



## BELLVILLE GROUP RETREAT

Thank you for your interest in Serenity Retreat. We welcome you and your group to experience closeness with God on 26 beautiful acres in Bellville, TX. Our desire is to equip men, women, and children for transformational encounters with God through a guided prayer process. We are a full time Christian healing prayer center which offers groups to use the facility during weekends and some holidays.

### SPONSORED RETREATS

- **A Sponsored Retreat has two purposes:**
  1. To easily introduce eight participants to Transformation Prayer Ministry (TPM), helping draw closer to God and freeing them from anything that does not feel peaceful in their life
  2. To enjoy fellowship, Bible study, quiet time, or spiritual growth and community with your small group.
- **Who can sponsor a weekend?**

Anyone who is familiar with TPM and wants their friends/family to have the experience.
- **What kind of group is best for a Sponsored Retreat?**

Four couples, mother/daughter, father/son, men's or women's reunion groups, small Bible study groups, spiritual growth groups, ministry leadership groups, pastors, other non-profits.

### ACCOMODATIONS

Serenity Retreat Main Lodge has four bedrooms, each with two twin beds and each has its own private bath. These adjacent to a large living/dining room and full kitchen with large preparation island. Outside is a large-covered porch with rocking chairs and a lake view.

Two adjacent buildings have a total of 4 queen bedrooms with private baths and private porches in each building. The buildings are accessed by a gravel path. The retreat is on 26 acres in a quiet country setting. There is a wooded walking prayer trail, lakeside pavilion with rockers, and two swing arbors.

At a Sponsored Retreat, **up to eight** participants receive **one private session** of Transformation Prayer Ministry, while the rest of the weekend can be spent on any program you choose. You bring your own food, and up to sixteen people may attend. There are 12 bedrooms maximum at our facility.

### GROUP WEEKEND RATES

Group Retreats require an 8-guest minimum and 16-guest maximum. Rates do not include meals.

- **Single Occupancy:** \$125.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$132.50 per person**
- **Double Occupancy:** \$180 + 6% state room tax for one night = **GRAND TOTAL \$190.80 per room or \$95.40 per person**

### FOOD RATES

If you would like, you may provide your own meals. The ample kitchen is outfitted with most things you will need to cook and serve. If you prefer, the Serenity Retreat staff will provide and serve breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner. The price for each meal, per individual is listed below:

- **Meal Charge:** \$13.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$13.78 per person, per meal**

## RETREAT SCHEDULE

You may change this to suit your group's preferences. This must be pre-arranged with Serenity Retreat, as the TPM sessions schedule involves volunteer schedules.

- **Friday**
  - 3:00PM** - Arrive
  - 4:30PM** - Teaching on Transformation Prayer Ministry (TPM)
  - 6:00PM** - Dinner
  - 7:00PM** - Two participants receive TPM, remaining six: program of choice
- **Saturday**
  - 8:30AM** - Breakfast
  - 10:00AM** - Two participants receive TPM, remaining six: program of choice
  - 12:00PM** - Lunch
  - 1:00PM** - Two participants receive TPM, remaining six: program of choice
  - 3:00PM** - One to two participants receive TPM, remaining: program of choice
  - 4:00PM** - Adjourn or stay for Saturday night with program of choice

## FAQs

- **Do you accept credit cards?**  
Yes, we accept all credit cards.
- **How do I make a reservation?**  
Email [info@serenityretreat.com](mailto:info@serenityretreat.com) or call (713) 649-7729.
- **Is smoking allowed at Serenity Retreat?**  
We're sorry, but Serenity Retreat is a smoke-free environment.
- **Are children welcome?**  
Serenity Retreat is geared towards adults and does not have child-specific activities.
- **Can I bring my pet?**  
Sorry, pets aren't allowed at Serenity Retreat. Even our cats must remain outside.
- **When is check-in and check-out?**  
Check-in is after 3pm. If you are arriving after 7pm call the Retreat Director at (682) 239-7595. Checkout time is at 11am. The gate code is **0765**.
- **Is there staff on-hand all the time?**  
Yes, our Retreat Director lives on site and is available for any needs you and your group may have.
- **Is daily housekeeping service provided?**  
No, we do not provide daily housekeeping service.

- **What about linens?**  
Towels and linens are supplied.
- **Is there television in the house?**  
There is no cable TV service, but a large screen TV and DVD player are provided.
- **How about Wi-Fi?**  
The campus is equipped with Wi-Fi.

