

DEEPLY ROOTED

Let your roots grow
deep down into Him.

Colossians 2:7

Guadalupe Women's
Retreat 2024



Praisin' God in Mountain Country!

Our Speaker – Donna Mitchell



Donna has served the Lord in ministry for most of her life. She grew up right here in our area in Lubbock, Texas. Her parents ministered at Raintree Christian Church in Lubbock, and she started coming to Guadalupe Christian Service Camp as a little girl. For the last 26 years she has lived in Missouri with her husband of 32 years, Dan. They have 4 adult children and 2 completely amazing grandkids. They were youth ministers in Kansas and Missouri for many years and then started a youth center in Joplin, MO in 1999. Donna taught 1st grade in Webb City, Missouri for 16 years and retired from this to be Nani to those grandkids. She is passionate about serving at local ministries and at her church. The passion she has for her grandkids and serving the Church is only surpassed by her love for the Living God in the Messiah Jesus Christ. To that end, she is humbled and excited to join you at this year's women's retreat.

Guadalupe Women's Retreat Executive Team 2024

Directors- Dorie Fannin and Robbie Kayser

Dean- Rebecca Harris

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Special Thanks

Guest Speaker- Donna Mitchell

Coffee With Jesus and Friends- Jentry Smith

Worship Leader- Tricia Brown

Communion Service- Guadalupe Christian Church

Theme Song- Bev Smith

Banquet planning and décor- Cindy Sowers, Linda Avery and Robbie Kayser

Agape Gifts- Kyla Hughes and Rebecca Harris

Name Tags- Guadalupe Christian Church and Meadowland Christian Church

Program Booklets- Dr. White and Associates, P.C.

Crafts- Sherri Smith and Guadalupe Christian Church

Kitchen Team- Sharon Mauldin and Volunteers

Thank you to my supporting churches, Meadowland Christian Church and Guadalupe Christian Church. A special thank you to all of my friends and family, Gentry, Kyla and Brayden Hughes, Rachel Harris, Cindy Sowers, Sherri Smith and Colleen Keller. Thank you for helping to bring all of the details for this retreat together! I am so grateful for how God has brought all of our prayers, thoughts and ideas together to create something beautiful! All glory to God!

Because of Him,

Rebecca Harris

INFORMATION

Parking-

Park on the north side of the dorm to allow room for loading and unloading.

Registration/Check in-

Begins at 4:00 pm in the Dining Hall.

Door Prizes-

Print your name clearly on a ticket at the registration table and place it in the basket provided to be eligible to win door prizes.

Room Assignments-

There are two dorms available:

If you need help finding a bed please see Cindy Sowers.

Early Bird Dorm: Lights out at 11:00 pm

Night Owl Dorm: Lights out at Midnight

NOTE: Those who want to stay up past lights out please utilize the dining hall. Remember to be quiet when returning to the dorm. The last one out of the dining hall is responsible for turning off the lights.

Smoking-

We are so happy you have decided to come this weekend and we want you to be comfortable while you are here. There is no smoking or vaping allowed in any of the buildings, the porch area in front of the dining hall or near any building entrance. Please also be aware of fire danger and protect the campground as well as dispose of your trash properly.

Kitchen Duty-

You are FREE from all kitchen duties this weekend. After eating, please clear off your tables, and dispose of your trash. The kitchen staff and volunteers will appreciate your help.

T-Shirts-

Shirts are for sale inside the dining hall for \$15 each. All proceeds go to GWR projects.

I Forgot Basket-

There are baskets in the dorm bathrooms containing toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, lotion, comb, etc... if you have forgotten something please feel free to take what you need from them.

Morning Devotions-

You can find a devotion for each morning on pages 10 and 14-16. There is time set aside for you to have quiet time and a devotion before breakfast.

Refreshments-

Refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall. There will be coffee, tea and water along with sodas in the refrigerator (sodas and candy require a donation to help keep items stocked in the future).

