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## WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020

MARCH 27 - 29  
CAMBRIA PINES LODGE  
2905 BURTON DRIVE | CAMBRIA, CA 93428

*Guest Speaker*

KAREN GUNSTREAM

### Registration

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### Prices

RANGE: \$200 - \$310

(DEPENDENT UPON ROOM SELECTION)

MAY MAKE PAYMENTS.





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There was once a group of women studying the book of Malachi in the Old Testament. As they were studying chapter three, they came across verse three, which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women, and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week this woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot – then she thought again about the verse, that he sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered "Yes", and explained that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be damaged.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy. When I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of this world's fire, just remember that God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ are refining you. "You are predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ."

- Unknown

*For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.*



# Guest Speaker

## KAREN GUNSTREAM

Karen Gunstream is an ordained Nazarene pastor who specializes in counseling, ministerial leadership, discipleship, and spiritual formation and care. She has been speaking at retreats since 1990, and brings an intense message of the good news of Christ, infused with her natural humor and fun.

Karen grew up in a Christian home, primarily in the Orange County area. During the Jesus movement of the late '60s, she discovered first steps in walking with Jesus. It was a time that demanded not only knowing why you believe, but also growing in worship fully from the heart. From that time to the present, Karen says, "I am a growing Christ follower. I trust Him as my Savior from the brokenness and separation from God that all humans are born into. Likewise, I am delighted that He is my Lord as I discover, explore, and participate in the Kingdom of God."

Karen wants to share with us what she has learned about knowing God intimately. It is not just believing Him intellectually, but experiencing Him personally. God has shown her through His word, through His family, and through personal contact, that the entire trinity of the living God is faithful, delightful (including fun), joyful, and good. God is love!

Karen's desire is to point Christians to a deeply fulfilling relationship with Christ. She strives to equip followers to navigate this complex inner and outer world by knowing God and hearing from Him. She hopes to whet the appetites of pre-Christ followers to greatly desire this awesome Good News through Christ. Her presenting style will add some knowledge-based teaching, facilitate attendee questions, and help us all probe beyond fill-in-the-blank type answers to answers that satisfy the need to know how to apply what God is saying.

On a personal note: Karen was one of Jan Unfried's roommates in college. Their friendship has spanned the years of time. Separated by a few states, they do not get together often. When they do meet face-to-face, there is an instant reconnection because of their mutual love for Jesus and each other. Karen is also related by marriage to our beloved Olive Knoll's Rhodes clan (you can ask them all about the connection). They have experienced a variety of family reunions and rich fellowship together in the Lord.

Karen and her husband have been married for 44 years and currently live in Parker, Colorado. Her husband, Bill, is a business owner/operator of a restaurant franchise, and is energized by bringing the great love of God into the workplace in many ways. They have three children and 7 grandchildren (soon to be 8 in August). Their children and spouses all love Jesus and are serious about following Him. Karen is in transition in her ministry position, and is excited to see what God is preparing for her in the near future. We are blessed to have her with us during our retreat weekend in Cambria!



# Details

**WHY** To deepen our relationship with God and other women through focused fellowship, Biblical teaching, worship, and prayer

**WHO CAN ATTEND** Your girlfriends, sisters, mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmothers, neighbors, and co-workers - any woman who wants to have a relaxing weekend away, hear how God wants to transform her, and have some fun! Attendance at Olive Knolls Church is not required. (Minimum age: 18)

**BRING** Remember to bring your Bible, comfortable clothing, sweatshirt or jacket (it gets chilly at the beach), spending money and enough for three meals on your own.  
OPTIONAL: Beach chair/towel, swimsuit (for the beach or hot tub), walking shoes.  
OUTREACH: This year our retreat is partnering with Keepers Transformation House. Please prayerfully look over the Reaching Out page for ideas.

**REGISTRATION** Your registration fee includes: 2 nights at Cambria Pines Lodge, dessert on Friday, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. (You are on your own for dinner Friday night and for lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.)

**Room options:**

- ▶ **Standard Room:** 2 queens ... 2 people/room ..... \$270
- ▶ **Standard Room:** 2 queens ... 3 people/room ..... \$230
- ▶ **Standard Room:** 2 queens ... 4 people/room ..... \$210
- ▶ **Suite:** 2 people/room ..... \$310
- ▶ **Suite:** 3 people/room ..... \$260
- ▶ **Suite:** 4 people/room ..... \$230
- ▶ **Suite:** 5-6 people/room ..... \$200

A \$25 non-refundable deposit will secure your spot. However the entire payment must be made by February 23, 2020. The balance may be paid by cash, check, or charge (Text: 661-231-0841; or online at [www.oliveknolls.com](http://www.oliveknolls.com), click on "Give" ... indicate Women's Retreat.) Some scholarships are available; fill out the scholarship form and turn it in at the registration table.

**CHECK-IN** Check into your room from 4-6:30 pm Friday night.  
Session 1 begins promptly at 7 pm



# Reaching Out

## KEEPERS TRANSFORMATION HOUSE

Keepers Transformation House is a Christ-centered, women's discipleship center in the heart of Oildale. Their goal is to restore identity in Christ and equip individuals to live a life honoring Jesus. KTH has a 24-women capacity. They offer a 1-year discipleship program, a transitional living program, and a 4-bed overnight emergency shelter.



### ITEMS NEEDED ~

<b><u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS</u></b>	<b><u>CLOTHES AND MISC</u></b>	<b><u>DONATIONS</u></b>
<p><i>Regular Size Hygiene Supplies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shampoo</li> <li>● Conditioner</li> <li>● Body wash</li> <li>● Hand soap</li> <li>● Boxes of Feminine pads</li> <li>● Kleenex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bras</li> <li>● Panties</li> <li>● Socks</li> <li>● Dishwasher detergent</li> <li>● Towel sets</li> <li>● Twin bed-in-a-bag sets</li> <li>● Journals</li> <li>● Large print Bibles</li> </ul>	<p><i>Sponsorship for One Woman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$50/month for hygiene products</li> <li>● \$200/month provides food</li> <li>● \$300/month curriculum for 1 year</li> <li>● 2 people donating \$500/month will sponsor 1 woman for an entire year</li> </ul>



# Registration

## SUBMIT THIS PAGE WHEN YOU REGISTER

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS YOU HAVE ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.**

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### ROOMMATE CHOICES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### IF YOU ARE PAYING FOR OTHER REGISTRANTS, LIST THEIR NAMES HERE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

### RETREAT TEAM INFORMATION

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Owed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Owed \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_