

PAGEANT WAGON PUBLISHING PRESENTS

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN WRITERS RETREAT WORKSHOP 2024:
Pioneers with Pens: Journey with Excellence
AT RESTORATION FAMILY FARM

"We have become His poetry, a re-created 'Pioneer' People that will fulfill the destiny He has given each of us." Ephesians 2:10 TPT

Workshop Attendee Checklist: WHAT TO BRING

MOST IMPORTANT: A Sample of Your Writing

What are you writing? Have you ever had it reviewed in a critique format so you could get constructive feedback to help make your work the best it can be? Attend a MANUSCRIPT CRITIQUE BREAKOUT GROUP meeting four times during the retreat.

We can't help you if you don't bring more than your ideas and good intentions to write.

Bring 5 COPIES of something you have written such as:

- Bullet points of your ideas for your story
- Poetry or Song lyrics
- Stage play or screenplay
- Short devotional—100 words *Note: Word counts are suggested, not required.*
- Long devotional—300-500 words
- Personal testimony—300-500 words
- Essay on a topic important to you—about 300-500 words
- Non-fiction magazine article—about 300-500 words
- Non-fiction book—proposal or manuscript—Introduction, Table of Contents, and first chapter
- Fiction short story—proposal or manuscript with average word count 7,500 words or less; flash fiction is 500 words or less.
- Fiction novel—proposal or manuscript including synopsis and first chapter
- Manuscript Proposal—lay out the idea and plan for what you want to write. Download the PDF of a *Sample Manuscript Proposal* on the PWP website at pageantwagonpublishing.com/workshop-media-kit. Follow the format layout with your own manuscript information.

In addition to your writing samples, be sure to pack the following:

1. **Notebook, Paper, and Pen**—We've planned a 2-day retreat/workshop event chock full of valuable instruction and information to help you advance in your calling to write His Story through your story. You'll receive handouts for each session, but so plan to take lots of notes besides!

2. **Journal, Sketching Pad, Camera**—Restoration Family Farm provides a picturesque setting to inspire writers and artists. There will be time during the Breakout Group Sessions to wander the grounds or get aside for a few minutes of reflection, journaling, or art and inspiration.
3. **Business Cards**—If you don't have a business card with your contact info, make a few copies of your name, phone, email, and social media locations to exchange with others. Networking at writing retreats and workshops builds a like-minded community to encourage one another on their *Pioneer with Pens* writing journeys.
4. **Meals**—If you did not sign up for prepared meals and plan to bring your own lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday, be sure to bring it! Meals are an extra cost and must be paid for in advance with your Registration Fee. Continental Breakfast and beverages are included for all on both days.
5. **Bookstore—The Pageant Wagon Publishing Bookstore** will be set up with publications from our network authors available for sale—plus other gifts. Come prepared with spending money. Get some holiday shopping done—books make the best gifts!
6. **Love Offering**—We are delighted to partner with Restoration Family Farm and the ministry of Pastor Rob and Jen Schwing as facility hosts for our Retreat and Workshop this year—and hopefully for many years to come. We will be taking a LOVE OFFERING both Friday and Saturday for the family and the ministry of Restoration Family Farm. Their vision is to be God's heart in the lives of others for healing and hope in marriages and families, and a place of respite for those in ministry. Please visit Restoration Family Farm on Facebook or online at www.restorationfamilyfarm.com.
7. **Comfortable Clothes**—Last year the crisp October mornings and evenings gave way to a slice of summer sunshine and temps in the upper 70s as high as 80 on Saturday! Not sure that will be the case this year, so keep a watch on the weather, pray NO RAIN, and plan to wear appropriate, comfortable clothes—jeans and sensible shoes. Remember—you will be on a farm!

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN WRITERS RETREAT WORKSHOPS MISSION STATEMENT:

*Under the umbrella of Pageant Wagon Publishing, Christian writers in Southern New Jersey gather in a retreat atmosphere to secure vision, hone skills, and critique manuscripts for publication.
Learn to tell His Story through your story and bring Good News to the mountains of social and cultural influence.*

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