Love Offering-

Love offerings will be taken at each of the 3 main sessions. The offering will help with retreat expenses and will be used for Guadalupe Christian Camp projects.

One of the goals set forth in the guidelines of this retreat is to support Guadalupe Christian Camp as a mission project. Pages 21-23 in this book show the report of our mission offerings combined with the other history from past retreats. The opportunity to give to this year's project will be presented during all three main sessions this weekend. Thank you for your gifts! They will bless the camp for the years to come.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Time	What	Where
4:00 pm	Check in/Registration	Dining Hall
6:00 pm	Welcome	Dining Hall
	Door Prizes	
	Prayer	
	Dinner	
7:30 pm	Praise and worship	Chapel
	Session #1	
	Love offering	
9:00 pm	Games, Gab and Goodies	
	Food, Fellowship, and Fun! Please feel free to grab a snack, visit with old friends, make new friends, play games, etc.... in the dining hall or outside.	
11:00	Early Bird Lights Out	
12:00	Night Owl Lights Out	

Please remember to be respectful to those who are already sleeping when you enter the dorms.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Time	What	Where
7:30 am	Morning Quiet Time and Devotion- Page 10	
8:00 am	Prayer	Dining Hall
	Breakfast	
	Door Prizes	
9:00 am	Praise and Worship	Chapel
	Session #2	
	Love Offering	
10:30 am	Break Time	
11:00 am	Coffee with Jesus and Friends	Chapel
12:00 pm	Prayer and Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Free Time	
	Crafts	Chapel
	On your own activities- Drive to Sitting Bull Falls, Drive to Rim Lookout, Hike Around Camp, Gym, Pickle Ball, Board Games, Prayer Time, Quiet Time, Etc...	
6:00 pm	Banquet Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30 pm	Communion Service	Outside Dining Hall
9:00 pm	Campfire and Singing	Outside Dining Hall
	Games and Visiting	Inside Dining Hall
11:00 pm	Early Bird Lights Out	
12:00 am	Night Owl Lights Out	

Saturday Morning Devotion



It is a treasure to be in the Psalms, isn't it?

I so relate to King David and his singing, dancing praises to God and his desperate cries of despair, side by side on my Bible's pages. What IS consistent is David's commitment to putting down deep roots in God's streams of life.

He has dark nights and brilliant mornings. He is at peace, he is destroyed. He is victorious and he is absolutely and utterly defeated. But most importantly, he is planted by God's streams. His roots are growing deeper into who God is no matter what the weather is around him.

Oh, this is what I crave: to be deeply rooted in who God is. I crave His living water. This morning, I'm spending time in His word and I'm praying for all our roots to grow deeper and for our trees to produce His fruit **IN HIS SEASON**. How can you pray for your roots or fruit? Don't forget to return to the streams of life, friends. Be deeply rooted!

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Time	What	Where
7:30 am	Morning Quiet Time and Devotion- Pages 14-16 Pack up <i>Please have everything out of the dorms before you go to breakfast so that cleaning can proceed.</i>	
8:30 am	Breakfast Campus Cleaning: Gym, Ranch house, Cabins, Dorms, Trailer	Dining Hall
10:00	Main Session #3 GWR Business Meeting Clean Chapel and Remainder of campus Lunch (optional) Clean Dining Hall	Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Depart	

***** Please show your appreciation to GCC, your GWR Executive team and our GCC Camp managers, by helping with clean up at our campus in some way before you leave. This is an important part of our responsibilities for using the GCC campus!

Sunday Morning Devotion

Planted: Place in the ground so that it can grow, bury, position oneself, establish in one's mind.



The word “planted” conjures up a lot of beautiful images – colorful flowers, fields of fresh plants bursting with life and fruit, strong and sturdy trees. I can imagine their roots going deep and think about the tiny seeds that were planted to produce them a long time ago.

