

HARVEST  NETWORK

Central States Regional Retreat

October 26-28, 2017



*Running the
Race that is Set
Before Us*

*Courage and skill to follow
the Spirit where He leads*

GO Church
Jacksonville, IL

WE ARE ALL RUNNING A MARATHON

An Invitation from Presiding Overseer Jim Anderson



By definition, all of Christ's servants are running a marathon. The Apostle Paul compares a believer's lifetime of ministry to running a race in Acts 20:24, I Corinthians 9:24, Galatians 2:2, 5:7 and II Timothy 4:7. The writer of Hebrews also uses this beautiful analogy in Hebrews 12:1. Paul makes it clear in

Acts 20:24 that the great passion of his life is finishing his race well. He declares:

I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

This year's theme for Harvest Network's regional retreats will center on this great analogy. We will look at how we discern the path the Lord progressively reveals for our unique race. How we can discover and maintain a healthy pace remembering this is a marathon, not a sprint. We will talk about avoiding the things that can trip us up: sin, Satan and even good alternative paths. Finally, we will touch on the fact that most of us are actually running a relay race. To whom will you hand the baton when your laps are completed?

Let's run with endurance the race that the Lord sets before us! I urge you to come away to be renewed and encouraged in your race and cheer others on in completing theirs.

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...”

Hebrews 12:1

WHY COME TO A REGIONAL RETREAT?

RELATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

These smaller events are uniquely sized to permit relationships to grow so we are never isolated.

NETWORKING:

These regional events allow time to build relationships with people near enough to you to make a difference in tough times and to support one another with diverse gifts.

INTERACTIVE LEARNING:

There can be much more interactive teaching and learning in a smaller gathering. Our goal is to have a third to a half of our teaching time be given to interaction and discussion.

PERSONAL MINISTRY:

Leaders need ministry that we often don't receive, because we are so committed to and busy taking care of others.





GO Church
767 S West St.
Jacksonville, IL 62650

Arriving: Registration 6:30-7:00 pm, Oct. 26
(1st Session: 7:00 pm)
Departing: 12:00 pm, Oct. 28
Host: John Hutton
Cost: \$30 (includes dinner on Oct. 27)
Registration: hutton_2@msn.com
RSVP: Oct. 19

Hotel Information



Comfort Inn
200 Comfort Dr.
Jacksonville, IL 62650
(217) 408-2896

Group rate mention:
HNI Regional Rate
\$80+tax/king or double
queen. Reserve room by
Sept. 30.

Retreat Schedule

Thursday, October 26

6:30-7:00 pm	Registration
7:00-7:45 pm	Worship
7:45-9:00 pm	SESSION 1
9:00 pm	Fellowship

Friday, October 27

9:30-10:00 am	Worship
10:00-11:00 am	SESSION 2
11:00-11:30 am	Break
11:30-12:30 pm	SESSION 3
12:30-5:00 pm	Break
5:00-7:00 pm	Dinner (Lonzeroti's, 600 E State St)
7:00-7:45 pm	Worship
7:45-8:30 pm	SESSION 4
8:30-9:00 pm	Ministry, prayer and communion
9:00 pm	Fellowship

Saturday, October 28

9:30-10:00 am	Worship
10:00-10:45 am	SESSION 5
10:45-11:00 am	Break
11:00-12:00 pm	SESSION 6
12:00 pm	Dismissal

****Schedule times may alter****

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