## POLICIES

- **Deposit**  
Once you determine a date for your group, we will hold it as a courtesy for 7 business days. To secure your reservations, pay a deposit of \$500.
- **Group Final Count and Payment**  
A confirmation of the final guest count is required 14 days (Monday by 4 pm) prior to arrival. This determines the amount due. The total due will be calculated based on the final number of guests confirmed or the contract minimum, whichever is greater. An additional amount for Texas Hotel Occupancy Sales Tax will be added at a rate of 6% for lodging and meals when the total price for the retreat is determined.

The retreat balance is due upon leader's arrival. Payment can be made online or by a single check to 'Serenity Retreat.' Retreat participants should pay the church, organization, or sponsor and the group leader then brings one check.

*\*Groups must let the Retreat Director know of any drive-in day guests upon their arrival so that their grounds fee and/or meals may be computed into the bill.*

*\*\*The credit card number of an individual or church is held on file by the Retreat Director until the end of the retreat. Any additional costs incurred for unannounced guests or damages will be charged to the account. Returned checks will be assessed a fee of \$25.00 per occurrence.*

- **Damage Policy**  
Any damages done to any Serenity Retreat property by guests or persons visiting or staying with guests will be the responsibility of the sponsor, and by payment of your deposit to Serenity Retreat, you agree to make restitution for such damage.
- **Vehicles**  
Please stay on the road within the Serenity Retreat property. Driving off the road or in the pastures puts you at risk for getting stuck. If it becomes necessary for us to tow your vehicle, there will be a charge of \$150 for labor and grounds repair. If you get a wrecker to assist you, the grounds repair charge is \$60.
- **Group Cancellation and Refund Policy**  
Any stay cancelled 30 days prior to arrival will be refunded. In the case of a refund, a 10% administrative fee is charged.

If Serenity Retreat cannot host the group because of flooding, lack of utilities, mechanical failure, fire or other situation that renders the facility inoperable, Serenity Retreat will refund the guest's pre-paid amount in full, or if desired, offer another retreat within one year of the payment. Serenity Retreat will have no other liability due to such cancellation or unavailability of its facility.

Serenity Retreat reserves the right to cancel or modify the Group or Sponsored Retreat for any reason found necessary by the Retreat Director or Executive Director

- **Room Keys**  
Room keys must be returned to the Office prior to departure. A fee of \$25 will be charged for lost room keys.
- **Allergies**  
Serenity Retreat does not assume responsibility for health problems due to allergic reactions to anything related to the property. It is possible that Serenity Retreat personnel or previous guests may have prepared foods that some people are allergic to, such as foods containing peanuts or gluten, on our property. Our property is regularly, thoroughly cleaned. We will not be held responsible for any health problems.
- **Animal Encounters**  
Serenity Retreat is in the country, and you will encounter animals such as deer, squirrels, raccoons or snakes. Barn cats are on constant patrol to minimize small animal encounters. Also, our country road is rocky, with open cattle grazing, so slow driving is a must.
- **Emergencies**  
911 for emergency assistance. The nearest hospital is Bellville General Hospital, at 44 N. Cummings in Bellville. (979) 865-3141. Austin County Sheriff: (979) 865-3111.

## TRAVEL TO SERENITY RETREAT BELLVILLE

We are located about an hour and fifteen minutes west of Houston at 785 Maresh Road, Bellville, Texas 77418. Flying to Hobby (HOU) or George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) is about the same distance.

- **From Houston via I-10:** Travel West 50 miles to 36 N. at Sealy. Turn North on 36, go 12 miles to Bellville. Travel West on 36/159 through Bellville. Turn left on 159 toward LaGrange (you will see a large statue on your left, immediately prior to the left turn). Drive 6 miles west on 159. You will pass Century Lane and Mikeska, immediately prior to Maresh Road. Turn right on Maresh Road and drive about 1/2 mile. Serenity Retreat is on your left, at 785 Maresh Road.
- **From Houston via Hwy. 290:** Travel 50 miles west on 290 to Hempstead, Highway 6. Turn south (left) on Highway 6. In Hempstead, follow 159 to Bellville. Once through Bellville, turn left on 159 toward LaGrange (you will see a large statue on your left, immediately prior to the left turn). Drive 6 miles west on 159. You will pass Century Lane and Mikeska, immediately prior to Maresh Road. Turn right on Maresh Road and drive about 1/2 mile. Serenity Retreat is on your left, at 785 Maresh Road.
- **From Austin via Hwy. 290:** Travel east on 290 to Hempstead, Highway 6. Turn south (right) on Highway 6. In Hempstead, follow 159 to Bellville. Once through Bellville, turn left on 159 toward LaGrange (you will see a large statue on your left, immediately prior to the left turn). Drive 6 miles west on 159. You will pass Century Lane and Mikeska, immediately prior to Maresh Road. Turn right on Maresh Road and drive about 1/2 mile. Serenity Retreat is on your left, at 785 Maresh Road.