But the actual planting? It’s not fun to think about. Because it’s messy. Dirty. Painful. It requires a few things I typically avoid: dirt and digging.

The soil has to be pierced, punctured and moved around to make an open space. The digging that happens is a process of stabbing the earth and uprooting what once was calm and still. The hole that’s created is (for a short time) barren and exposed. Then after the seed is laid in the dirt, it’s covered up, pounded, rearranged.

Planting is hard. It requires the right conditions, the proper preparation, the correct tools. If we don’t give the planted seeds the right attention or care, they will not grow. And friends, the same is true for our hearts as well-watered women.

*Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly **rooted** and now being built up in Him and **established** in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. Colossians 2:6-7*

I love this verse in Colossians because I want to be established and overflowing! Yes, please, sign me up! But see what has to happen first? We must be firmly rooted. We must dig in our roots, deep into the ground of God's Word. And you know what? It's hard sometimes.

When we talk about being planted as women of the Word, we are talking about the daily process of digging into the Lord through spiritual disciplines. Each discipline is like a part of the planting process. But these disciplines, this process of being planted near Jesus – it can be hard work. It will be sanctifying, humbling and challenging at times. But Scripture promises us that the fruit that comes from the Lord far exceeds the difficult process of being planted.

See, before we can plant anything, we have to assess the condition of our heart. This is like a soil check. Is the "soil" of my heart nutrient-deprived and lacking the grace of the gospel? When I survey my life, does it look like a good place for the kingdom to dwell, or does it need some new, fresh soil? This is the first step – to admit our need and ask for grace to take root in our hearts.

Once we've determined our need for the gospel, the actual digging has to take place. The piercing process of striking the ground looks like confession of sin, repentance of habits that aren't pleasing to Jesus. It can be a hurtful process, because it requires moving around the pieces that were comfortably hidden in the darkness. Admitting our sin and need aloud can leave us feeling exposed and cold, ashamed in the dark. But that's where we get to start filling the ground of our heart with the nutrient-rich soil of scripture. With the grace of the Lord and power of the Holy Spirit, we can speak truth to our hearts instead of listening to our feelings. We can believe the promises of God, even before we see them come to fruition. This is what hope looks like!

Then the seed gets placed – which looks like daily bible study, meditation, prayer. This is the goodness of Christ being placed in our hearts! Those gospel seeds begin to take root. As the new and healthy soil covers us back up and nestles in, we will be in need of water and sunshine that are required for growth. The disciplines of worship, fasting, obedience and prayer serve as these daily nourishments. Each day is a new opportunity to be watered, fed and nourished by spending time with the Lord. We can think of these daily practices as investments in the future fruit.

And for a while, we may not see much happening above the soil. It can be discouraging and excruciating waiting for your seeds to grow! But, that doesn't mean that growth isn't taking place underneath! When our hearts become fixed on the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit begins transforming us on the inside, it's only a matter of time before the fruit of Spirit will overflow in our hearts. This looks like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (see Galatians 5).

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of

*the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree **planted** by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. Psalm 1:1-3*

Scripture tells us that when we plant ourselves near the well – the living water that is Jesus – we will flourish like the tree planted by a stream of water. We will begin to see fruit and strong, healthy, fresh leaves. We prosper in the disciplines of joy, obedience, giving, fellowship. We start to see these practices overflowing as a result of that painful planting that took place. And our lives are never the same!

This is our prayer as a community of well-watered women: to plant ourselves close to the only source of life that never runs dry and come daily to receive our portion in Christ.

Planted in Christ, Rachael Milner from Well-Watered Women

Session #3: Notes

ROOTED AND BUILT UP

2024 Theme Song

By Bev Smith

I believe Jesus is Messiah, Son of God,
Who came as our Savior; heard angels applaud!
He lived, He loved, did miracles time and time again.
By His Word I am ROOTED AND BUILT UP in Him!

