

SIMON SAYS

FOLLOW ME

TO

THE SEA

**MARRIAGE RETREAT 2018**

**OCT 26-28**

*St. Simons Island, GA*





# WELCOME

Hello Friends!

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the *Simon Says, "Follow Me to the Sea"* Retreat. Here is the formula for a romantic weekend:

**Sand + Beach + Ocean Waves + Your Spouse =  
Almost PERFECT Weekend!**

Wait! Did I just say *almost*? Yes, I did. The *outcome* depends on how well we *connect* with our spouse throughout the weekend. So have fun, be playful, and enjoy your time together!

Prayerful thought and consideration has been given in the planning of this weekend to create an environment where you can slow down and hear God's voice through the sermons, the music, and the heart-to-heart conversations with your spouse.

Our theme, "*Follow Me to the Sea*" invites each of us to slow down... take a deep breath... listen to the ocean sounds... allow the ocean breeze to clear our mind... spend time with God... and spend quality time with our spouse.

In biblical times, people gathered by the sea to hear the word of God. All these centuries later, let us not miss this opportunity to listen by the sea—not only to God, but also to our sweetheart! My prayer is that the experience of this weekend will strengthen your commitment to love and cherish one another and to live your best married life!

Warmly,



# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY | OCT 26

4:00	Registration
6:30 - 7:30	Supper
7:30 - 7:45	Welcome & Introductions   <i>Jo Dubs</i>
7:45 - 8:00	Praise & Worship   <i>Jeremy &amp; Courtney / Chris &amp; Anji</i>
8:00 - 9:00	<b>SESSION I</b>   <i>Mike &amp; Gail McKenzie</i>

## SABBATH | OCT 27

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast
9:15 - 9:30	Praise & Worship   <i>Jeremy &amp; Courtney / Chris &amp; Anji</i>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>SESSION II</b>   <i>Mike &amp; Gail McKenzie</i>
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 11:00	Praise & Worship   <i>Jeremy &amp; Courtney / Chris &amp; Anji</i>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>SESSION III</b>   <i>Mike &amp; Gail McKenzie</i>
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 6:30	Rest & Relaxation / Walk the Beach / Explore the Island
6:30 - 7:30	Supper
8:00	Island Games (Strickland Auditorium)

## SUNDAY | OCT 28

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast
9:15 - 9:30	Praise & Worship   <i>Jeremy &amp; Courtney / Chris &amp; Anji</i>
9:30 - 10:30	<b>SESSION IV</b>   <i>Mike &amp; Gail McKenzie</i>
10:30	Time of Commitment
11:00	Send Off
11:30	Check Out
12:30	Lunch



## SPECIAL GUESTS



### PRESENTERS

**Mike and Gail McKenzie** met at a mutual friend's wedding, but she doesn't remember him! And it wasn't really the beginning, because he maintains he saw her for the first time from the back of a garbage truck at Michigan camp meeting and fell in love! So the McKenzie love story began in controversy! Mike has pastored 38 years, many of those years working with youth, and Gail has been women's ministries director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for more than 20 years. They have been blessed with three children and now three grandchildren.

Both are lovers of Jesus and people! They have had youth groups, small groups, and just about any kind of group you can think of in their home. Their ministry has always been driven by their love of serving others! Their marriage, though amazing, is as normal as can be, which means there have been bumps in the road and a few head-on collisions along the way. In spite of those times when life is not easy—Mike in a plane crash and Gail with breast cancer—they have never forgotten Who is the center of their lives: Jesus!



### MUSICIANS

**Jeremy and Courtney Wampler** are from Chattanooga, Tenn. Jeremy works as a physical therapist, and Courtney is a nurse. They have been married one year and love sharing their gift of music with others.



**Chris and Anji Stiles** are from Chattanooga, Tenn., where they make their living in film and graphic design. Ministry has been an integral part of their relationship ever since they met as staff at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Doing ministry together has continued to bless their three years of marriage.



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