

Bio and Retreat Info

Our speakers, Missy Stewart and Carol Swanson finally connected after some 57 years last August. Convinced of their separation at birth they have become great new friends. They live on streets with the same name just spelled differently, their floor tiles are the same, they hang their tablecloths in the hall closet, have one husband each, many grandchildren, love chocolate and like to shop! But even more, they share a deep love for Jesus and a passion for inviting women to new and deepening experience of God. They are both trained Spiritual Directors and are delighted to bring you this weekend to encourage you in your experience and relationship with God.

Our worship leaders, Jessa Anderson and Barb Anthony, are living proof that age difference has nothing to do with kindled spirits. From the first time they met at Modesto Covenant Church, they have been close and dear friends. They both share a deep love for Jesus, old treasures, new experiences, bargain shopping, Starbucks, laughter and life! They also share the desire to experience God and his amazing love, power, and majesty in each step of their lives. Both with different musical backgrounds, they have joined together with their music to bring glory, honor and praise to the Lord and to lead others into their own encounter with our awesome God.

Carol, Missy, Jessa and Barb found each other when God opened the door this spring to do a retreat together. Not knowing each other, these two grandmas, mother of teens and newlywed embraced the idea as God's invitation and were amazed. They love being together and embrace the opportunities God gives them to do so. Both Jessa and Barb attend Modesto Covenant Church.

“Embracing Love” This weekend spiritual retreat is a time for drawing aside from the distractions of daily life in order to become more attentive to God. God's invitation to each of us is to know ourselves as his beloved. As we are grounded in that truth we find ourselves loving God, others and ourselves more deeply. The simplicity of the weekend will give you opportunity to be present to God and to each other as you enter into intentional space of quiet and reflection.