

*Feeling called to a day of spacious grace and peace,
to open more fully to the mystery of God's love?
You might want to consider...*

The Anchorage "Desert Days"

Fridays, Feb. 2, with Robert Miles

Apr. 5, with Angie Gage

June 7, with Carrie Crumbliss

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

***Come away* for spacious silence within a gentle rhythm of music and reflection with God in solitude, allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our hands through the mystery of discovering more deeply our true source of inner peace, healing, and guidance.**

The theme for the year is "Always, We Begin Again!" (St. Benedict) This concept seems appropriate for the beginning of our next 25 years! The main point of the day is to spend time in quiet with our holy and loving God. A probable schedule will be:

- 9:30 Light a candle to honor God's presence – then an introduction to the space and to each other
- 10:00 Opening Prayer, comments on topic, with handout for reflection
- 10:30 Find space to be with God – sit quietly, walk
- 11:30 Lunch – all together. We will use lunch to ask this question for the group to share
"What are you learning from God, what has God been saying to you, over the last 2 months?"
- 12:30 Regather in quiet, with comments on topic, handout for reflection
- 1:00 Find space to be with God
- 2:00 Closing prayer
- 2:30 Adjourn

Within the unhurried rhythm of the day, find a place that nurtures your soul, maybe outside, with as few distractions as possible, and just "be." Sense God within you; respond with your heart. It seems God also delights in having uninterrupted time with each person, to have our faces turned toward this One who loves.

Robert Miles, a retired Lutheran parish pastor, who served churches in SC from 1980 to 2019. He also recently participated in the spiritual direction program at LTSS. His undergraduate degree is in English from Davidson College, and his seminary was LTSS. Robert served as Chair of The Anchorage Servant Leaders in the past and is currently living in Clemson, where he and his wife Debbie enjoy the blessings of their grown children and grandchildren. (you may recall his article about dancing?)

Angie Gage, who enjoys offering spiritual direction, facilitating small listening groups, teaching Bible studies, hiking, walking her dog, and forming new friendships. Angie is married to Rob and they have four children and one daughter-in-law! Her greatest joy and passion is bringing the hope and encouragement of Christ to others. Angie is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Hills Theological Seminary, as part of her response to God's call to chaplaincy.

Carrie Crumbliss, who enjoys discovering how to personally and corporately grow closer to God through prayer, Bible and inspirational reading. Some of her favorite ways to spend time: with her husband Tim and daughter Samantha as they travel to new places together, meeting and hearing peoples' stories from all walks of life, writing, being outdoors and playing with beloved dog Gibbs. Her greatest passion in life is helping people discover their purpose and place in God's larger rescue story of hope.

Location: Gower Estates, Greenville, SC.

Fee: \$42 (includes lunch) IN PERSON!! (\$30 if BYO Lunch)

(\$10 deposit due 2 weeks ahead)

Registration Form **Please detach here and mail**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Desert Day Date(s): _____ \$10 Dep _____

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