

I Still Do

12th annual
couples retreat



Hosted by Gainesville Baptist Church
Pastor Brad & Lena Noble ❖ August 29-30, 2025

About Our Hosts

Pastor Brad & Lena Noble

Brad Noble has pastored our host church, Gainesville Baptist Church, since 2006. He and his wife, Lena, met while they were both studying at Crown College. They have now been married for 23 years and have three teenage and young adult children - Jacob (20), Lydia (19), and Lily (17). On most "date nights," Brad and Lena enjoy steak dinners at Longhorn and romantic walks through Lowes.



A few years into their marriage, Brad and Lena went through some very trying times and were not sure if they were going to make it as a couple, let alone have a happy and healthy marriage. But praise the Lord, they found help, hope, and healing through God's Word and through His people.

After going through these difficult times, they began to see the need to encourage other married couples on their journey of life, and began praying about what they could do. The Lord led them to begin the "I Still Do" Couples Retreat. It is their prayer that the truths passed on at this meeting would equip homes and enable couples to have marriages that are strong, healthy, satisfying, and God-honoring.

*"There are two ditches that run alongside the road called marriage—**growthlessness** ('things are fine the way they are') and **hopelessness** ('things will never get any better'). Every marriage has room to grow, and every marriage can be made better through Christ."*

- Dr. Scott Pauley

Meet Our Speakers

Bro. Evan & Tiffany Barlow

Evan and Tiffany have been married for 11 years and have two young children. They have served at Bible Baptist Church in Palm Harbor for all of those 11 years and are currently assisting their pastor with the youth and in the church office, as well as being involved in a multitude of other events and ministry endeavors. In their free time, they thoroughly enjoy traveling as a family.



Pastor Robert & Victoria Butz

Robert and Victoria have been married for 29 years and have four awesome children — Christian (wife Camryn), Elijah (wife Hannah), Isabel, and Lucas. Robert and Victoria just recently moved back to the Cape Coral area when Robert was extended the invitation to

become the new pastor of Gulf Coast Baptist Church where their family had previously served for many years.

Pastor Daniel & Marie Cox

Daniel and Marie have been married for 22 years and are the proud parents of four children: Phebe, Ethan, Selah, and Moriah. In January 2025, their family joyfully answered God's call to serve at the Calvary Baptist Church of Englewood. While not serving at Calvary or teaching college seminars, the Coxes enjoy traveling, coffee dates, and days at the beach.





Bro. Donnie & Erin McCullough

Donnie and Erin have been married for 25 years. They have two boys and two girls ages 19, 18, 17, and 13. They have been in youth ministry for all 25 years of their marriage. Donnie is currently serving as the youth/associate pastor at West Jacksonville Baptist Church.

Bro. Harrell & Jeannie Noble

Harrell and Jeannie just celebrated 50 years of marriage and have been blessed with three wonderful children — Brian, Leslee (husband Chris), and Brad (wife Lena). Harrell started serving the Lord in evangelism with his parents in 1973, and Jeannie joined them in 1975 when they got married. After training and serving with his parents for eleven years, Harrell and Jeannie started in their own ministry of evangelism. Two years into this new work, their oldest son, Brian, passed away from an epileptic seizure when he was just 9 years old. While this loss was devastating to their family, they have found consolation in the Lord and His promises—Brian had accepted Christ as his Savior just 8 days before He passed. After a time of grieving, the Nobles continued in their evangelistic ministry, but in 1999, God used the circumstances of Brian's death to move on their hearts to begin working in missions as well. This led to the establishment of the Brian Noble Children's Foundation, in honor of their son.



Pastor Jake & Mary Samples

Jake and Mary have been married for 18 years this week! They have 4 children: Huck (16), Halle (15), Shepherd (13), and Noah (10). Jake has been preaching for 18 years and has been pastoring Grace Baptist Church of DeBary for the past 7 years.

Hymns & Choruses

All Along

All along, God's hand has been guiding me,
Shaping my life to be a beautiful song.
All along, He's led me through
Things that He knew would make me strong.
Christ's love has been there all along.

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

***Behold our God, seated on His throne;
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare;
Come, let us adore Him!***

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

The Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.

For All He's Done

For all He's done,
I'm gonna lift my hands and praise Him.
For all He's done,
I'll try to live my life to please Him.
Even though I don't deserve to live,
My life has just begun.
And I can't help but praise the Lord for all He's done.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything—
No gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ—
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

You're the Same God

You're the same God,
When joy floods the heart,
When life falls apart.
You're the same God,
When hope shines like the sun,
When dreams come undone.
When we're blessed, when we're broken,
You're there in each moment,
The constant in every change.
You're the same God!

