

Retreat Venue



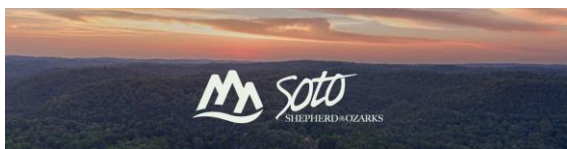
Shepherd of the Ozarks is a year-round, 460-acre Christian Conference and Retreat Center located in the heart of the Ozark Mountains in Northwest Arkansas.

Nestled in this wilderness setting are nine luxurious log-cabin-style lodges varying in decor and size to sleep from 10 to a group of 400 people. All of them include kitchens, meeting spaces, private bedrooms and bunk areas. Massive rock fireplaces, rocking chairs on the porch and comfortable beds invite you to come away for refreshment and relaxation.

In this natural setting you'll see bald eagles, blue heron, mountain goats, raccoons, otter, fox, and many beautiful birds. You'll hear tree frogs



and bull frogs at night, see fireflies and bats (our friends that eat the mosquitoes). In the wilderness sky, you'll see constellations, stars, planets and orbiting satellites.



<http://www.sotocamp.com/>

Registration Information

Costs

\$295/person or \$590/couple (double occupancy)
\$450/person private rm (subject to availability)
\$125/child, 4-12 years old (0-3 are free)

Price includes all scheduled programming, meals, lodging and on site activities.

Scholarships are available to help offset registration costs. Contact the Ministry Center to request assistance: 316-267-0391.

Childcare is available during all general sessions, by request. Please indicate this request in the online registration process.

Free time options at no additional cost include self-guided hiking trails, a spring-fed mountain creek for swimming, fishing, snorkeling (bring your own gear), river tubing (tubes provided), skipping rocks, catching minnows, hammock hang out (bring your own hammock!), sand volleyball, 9-hole disc golf course, gaga dodge ball, 9-square in the air, covered basketball court, horseshoes, geocaching, recreation fields and campfire pits. Other activities available at an additional cost include horseback rides, high ropes course, archery, slingshot, leap of faith, trust fall, paintball and hayrides.

Registration deadline is March 1, 2025. Please mail payment and registration form to EFC-MAYM, 2018 W Maple, Wichita, KS 67213, or register online by visiting www.efcmaym.org.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses:

Finding Encouragement for Ministry from Those Who Have Gone Before Us"



Pastor's Sabbath Retreat

April 4-7, 2025

Shepherd of the Ozarks
Harriet, Arkansas



Guest Speaker, Rusty Savage

After two decades of ministry in northeast Ohio, Rusty Savage and his family moved to the plains of Kansas in the fall of 2024 to begin serving as Professor of Theology at Barclay College. Over the years, his ministry roles have included: youth pastor, associate pastor, lead pastor, and denominational leader. As Director of Multiplication for Evangelical Friends Church – Eastern Region, Rusty provided oversight in the areas of church planting, global missions, and cross-cultural ministries while serving the pastors and churches of EFC-ER. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Barclay College, Rusty also currently serves as the Chair of the Board for Evangelical Friends Mission. His most cherished roles, however, are as husband to Kara and dad to their four children: Henry, Stella, Graham, and Claire. As the son, grandson, and great-grandson of pastors himself, Rusty has a special concern for pastoral families and the unique challenges and special joys they face together as they serve the Lord and His church.

Retreat Schedule

Friday, April 4

- 3-6 pm Check In
- 6:00 pm Dinner @ Wilderness Lodge
- 7:00 pm Session 1 with Rusty Savage
- 8:30 pm Fellowship

Saturday, April 5

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Session 2 with Rusty Savage
- 10:00 am Silence & Solitude
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1-6 pm Free Time: Rest & Renewal
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Session 3 with Rusty Savage
- 8:00 pm Fellowship

Sunday, April 6

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Session 4 with Rusty Savage
- 10:00 am Silence & Solitude
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1-6 pm Free Time: Rest & Renewal
- 6:00 pm Dinner
- 7:00 pm Closing Session with Thayne Thompson and Tony Wheeler
Worship, Reflection, Celebration
- 8:00 pm Fellowship

Monday, April 7

- 8:00 am Breakfast in Lodges
- 9-10 am Check Out
- 12:00 pm Lunch in Branson (optional)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12:1)

Retreat Registration

Pastor's Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Child's Name & Age _____

Child's Name & Age _____

Child's Name & Age _____

Child's Name & Age _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Home Church _____

Please indicate anticipated arrival time if later than 6:00 pm on Friday, April 4: _____

Payment is due in full by March 1, 2025

\$ _____ **Amount Enclosed**



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