

ENCOUNTER RETREATS

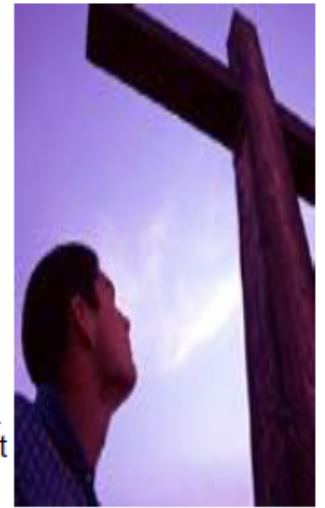
What is an "Encounter?"

We believe that the first step in becoming a disciple is to be "free indeed!" Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will SET YOU FREE." (Jn 8:31-32, NIV)

An Encounter Retreat is a weekend short course in freedom -- freedom from habits, bondages, bitterness, wrong thoughts, and past mistakes. At the Encounter, the Lord will set you free through the power of the Cross.

Who will be there?

Each Encounter is led by a Kings Point leader or staff member, who is assisted by his or her "12" (which is a group of twelve people the leader has been personally mentoring). Men attend Ironman Encounters and women attend First Lady Encounters. Youth attend Youth Encounters that are held on the same weekend but girls are held at one site and boys at a separate site.



April 29-30 May 1



April 1-3

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Generally, Encounter groups contain between 40 and 60 people, but some Encounters may have more where other churches participate.

Where is the Encounter Retreat held?

Kings Point uses a number of excellent camp and retreat facilities for Encounter Retreats. These clean, well-staffed facilities are within one hour of Cincinnati and consistently serve good food!

What is the cost of an Encounter Retreat?

Costs for Encounters are based on which facility is used. The MOST the Retreat will cost is \$105, which includes two nights of lodging and five meals. (you can't beat that!)

What is the schedule of the Retreat?

You provide your own transportation and are expected to arrive between 6:30-7:30 pm Friday evening for registration (*the Children's encounter will be a Sat./Sun only*). There will be sessions and activities that evening, throughout Saturday, and until 2:00 pm Sunday then your family is welcome to join us for a Celebration service at the Encounter facility.

The Change!

Genesis 32 tells the story of Jacob, a man who had run from his past for most of his life; however, when he encountered God at Peniel, his entire destiny was reshaped. Just as that encounter changed Jacob's life, this Encounter Weekend will change yours.

We have seen marriages restored, family relationships rebuilt, physical and emotional wounds healed and life-long addictions laid down during these powerful weekends.

It is truly a time of leaving the past behind and looking toward the future with a brand new perspective.

Every believer needs an Encounter.

Are you ready for yours?

Men's Spring Encounter Weekend 2011 Church Registration Form

Church Name _____ Pastor _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Men's Encounter – April 29-May 1 (Fri-Sun) – Church of God Camp Grounds (see map) – Cost \$75

Please list the first and last name of every man attending.

\$35 Deposit paid

\$40 Balance paid

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Dear Encounter Participant:

We are *so* excited that you have decided to attend the Encounter. We truly believe that this will be a life changing experience!

We would like to share a few ideas about preparing for your Encounter.

Keep in mind that the purpose of the Encounter is spiritual, and prepare accordingly!

- Bring your own personal items/toiletries, such as: toothpaste, soap, medications, shampoo, blow dryer, etc.
- Pack your Bible, pen/pencil and a notebook in which you can record insights from the Holy Spirit.
- Make sure to bring *comfortable* shoes and modest, *casual* clothing.
- Bring your own bed linens, pillow and towels.
- All meals are provided Saturday and Sunday, but you may desire to bring snacks.
- Bring your own bottled water and your choice of soft drinks if you chose.
- Probably even more important than what you bring is what you should NOT bring! Leave your cell phone at home! You must leave the problems of home behind and be free to concentrate on encountering God. Also, do not bring radios, tape players, as your goal at the Encounter is to hear from GOD Himself. You must allow time and opportunity to be alone with Him and quiet before Him as He ministers to you!

Please do not arrive at the retreat site before 6:30 PM!

It is important that everyone begin their Encounter together.

In addition, we want to make a couple of suggestions regarding spiritual preparation:

1. Begin ahead of time praying and seeking the Lord. It is important that you allow the Lord to show you specific areas of your life that He desires to deal with during the Encounter.
2. If health permits, consider fasting as many meals as possible prior to your Encounter.
3. Most importantly, bring an *expectant* spirit. The Lord is going to do great and mighty things!

