

Disciples Men's—Odyssey Fall Retreat


Disciples Center at Tawakoni

Friday - Saturday
September 27 - 28, 2019

Saturday - Sunday
September 28 - 29, 2019



What It Means To Be A Man Today

 For some time, our culture has been undergoing significant change. This change has resulted in confusing messages about what it means to be a man. Who men are and what is our place in the world and the church is part of what will be explored at this year's retreat.



Featuring Friday & Saturday:
Rev. Greg Alexander

"Men's ministry has been a passion of mine for over 30 years. From 1992 to 2004, as Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Kentucky, I had the privilege of developing men's ministry resources and working with ecumenical men's leaders both nationally and internationally. My call to be the General Minister of Kentucky required that I place this vital ministry on the back burner...but my passion for this vital ministry never waned. I am so very grateful to have this opportunity to focus on men's ministry once more as the new Director for Disciples Men. Rev. Alex Ruth, the new Associate Director for Disciples Men, and I promise exciting times ahead for Disciples' men."

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- ◆ The 5th annual Kansas Disciples Men's Odyssey Experience will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sept 28.
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- ◆ The Disciples Men's Odyssey Project came into being in 2015 as a way to help teen boys, and men in general, grow in faith and develop Christ-like character. The name comes from concepts that were presented at the 2014 Men's Retreat. At the 2014 retreat, attendees explored how to live a soul-filled life using ideas from Thomas Moore's book "Care of the Soul." One of these ideas dealt with how we become the men God created us to be using the metaphor of the ancient Greek myth of the Odyssey to illuminate scriptural teachings.
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- ◆ The Odyssey retreat introduces men to the origins and goals of this project. Participants are given a copy of the 8 week expanded prayer journal/devotion guide called "A Daily Rule for Life." They are then instructed on how to use this material. Finally, retreat participants experience a monthly Men's Odyssey Group meeting.
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- ◆ Do you want your teen son, or grandson, to develop Christ-like character? Do you have what it takes to develop Christ-like character in yourself? Come to this retreat and find out.
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday

10:00 am Pre-event Work Project
 12:00 pm Lunch
 1:00 pm Work Project or Golf Outing
 5:00 pm Registration
 5:50 pm Set-up for Dinner
 6:00 pm Grace & Dinner
 6:45 pm Singing
 7:15 pm Welcome/Community Building
 8:00 pm Session #1
 9:00 pm Break
 9:30 pm Campfire
 10:15 pm Fellowship

Saturday continued

12:45 pm Session #4
 1:45 pm Break
 2:00 pm Business Session
 2:30 pm Fellowship and packing up
 3:00 pm Odyssey Experience Begins
 5:00 pm Grace & Dinner (Pulled Pork/Chicken)
 6:00 pm Worship & Communion
 6:30 pm Odyssey Participants settle in cabins
 7:00 pm The Odyssey Vision
 Movie - *When the Game Stands Tall*
 9:00 pm Discussion of Movie
 10:00 pm Bedtime

Saturday

7:30 am Morning Devotions (Optional)
 7:45 am Set-up for Breakfast
 8:00 am Grace & Breakfast
 8:45 am Singing
 9:00 am Session #2
 10:15 am Break
 10:30 am Session #3
 12:00 pm Lunch

Sunday

7:30 am Cooking Breakfast Together
 8:00 am Grace & Breakfast
 9:00 am Morning Spiritual Exercise
 10:00 am Work Project/Making Spirit Bags
 Ropes Course
 12:00 pm Grace & Lunch
 1:00 pm Reflections Upon Our Experience
 2:00 pm Closing Worship & Challenge to Take Up the Odyssey



Name _____ Name of Son Attending _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Church Town/Name _____ Dietary Issues _____

AGE: 50 & Under Over 50 **Saturday night dinner I prefer:** Chicken Pulled Pork

I am registering:

- Friday-Saturday Only—\$50.00 Saturday-Sunday Only—\$50.00
 Friday-Sunday—\$75.00 Father-Son—\$60.00

NOTE: First 10 registrations received from men 50 years of age or younger will have their registration fee refunded!

Pre-Event (Optional)

- I will be present for the pre-event work project.
 I will be present for the pre-event golf outing. [Golfing will be an extra expense. We need a minimum of four men to sign up by September 2nd to get tee times.]

REGISTRATION DEADLINE—SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
 (No refunds after September 23rd)

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 Disciples Men's Retreat
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 Topeka KS 66611-1787

Or register online at www.kansasdisciples.org