

Dear Friends,

Regretfully, I am late getting your retreat packet out to you. In July, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. During the past two months I have been focused on getting the treatment that will hopefully make me well again. I am very grateful my cancer has not spread and I have been blessed with the finest group of doctors in the country, who specialize in my area of need. I will share my story at retreat as to how God brought this fine team together just for me.

I am excited about our upcoming fall retreat and fully confident that God has abundant blessings in store for us. Let me urge you to get your registration in promptly, to ensure lodging on the grounds. If your registration is received after all rooms have been assigned, we will contact you and assist you in getting lodging at a nearby motel (in Dublin or Swainesboro).

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Carolyn Johnson, who was with us in 2003 and 2005, is returning. Carolyn is an outstanding Bible teacher with practical application for everyday life. Her ministry is called *A Firm Foundation*, and that is what we can look forward to in her teaching: Biblical truth wrapped in unforgettable illustrations.

**REGISTRATION:** All registration forms should be mailed to Lois Smithwick, Registrar, by October 11, along with a \$25.00 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, per person. Rooms cannot be held without this deposit. If you have a group coming from your church, it is advantageous to mail all forms together for ease in assignments.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Assignments will be made on a first come, first serve basis. In fairness to all, we cannot hold rooms for those who do not comply with pre-registration guidelines. If you are assigned any facility other than Latham Lodge, you will need to bring your own bed linens and towels, etc.

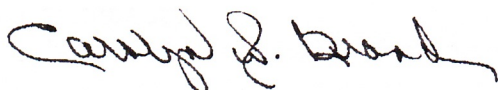
**CRAFT FAIR:** Our annual craft fair will be on Saturday afternoon. Please register on the form provided in this packet and mail, along with your registration forms, to Lois Smithwick. This is a change, since I have been receiving the craft forms. We need you to encourage gifted ladies from your church and community to participate. This is an opportunity to do some early holiday shopping. Our policy is that all vendors who participate donate 10% of their earnings to our District Ladies Fund. This money is used to purchase needed items for our Camp and/or projects.

**OTHER:** We are not equipped to include children in our weekend activities. This is consistent with the wishes of our attendees. However, if there are extenuating circumstances, please feel free to give me a call. I will be praying that God will provide assistance so that you will be able to enjoy this weekend with us. Moms....you need a break!

We will serve refreshments for Friday evening break.

Finally, pray for God's special protection and anointing throughout the weekend. He is faithful!

Anticipating our time together,



Carolyn Pitts Brand, Director