

# Houston Presbyterian Cursillo

("cur-see-oh," n., *Spanish*, a short course)

## Upcoming Weekends

November 8-11, 2007  
Texas Baptist Encampment  
Palacios, Texas

January 31-February 3, 2008  
Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

April 10-13, 2008  
Texas Baptist Encampment  
Palacios, Texas

June 5-8, 2008  
Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

September 11-14, 2008  
Camp Cho-Yeh  
Livingston, Texas

November 6-9, 2008  
Texas Baptist Encampment  
Palacios, Texas

Please check website for  
additional dates.

[www.houstoncursillo.org](http://www.houstoncursillo.org)

**Refresh** your awareness of the joy  
and grace God has for each of us,

**Renew** your enthusiasm for living  
out your relationship with Christ, and

**Return** to your home, church  
and workplace inspired to  
reform them for Jesus.



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## About Presbyterian Cursillo



## **Presbyterian Cursillo: An Opportunity for Renewal**

### **What**

Millions of Christians of various denominations have participated in a “Cursillo,” a weekend experience that inspires the joyful and enthusiastic living out of the Christian faith. Presbyterian Cursillo weekends are sponsored and led by laymen and women, with the participation and spiritual guidance of ordained Presbyterian ministers. Participants return from Cursillo energized and inspired to transform their environments for Christ.

### **When**

The Houston Presbyterian Cursillo Community sponsors five Cursillo weekends a year. Dates of future weekends are on the reverse side of this pamphlet.

### **History**

The Cursillo idea and method were born in Spain in the 1940s out of a desire to awaken in laymen the deep meaning and power of the faith they professed, and to remind them of what is fundamental in being a Christian. The weekends were called “Cursillos de Cristiandad,” or short courses in Christianity. Among Catholics, Cursillo spread quickly to South, Central and

North America. It was adapted and adopted by Protestants in this country beginning in the 1970s. The first Protestant Cursillos in the United States were held by Episcopalians, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians and others followed suit.

### **Growth**

The Presbyterian Cursillo movement began in Charleston, South Carolina and has been growing since 1990. Additional communities are now active in Alabama, Austin, Colorado, Eastern Oklahoma, Georgia, Houston, Illinois, Indiana, North Carolina, North Texas, Oklahoma, Palo Duro Presbytery and Virginia. Those communities aim to spread the Presbyterian Cursillo opportunity throughout the denomination. Participation by members of all Houston area Presbyterian churches is the goal of the Houston Presbyterian Cursillo community.

### **Where**

Houston Presbyterian Cursillos are held at retreat centers near Navasota, Palacios, and Livingston, Texas. Retreat centers provide modern and comfortable lodging and delicious food. Spouses are encouraged to attend the same weekend if possible. Participants check into the retreat center at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and depart around 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Between those times, participants engage in small group discussion, worship, prayer, singing and laughter.



### **Why**

The Cursillo experience does not end on Sunday. It is intended to last for a lifetime. Participants are encouraged to join small groups that meet regularly to renew enthusiasm, affirm one another and share experiences in the Christian life. The entire community also meets periodically for fellowship and renewal.

Reformation and renewal in Christ are indispensable to our participation in the unfolding and expansion of God’s Kingdom. Presbyterian Cursillo is a vital and exciting resource for renewal, and Presbyterian men and women are encouraged to participate. Presbyterians who have attended another denomination’s Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus or similar weekend are also welcome as members of the staffs for those weekends.

### **How**

Application forms for participants and staff are available through many Houston area church offices. Applications may be submitted, or other information may be obtained, by internet [www.houstoncursillo.org](http://www.houstoncursillo.org)

