

### **Attention Church Governing Board**

During the process of approving your pastors visit to a Broom Tree Retreat please remember two things:

1. In order for churches to have healthy and spiritually invigorated pastors, they need to be provided the opportunity for periodic breaks from their schedules where they can reconnect with God and with their spouse. Time alone with God to listen to Him and His guidance is vital and was modeled for us by Jesus, who often called his disciples to a quiet place where he could teach them. Additionally, in order to maintain a healthy family, they need time alone with their spouse.
2. A Broom Tree Retreat is not a vacation. Pastors should not be using vacation time to attend. These retreats are a free gift to the pastor and their churches.

There is a definite program that has been carefully designed and approved by IRS as continuing education for pastors. The program consists of time alone with God in prayer and Bible study, as well as networking with other pastors. Our program has been designed to ‘thrust’ them into the presence of God.

In our past 4 ½ years of retreat experience we have ministered to over 2,000 people. We can assure you that our program is working. The evaluations of the program and testimonies from pastors and their spouses encourage us that the positive effect of this type of retreat lasts long after it is over which benefits the church. Our guests spend large blocks of time each day in prayer and study, either alone, with their spouse or other pastors. With an interrupted time God can speak to the pastor’s heart. We believe that frequent spiritual retreats are vital to the health and well being of the pastor and their family and the churches they lead.

God is faithful, the pastor that will take the time to be alone with Him finds that God will meet with him and meet his needs. In today’s society more than ever a healthy pastorate is critical. Your pastor and spouse having time alone with God can make a difference.