Jesus willingly shed His blood as atonement for my sin,
When He died on Calvary - came to life again!
The tomb could not hold Him; death, where is your sting?
I am ROOTED AND BUILT UP; His praises I'll sing!

**ROOTED AND BUILT UP
Growing firm in my faith.
I'm so thankful for Jesus!
He alone is worthy of praise!**

A true follower of Jesus is who I long to be.
Trusting in His power and faithfulness to me.
He daily gives me ev'rything I ever need.
I am ROOTED AND BUILT UP as I let His Spirit lead!

**ROOTED AND BUILT UP
Growing firm in my faith!
I'm so thankful for Jesus!
He alone is worthy of praise!**

**ROOTED AND BUILT UP
Growing firm in my faith.
I'm so thankful for Jesus!
He alone, Jesus,
He alone, precious Jesus,
Is worthy of praise!**

Col. 2:6-7 Therefore, just as you received CHRIST JESUS as LORD, continue to LIVE your lives in Him, ROOTED AND BUILT UP in Him and FIRM in your FAITH, just as you were taught, and overflowing with THANKFULNESS.

Guadalupe Women's Retreat History

Our Story

It all started in 1977 with Roberta Carman. Don Hinkle had the idea and asked her to start a Women's retreat at Guadalupe Christian Camp. He said she was the most qualified person for the job because she had actually attended some retreats in the past and would have a good idea how to get it going. Thankfully Roberta agreed to take on the task and set out to build a program. Her goal was to give women something special and to get them away from their everyday responsibilities.

Roberta quickly got to planning. She recruited Charlotte Wheat and Regina Dickinson to lead the worship service. After two years of serving as solo dean she decided it was too much work to do alone and recruited a team to help. She stayed on as "Director" of the retreat but created a system where the responsibilities were shared within camp association churches. Their goal was to "Praise God in Mountain Country".

As the retreat grew, they were given the opportunity to give back to the camp and this has been the mission ever since. There have been countless improvements purchased from funds raised at these retreats. It has been such a joy for the ladies to be able to participate in raising funds through offerings, for the camp and seeing the changes every year.

In 2001 we celebrated our 25th anniversary! At this retreat Roberta, Regina and Charlotte announced their retirement so Frieda Ross and Martha Weatherby stepped up to work together as co-directors for 2002. Following the retreat in 2008, Frieda retired, and Roberta was rested enough to come back again with Martha. In 2010 Roberta came down with illness so Freida once again stepped up to help Martha. Their love for the retreat made it a pleasure for everyone who was able to attend.

In 2016, Roberta graduated to heaven and Martha and Freida retired for good this time. They turned the reins over to Vicki Webb. Vicki took on the task of trying to get us on social media platforms and created our website. With the help of the advisory board, which is made up of past deans, she worked to continue to make the retreat a success and bless the camp. In 2024 Vicki had to step down so Dorie Fannin and Robbie Kayser stepped up to be the current co-directors. Together with the advisory board we plan to continue to make this a success and keep making improvements.

Since 1986 Bev Smith has played a great role in all of our retreats. It all started when Bev was with her good friend Nikki Walker talking about the theme for the retreat in 1986, Bev said she could write a song about it and immediately sang the first line of the song to Nikki. The song was completed that night, and the rest is history! She has continued to bless us with her talent and songs every year. She has touched our hearts every year since and we will continue to cherish her gift as long as she is able to write.

