

Let Love Lure You In To The Lake Lure Inn!

April 4-6, 2014 - Lake Lure, North Carolina

Better Marriages North Carolina 2014 Annual Conference

Escape with your spouse to a romantic mountain inn for a weekend filled with education, connections and experiences focused on enriching your marriage! This is the perfect time to attend a Better Marriages NC event and discover a wonderful way to care for the most important relationship in your life: the one with your spouse.



On April 4-6, 2014, join us for a special time in one of the top destination hotels in western North Carolina, the Lake Lure Inn, where scenes from the iconic movie “Dirty Dancing” were filmed. This elegant setting is sure to set the stage for meaningful interactions with your partner. Our weekend will be facilitated by expert leaders Clay and Jane Turner, who will guide couples through a program designed to help us all discover the potential in our marriages.

Of course, the weekend will feature some great opportunities to share special moments with your spouse, as well as to connect with others who are equally committed to their relationships. With an opening night bonfire on Friday, Saturday lunch and dinner followed by dancing to the music of a Disc Jockey, and the full program lasting through noon on Sunday, you know this is a special treat for your marriage.

Let love lure you in to an experience you'll remember for years to come!

Program Overview

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, and the weekend activities kick off on **Friday at 7 p.m.** Couples will need to have dinner on their own prior to joining the rest of the group for the opening session at a welcoming bonfire, complete with s'mores and hot chocolate.

Following breakfast on your own, the conference continues on **Saturday morning at 9 a.m. through 3:15 p.m.** with lunch provided and sessions led by Clay and Jane Turner. **From 3:15 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. you will have free time** to explore the surrounding area. **Saturday evening sessions begin at 6:30 p.m.** and include dinner and dancing to the music of a Disc Jockey for all participants as well.

The **final session will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. All activities will conclude by 12 noon.**

Accommodations

The conference will be held at the Lake Lure Inn, which was first opened to guests in 1927. Designed with leisure in mind, the nostalgic atmosphere of The 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa is apparent the moment you enter its historic foyer. Recently restored to its full splendor, the Inn is home to a unique collection of art and antiques, and each room is furnished with modern amenities for your comfort during your stay.

Room reservations at the 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa need to be made separately by each couple by March 3, 2014 for the special room block rates - rooms are limited to 50 in number! Note: room rates vary depending on the type of room you choose. Prices range from about \$95 to \$150+ per night. **You can reserve your room at the Inn by calling (888) 434-4970, or (828) 625-2525.**

A small free continental breakfast and coffee is available in the gift shop each morning for guests. A full service Restaurant serving breakfast is also located in the lobby of the Inn.

Program Details

About the Program

Clay and Jane Turner will lead the experience. They were charter members of the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment (former name of Better Marriages), received their basic training under the guidance of founders David and Vera Mace and their advanced training certificate under the wise tutelage of David and Sarah Catron.

Over their 35 plus years of work in marriage enrichment they have led hundreds of retreats, workshops, classes and conferences — all focused on sustaining marriage for the long haul. Clay and Jane have been married for 52 years and have 3 married sons. Clay is a retired Episcopal minister and is the Rector Emeritus of his former parish, The Episcopal Church of the Advent, in Spartanburg, SC. Jane is a landscape painter who loves to cook and entertain. Clay is a budding potter, a master gardener, an amateur naturalist and avid fly fisherman. They enjoy spending time in their antique log cabin on a wild trout stream in Western North Carolina.

From the Turners:

"We believe that our marriage is our primary vocation. We believe that in this special relationship we have an extraordinary opportunity and responsibility to grow as individuals and as a couple. To this end, we have dedicated ourselves to this jointly shared ministry called Marriage Enrichment. Our presentations are balanced between experiential learning and sound psychological and theological teaching.

John Buchan states in The Pilgrim's Way: 'The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable; a perpetual series of occasions for hope.' Following the fishing metaphor of 'lure' we will discuss those things that have attracted us to one another and caused us to dive into the mystery called marriage. Each person in a relationship has tremendous untapped potential for growth and creativity and we will explore together some steps to take to bring that potential into reality. We are looking forward to our experience with you at Lake Lure Inn as we hope to explore together the richness that our marriage can bring to our lives. We are going to focus on what is currently being called a "Sustainable Marriage for the 21st Century."

Register online now!

Visit www.bettermarriagesnc.org

(Or use the attached form to register by mail.)

Conference Questions? Call Kathy or Jim Weidner (704) 576-1989

For lodging reservations, call the Lake Lure Inn (888) 434-4970 or (828) 625-2525

Registration is also available now online!

Visit www.bettermarriagesnc.org to register and pay by credit card, or fill out this form and mail it with your check to the retreat registrar.

Registration Form

Your first and last name: _____

Your spouse's first and last name: _____

Your address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Is this your first time attending a Better Marriages North Carolina conference?

Yes No

Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions, since you will receive lunch and dinner on Saturday as part of the program:

Registration fee is \$179.50 per couple and includes:

- Friday night 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. welcome, opening session, and bonfire with s'mores and hot chocolate
- Saturday 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. sessions with certified leader couple Jane and Clay Turner, lunch at 12:00 noon
- Saturday evening 6:30 p.m. dinner, social, and dancing to the music of a Disc Jockey - Dirty Dancing, anyone?
- Sunday 9 a.m. to 12 noon session

Checks should be made payable to **Better Marriages North Carolina**.

Please mail your registration with enclosed payment to
Kathy Weidner, 4308 Park South Station Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28210.

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