



2025 Serenity Retreat Bellville: *Group Retreats*

Our mission is to equip all generations in a prayer process that allows for a transformational encounter with God. We envision a world where everyone is transformed by the healing and redeeming power of Jesus.

Serenity Retreat for Healing and Spiritual Renewal in Bellville is a full-time Christian prayer center that welcomes faith-based groups to use our facility on weekdays and select weekends. We work closely with Group Leaders to ensure a successful and meaningful Group Retreat.

**Serenity Retreat Bellville is closed on Sundays, Mondays and select Holidays.*

GROUP RETREAT RATES

- **Facility Fee:** \$300.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$318.00** per day
- **Single Occupancy:** \$200.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$212.00** per person, per night
- **Double Occupancy:** \$150.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$159.00** per person, per night
- **Meal Charge:** \$35.00 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$37.10** per person, per meal (Requires Retreat Director approval and does include healthy snacks, coffee, tea, bottled water and sparkling water)
- **Event Planning Assistance:** \$100 + 6% state tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$106.00** (case by case, speak to Retreat Director for further information)
- **Event Facilitation/Teaching Services:** \$200 + 6% state room tax = **GRAND TOTAL \$212.00** per session (Case by case)

*Fee includes preparation, planning, session materials and the session time.

ACCOMODATIONS

Serenity Retreat Bellville is on 26 beautiful acres. The grounds have a wooded trail, a pavilion with rocking chairs by the pond, and 2 swing arbors. We also have The Lodge, which is our main group meeting space in addition to a Chapel that is comprised of 4 small prayer rooms.

Our facilities can accommodate a **maximum of 24 overnight guests** and a **maximum of 30 day-retreat guests**.

We have 3 buildings that have private rooms for guests: The Lodge, Hope House, and Restoration House.

- **The Lodge**

The Lodge has 4 private bedrooms, each with their own private bathroom. Each room has 2 twin beds. These rooms are adjacent to the main meeting area for your group. The Lodge has a living and dining room as well as a full kitchen. Right outside, there is a large, covered porch with rocking chairs.

- **Hope House**

Hope House has 4 private bedrooms, each with their own private bathroom. Each room has 1 queen bed.

- **Restoration House**

Restoration House has 4 private bedrooms, each with their own private bathroom. Each room has 1 queen bed.

MEALS

You can decide to provide your own meals or plan for Serenity Retreat staff to provide them.

If you plan for Serenity Retreat staff to provide your meals, please communicate any dietary allergies or medical restrictions in advance. We pay close attention to your dietary needs and prepare gourmet meals that are clean, healthy, and locally sourced whenever possible.

Gourmet meals include dessert and coffee. Tea, bottled water, sparkling water and healthy snacks are always available in The Lodge. Coffee makers are in the Hope House and Restoration House guest rooms.

NATURE & ACTIVITIES

Activities while on retreat include:

- *Prayer Journaling*
- *Living Stones Garden Project*
- *Painting*
- *Crafting*
- *Meditating on God's word while coloring scriptures*
- *Strolling on the Prayer Trail*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Do you accept credit cards?**
Yes, we accept all credit cards.
- **How do I make a reservation?**
Email the Retreat Manager, Tangela at tangelar@serenityretreat.com or call (346) 352-9946.
- **Is smoking allowed at Serenity Retreat?**
We're sorry, but Serenity Retreat is a smoke-free environment.
- **Is alcohol allowed on the premises?**
No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed. You will be required to leave if your group brings these items.
- **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. (Certified service animals and emotional support animals are the exception)
- **When is check-in and check-out?**
Check-in and check-out are determined on a case-by-case basis.
- **Is there staff on hand?**
Yes, our staff is on site and available for any needs you and your group may have.
- **Is daily housekeeping service provided?**
No, we do not provide a daily housekeeping service.
- **What about guest room amenities?**
Towels, linens, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and lotion are provided.
- **Is there television in The Lodge?**
There is no cable TV service, but a large screen smart TV and DVD player are provided.

- **How about Wi-Fi?**

The campus is equipped with Wi-Fi. Bandwidth is limited so you will be unable to access streaming services. We recommend downloading any shows on your device prior to arriving at the Retreat Center.

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 7 days 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 the 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 remaining retreat balance is due 7 days prior to 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 makes the final payment.

Any additional costs incurred for unannounced guests or damage to the retreat center will be charged to the group. An invoice will be sent to the group leader, and payment is expected upon receipt.

Returned checks will be assessed at a fee of \$25.00 per occurrence.

- **Damage Policy**

Any damage done to any Serenity Retreat property by guests or persons visiting or staying with guests will be the responsibility of the group sponsor, and payment is expected upon receipt of the invoice for such damage as stated above.

- **Vehicles**

Please stay on the gravel road within the Serenity Retreat property. Driving off the road or in the pastures puts you at risk of getting stuck. If it becomes necessary for us to tow your vehicle, there will be a charge of \$150 for labor and ground repair. If you get a wrecker to assist you, the ground 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 calendar 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 staff member 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 mini-horses, deer, squirrels, raccoons, or snakes. Barn cats are on constant patrol to minimize small animal encounters. Also, our country road is gravel, with open cattle grazing, so slow driving is a must.

- **Emergency Procedures**

There is an emergency protocol which is shared with each guest upon arrival and tour. 911 for emergency assistance. 988 for mental health support. The nearest hospital is MidCoast Medical Center-Bellville, at 44 N. Cummings in Bellville. (979) 413-7400. Austin County Sheriff: (979) 865-3111.