Over the years the generous women who have attended the retreat have helped raise over \$175,000.00 in love offerings that have blessed Guadalupe Christian Camp immensely. Thank you to all who have attended and helped plan many retreats. It wouldn't be possible without you all and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

GUADALUPE WOMEN'S RETREAT				MISSION OFFERINGS	
YEAR	SPEAKER	DEAN	THEME	PROJECT	AMOUNT
1977	MRS RICHARD SUTHERLIN	ROBERTA CARMAN	WOW, THAT'S REALLY LIVING		
1978	LOUISE BARR	ROBERTA CARMAN	CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE HIGHEST KIND	HOUSE FUND	\$150.00
1979	JUNE BEEMAN	MABLE SCHNEIDER	YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE	GENERAL FUND	\$200.00
1980	JUDY NORRIS	MABLE SCHNEIDER	HE TOUCHED ME	RAINED OUT - NO REPORT	
1981	DINK BENNETT	CAROLYN FARQUHAR	LIFE IN THE SON	NO RECORD	
1982	NADINE REED	CAROLINE WORLEY	SWEET ARE THE PROMISES	GENERAL FUND/YARD LIGHTS	\$761.54
1983	SALLY FECHTIG	CAROLYN FARQUHAR	PRAISE THE LORD IN MOUNTAIN COUNTRY	GENERAL FUND/ WATER TANK REPAIR	\$800.00
1984	SANDY EDMONSON	NITA CLAYTON	LET US LOVE	DINING HALL RESTROOM FUND/CHAIRS/CAMP ASSOCIATION	\$916.98
1985	PAT MERRILL	GAY ROWE	GRACIOUS IS THE WOMAN	GENERAL FUND/RESTROOM FUND	\$1,400.00
1986	ANNE HUGHES	FRIEDA ROSS	REJOICE AND CELEBRATE	GENERAL FUND/RESTROOM FUND/GAS PIPE REPAIR	\$1,538.00
1987	MARSHA SHEPHERD	RUBY ROBBINS	IN HIS FOOTPRINTS	NO RECORD	
1988	JOYCE ALBERT	DONNA WECKERLY	LIFT UP HIS MAJESTY	CAMP ASSOCIATION/CAMP CORPORATION/GYM FUND	\$1,346.00
1989	DR. LOVELLA RICHARDSON	JANET BUCHANAN	SERVANTS OF ALL	WATER HEATER FUND	\$1,500.00
1990	VI BRASSEUR	ZENA COX	SING UNTO THE LORD	STEPS IN FRONT OF DORM/DRESSING TABLES	\$1,237.64
1991	SANDY EDMONSON	RUTHANN CLAYTON	OUR ADEQUATE GOD	BOARDS FOR BUNKS	\$1,900.00
1992	JOANIE GRIMM	MARTHA WEATHERBY	LIGHT, LIFE AND LOVE IN GOD'S FOREVER FAMILY	NEW MATTRESSES FOR BUNKS	\$3,356.19
1993	KAY WATTS MOLL	CONNIE DUNCAN	MOLD ME, MAKE ME	CAMP IMPROVEMENTS	\$3,107.66
1994	MARCY CASSEL	SHEILA LOTSPEICH	JESUS IS THE SPICE OF LIFE	CAMP GENERAL FUND	\$2,094.56
1995	JACKINA STARK	JUDITH DEAN	FEASTING ON THE FRUITS	CAMP IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,369.50
1996	JULIE GARISS	RITA MAPLES	THE GREATEST OF THESE	DINING HALL TABLES	\$3,000.00
1997	CHARLOTTE WHEAT	PAULETTE WHEAT	THE HARVEST IS PLENTY	FOLDING CHAIRS	\$2,630.00

