



The 2020 Youth Winter Retreat

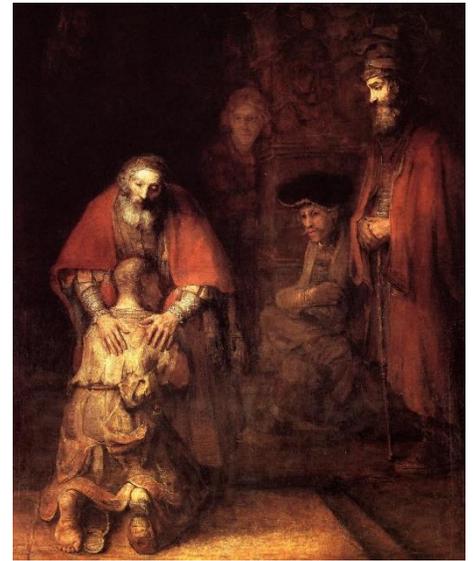
Watts Street Baptist Church

Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2

TIMES: We'll meet at the church on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and return on Sunday by 4:00 p.m.

THEME: "Welcome Home!" (Luke 15:11-32). St. Augustine said, "our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." So why DO we run away from the One who made us? In our Bible study times together, we'll look deeply into Rembrandt's famous painting (right), explore the writings of Henri Nouwen, and discover how the story of the Prodigal Son connects with our own experiences and shows us how to "come home" to God.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We're staying at the Blowing Rock Conference Center in Blowing Rock, NC (www.brccenter.org). Driving time is a little over 3 hours. We'll be staying in Rowe Dorm which has bunk-style rooms. ***Sheets, a blanket, a pillow and pillow case, as well as a towel and washcloth are provided for each guest!*** The emergency contact number at BRCC is: 828-295-7813.



MEALS: We'll stop for a fast food supper on Friday night. Breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday are at Blowing Rock Conference Center. Saturday night, we'll take a bag supper to the ski slopes.



SKIING/SKATING: On Saturday night, we'll head over to Appalachian Ski Mtn. (www.appskimtn.com). The emergency contact numbers there are 828-295-7828 or 800-322-2373.

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Cost Breakdown

Cost for the retreat (without skiing or skating):

- **\$110** (includes two nights lodging, five meals, and transportation)

Optional additional costs:

- If you plan to ski
 - Lift ticket: **\$24** (Saturday night session, 6:00-10:00 p.m.)
 - Rentals/Helmet: **\$22**
 - Lessons: **\$12** (recommended for beginners)
- If you do NOT plan to ski
 - Ice skating: **\$15** (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
 - Hanging out in the lodge, sipping hot chocolate: priceless!



Discounts and Scholarships:

- There is a **\$20 discount** for second and third youth in a family.
- Don't let the cost prohibit you from going. Pay what you can pay and scholarships can cover the rest!

Pack Your Bags!

POLAR BEAR NECESSITIES:

- Bible (look at that, first on the list!)
- Activity Participation Agreement form
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Towel, washcloth
- ~~Sleeping bag (or sheets for twin bed) and pillow~~ **PROVIDED!**
- Comfortable clothes and shoes to run around in
- Money for fast food stop on Friday night
- Water Bottle



SKI DUDS:

- Warm gloves
- Wool socks
- Toboggan
- Thermal underwear
- LAYERS of warm clothing
- Ski bibs or ski pants (nothing ruins your ski experience like being cold and wet. If you don't have ski bibs, see if you can borrow a pair. At the very least, wear a pair of scotch-guarded jeans!)



OPTIONAL:

- Ski goggles
- Chapstick, Kleenex
- Football, frisbee, playing cards, etc.
- Camera
- Headphones for the van ride
- Cell phones (*emergency purposes only*, not for chatting with your "home skillet" or "sweet-ums" back home.)
- Ear plugs (not mentioning any names but bring these if the sound of snoring bothers you!)



WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Knives, chains, muskets, explosives, tomahawks, harpoons, throwing stars, blow torches, sabers, bayonets, etc.
- Stereos, TVs, video game systems, 16 mm projectors, satellite dishes, seismographs, etc.
- Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc. (Seriously.)
- Anything you don't really NEED!