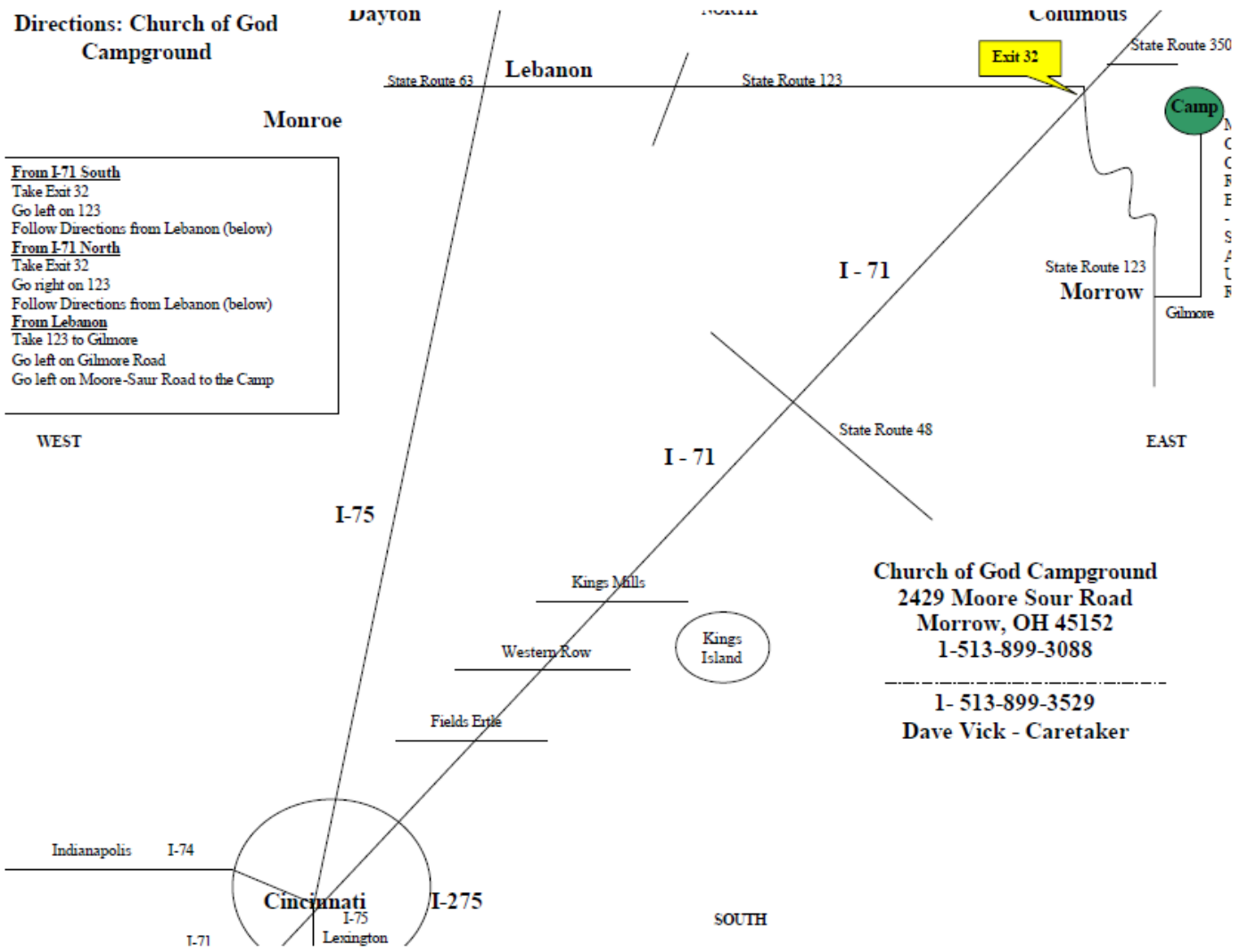
After the Encounter, you will have the opportunity to be baptized in water. If you would like to participate in the baptismal service, please come prepared. We will be having a Celebration Service on Sunday @2:00 PM. Your Family is welcome to join us.

Be Blessed!

Kings Point Encounter Team

**Directions: Church of God
Campground**

From I-71 South
 Take Exit 32
 Go left on 123
 Follow Directions from Lebanon (below)
From I-71 North
 Take Exit 32
 Go right on 123
 Follow Directions from Lebanon (below)
From Lebanon
 Take 123 to Gilmore
 Go left on Gilmore Road
 Go left on Moore-Saur Road to the Camp



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 Dave Vick - Caretaker