1998	BERNACE FLYNN	FRIEDA ROSS	GOD'S PROMISES, NOW AND FOREVER	CHAIRS/CARPET	\$4,034.58
1999	MARSHA SHEPHERD	VICKI WEBB	GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH	PIANO/TILE & CARPET FOR CAMP MANAGER'S HOME	\$2,650.00
2000	ALTA BEASLEY	AUDREY KING	CELEBRATE JESUS	CONCRETE FOR DIINING HALL AND RANCH HOUSE	\$3,780.00
2001	ROBERTA CARMAN	SALLY BARTLETT	MEMORIES AND ANTICIPATIONS	CONCRETE SLAB FOR RANCH HOUSE	\$11,184.57
2002	MARTHA WEATHERBY	SHEILA LOTSPEICH	COME TO THE TABLE	KITCHEN IN RANCH HOUSE	\$4,272.26
2003	ARLENE BLANCHARD	ROBIN FANKHAUSER	HOLY C.O.W. CHARACTER- OUTREACH- WORSHIP	MOBILE HOME/CARPET, CEILING, LINENS	\$5,668.13
2004	JAIME LYN BAUER	TERESA SWINDELL	DESCEND ON ME, O LORD	NEW MATTRESSES FOR BUNKS (BOYS DORM)	\$5,762.22
2005	GAYLE COOPER CONGDON	LINDA MCCASLAND	DELIGHT AND DESIRES/GOD'S GROWING GARDEN	CAMP IMPROVEMENTS/NEW CARPET	\$2,943.54
2006	TERRI JENKINS	TERRI JENKINS	CAN'T STOP TALKIN'	NEW CHAPEL	\$6,000.00
2007	LAURI BARBER	JUDITH AVERY	A WALK WITH THEE	RIDING LAWN MOWER, MISC ITEMS	\$7,564.39
2008	JOYCE LEE	PAULA FINLEY	...BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I WILL	CARPET/CHAPEL	\$6,311.01
2009	JANET DREZ	DEBRA THEESFIELD	FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRA ORDINARY	BATHROOM PROJECT/CHAPEL	\$8,200.00
2010	SUE BUCHANAN	VICKI WEBB	TAKE A VACATION WITH GOD	FILL PROPANE TANK/MISC ITEMS	\$6,552.12
2011	BETSY GWARTUEY CATTRETT	ROBBIE KAYSER	ONE OF A KIND///BY GOD'S DESIGN	SOUND SYSTEM FOR CHAPEL	\$10,506.34
2012	KATHI WADE	AMBER FISHER	THE GAME OF LIFE	LOVE OFFERING FOR RUSTY AND BEV SMITH	\$7,336.20
2013	HOLLY BETENBOUGH	CONNIE WHITE	AT HOME IN HIM	SOUND SYSTEM IN CHAPEL	\$7,233.46
2014	CANCELED/FLOOD			RAINED OUT - NO REPORT	
2015	KATRINA BRANNAN MOORE	TAMRA HASKELL	FROM FLAPPIN' CHICKENS TO SOARING EAGLES	DISHWASHER	\$5,400.00
2016	SUE ARRINGTON	SHERRI SMITH	STAY STRONG IN CHRIST	STOVE AND DINING HALL BATHROOM REMODEL	\$6,966.14
2017	DAWN SMITH JORDAN	MICHELE RACCA	W.I.L.D. (WITHIN THE LORD'S DESIGN)	DINING HALL BATHROOM REMODEL/DORM A/C	\$7,424.83
2018	JANICE ANDERSON	SHARON BROUGHTON	TRUST IN THE LORD	DINING HALL BATHROOM REMODEL/DORM A/C	\$4,391.42
2019	RACHEL GERBER	GENTRY HUGHES	ABIDE	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$8,000.00
2020	CANCELLED/COVID			GENERAL FUND	\$721.89

2021	TERRI JENKINS	BOBBIE HARLAN	THE GREATEST RACE	NEW INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE, GYM GAMES: \$6,333.77	\$7,536.90
				GENERAL FUND: \$1,203.13	
2022	TRICIA BROWN	DORIE FANNIN	SEASONS IN THE SON	GRIDDLE: \$2771.77	\$5,279.28
				GENERAL FUND: \$2,507.51	
2023	GINGER PELLETIER	LINDA AVERY	TAKE AWAY THE STONE	BOSE SPEAKER AND GAMES: \$2,733.34	\$4,872.54
				GENERAL FUND: \$2,139.20	
2024	DONNA MITCHELL	REBECCA HARRIS	DEEPLY ROOTED		
				TOTAL	\$178,899.89



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