastor in ministry. I couldn't stop reading it. A very powerful and impactful read."



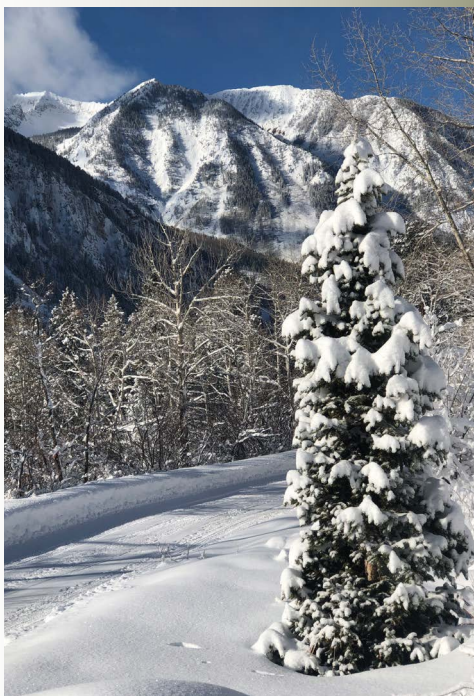
Merry Christmas from Marble Retreat!

It is all about Him!

Oh, how deeply He loves us. He left the perfection of heaven to come to this fallen earth. The Creator of all things became a dependent baby. The One who will not break a bruised reed or snuff out a smoldering wick offered Himself into the hands of sinful man. The One with life eternal tasted death. And He did it all for us. For you and for me.

So, when we say **Merry Christmas from Marble Retreat**, we are saying rejoice because you are loved! Celebrate because the Son of God came as the son of a carpenter. Glorify Him to whom all praise is due.

Blessings on you and yours in 2022!

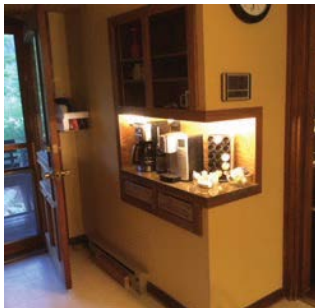


Grateful for Volunteers!

The gift of time and energy is priceless, and we are so very thankful for each and every one of our 2021 volunteers! From chopping and stacking wood, to staining decks, to helping host a session, we so appreciate the many ways our volunteers give to this ministry!

*Heartfelt thanks
go out to all of our
2021 volunteers!*

*We so appreciate
each and every
one of you!*



Guests now enjoy the coffee bar designed and installed by the Longmont work crew.



2022 SESSION DATES

January 11 - 20
January 25 - February 3
February 15 - 24
March 8 - 17
March 22 - 31
April 5 - 14
May 3 - 12
May 17 - 26
June 7 - 16
June 21 - 30
July 12 - 21
July 26 - August 4
August 9 - 18
August 23 - September 1
September 13 - 22
October 11 - 20
November 8 - 17
November 29 - December 8

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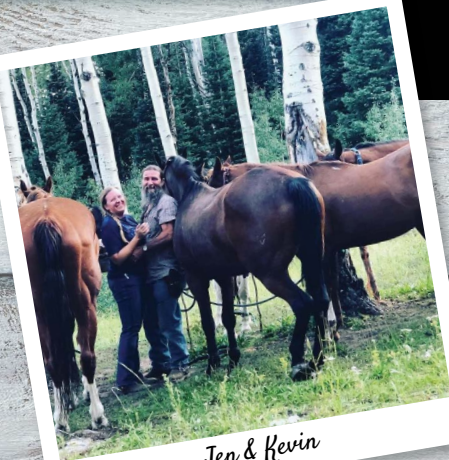
WISHING YOU A
Merry Christmas

"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN"

From the Staff of Marble Retreat



MacKenzie Family



Jen & Kevin



Bob & Lisa



Melissa & Cheryl