"...Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Ephesians 5:18b-21

Friday Evening Session

Pastor Brad Noble



When we grasp our identity in Christ, we don't have to try to validate ourselves from others (wife, dad, mum)

Split Session 1

Daniel & Marie Cox

Transactional
Theology:

Expecting something back from God for giving things. Doing things for something back.

Gen 2:

Vulnerability is avoided because of:

- 1.) Rejection < we can walk boldly to God's throne
- 2.) Performance Based
- 3.) Loss of Control

* Already known by God

Completely known by God

Created in His Image

Gen 1:26,-

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→ Both Men & Women made in the image of God.

Jesus (The Son \rightarrow The Father)

* Not Inferior but
In Submission

The husband and the wife.

(Wife \rightarrow husband)

* Not Inferior but
in Submission.

Created in the Image of God.

Broken but not totally lost

A broken mirror distorts the reflection
Imperfect but redeemed.

God has one Son who He is totally satisfied with

When God looks at me He looks at the Son.

- 1) I can only find this level of acceptance
in Jesus Christ.
- 2) I cannot find this level of acceptance
anywhere else.
- 3) Christ has never called us to validate others where
only Jesus / The Father can.

Split Session 2

Joseph left the cup in his brother's bag.
A tragedy comes to bring them back to
fellowship (God brings us back to fellowship)

Jesus will come to meet you
personally (He will come to your level)

Paul - Road to Damascus

Thief on the Cross -

Mary (after Lazarus)

He does not brow

- It is not wrong to ask God questions.
- It is wrong to accuse God.

Jesus came to my level.

Sometimes God tells us that He is God and
we are not.

Example of Job,

Just to see an example of how
God's children go through tragedy &
suffering.

"Trust Him even though we
don't understand."

Saturday Session

Pastor Brad & Lena Noble





Retreat Schedule

Friday, August 29

Combined Session 5:00 P.M.

Dismiss for Evening 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 30

Breakfast (*if purchased*) At your leisure from 6:30 A.M.

General Assembly 9:00 A.M.

Split Session 1 9:30 A.M.

- ♦ Having Fun & Making Memories as a Couple (Bro. Evan & Tiffany Barlow)
- ♦ Learning & Accepting Each Other (Pastor Daniel & Marie Cox)
- ♦ Living Out Your "I Do's" (Pastor Jake & Mary Samples)

Break / Hotel Check-out 10:30 A.M.

Split Session 2 11:00 A.M.

- ♦ Navigating New Seasons in Life & Marriage (Pastor Robert & Victoria Butz)
- ♦ Balancing Life (Bro. Donnie & Erin McCullough)
- ♦ Finding Peace & Purpose in Tragedy (Bro. Harrell & Jeannie Noble)

Combined Session 12:00 P.M.

Final Dismissal 1:00 P.M.

Thank You for Coming!

We hope you'll make plans to join us next year.

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Notes from "I Still Do" Pastor Noble Aug. 29 1700-1830.

Holiness in the Home.

- 1 Peter

What you are in the home is what you are.

Holiness in the Home

- discouragement from past failures
- ↳ Nothing should stop us from seeking Christ.

Themes of 1 Peter

- 1) Household of God - peculiar people
- 2) Hope in Christ - even through persecuted
- 3) Holiness - 'Seek holiness' (v 15) "Be ye holy" →

"As I Do
So Do You
Do!"

* "We don't place enough emphasis on the mind!"

- "take every thought captive" -

(v 13) "gird up the loins of your mind"

↳ take control, being ready (a ready mind)

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Eph 6 → the procreative part of the mind - 'loin'

(V13) When you've lost control, (started barking & fussing & yelling & screaming & back biting.)

you've lost the power of the procreative powers of your mind. (your loins of your mind)

There's a battle of the mind → have hope because Jesus is coming.
- Inordinate love of idols.

Go to Philippians 4:8-9 } a reason you've given up?

["You must choose what you think about."]

- # 1) First think about Jesus
- # 2) Behave like your a child whos only authority is the Father.

1 Pet. 4:14)

"As Obedient children" (example)

I am to live as an obedient child of ~~the~~ my Father, (my Heavenly Father).

(V22) Purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren...

always pursuing 'love one another fervently w/ a pure heart' → 'motive of love'

→ I want to love my children more.
→ Love God more - more closely.

"love that is not expressed is not love"

PRAYER: "To cultivate holiness (in the home)"



