



The Sibley Suite consists of two bedrooms, a bath, kitchen, living and dining area. It is available for personal retreats or small groups. It is not available to the general public.



The "Prophet's Chamber" is available for designated use by groups using the facility.



Chapel on the Hill

### Our Basis of Fellowship

Life Ministries is a non-denominational organization. Committed to serving the body of Christ, the facilities are made available to evangelical groups and individuals who are submitted to the scripture as their final authority. It is our hope that all those who use the facility are committed to making Jesus Christ preeminent in all activities.

### Directions

From Franklin: Take Route 322 East across the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Turn left at the end of the bridge and go three and a half miles. Turn left on to Osenider Road, take the left fork, go one mile and turn right. Follow the road  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and enter the driveway through the stone gatehouse.

From Oil City: Take West First Street about three miles out of town to the four way stop. Turn right, go about one mile, turn right on to Osenider Road. Take the left fork, go one mile and bear to the right. Follow the road  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and enter the driveway through the stone gatehouse.

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## Life Ministries "The Castle" Retreat Center



Situated on a hill overlooking the Allegheny River between Franklin and Oil City Pennsylvania, "The Castle" provides a relaxed setting for groups and individuals looking to get away for quiet time with the Lord. A turn of the century stone mansion, this facility is unique in design giving it an attractive appeal to different types of groups year round. The lovely grounds around the facility provide opportunities for outdoor sessions with a breathtaking view of the valley below, one-on-one conversations on the beautiful shaded porch, or a quiet walk through the rich woods surrounding the castle.



## River Ridge Farm

River Ridge Farm was established in 1913 by Joseph Sibley. Sibley acquired substantial wealth through his involvement in the oil industry in its early years. After involvement in a distinguished political career, Joe put together a 1000 acre estate calling it River Ridge Farm. The farm was a noted showplace with demonstrations of Sibley's farming methods being held annually. Many celebrity guests were entertained here during the Sibley years, including President Woodrow Wilson. Sibley died here at his home in 1926. His family continued to operate the farm until 1949, at which time it was sold to the White Fathers of Africa. The White Fathers then used it for 20 years as a training facility for Catholic missionaries. Life Ministries purchased it from the White Fathers in 1969.

## Life Ministries

Life Ministries was founded in 1967 by Earl Tygert. The River Ridge Farm was purchased in 1969 as a base of operations. Originally starting as a multifaceted ministry with a strong focus in mission work, Christian schooling and conferences, the main focus of Life Ministries has evolved primarily toward a retreat/conference ministry in recent years.

## Retreat Facility

Given the name "Christ's Castle", the building is a large stone mansion, fully winterized and is the perfect setting for individual or group retreats. Equipped with a spacious kitchen, groups have the option of cooking for themselves or having the staff cook for them. A variety of meeting areas, a dining room able to seat 100, a recreation room, prayer tower, sleeping quarters are all located within the main building. A gymnasium facility used for basketball and volleyball is within easy walking distance. The grounds provide numerous trails, a sports field for outdoor activities, a bonfire site, a covered porch with tables and a porch swing, sand volleyball, and grassy areas to relax and enjoy the quiet scenery. A small chapel is also located on the grounds and is available for groups and individuals to enjoy.



The entrance in the rear of the building also serves as the main entrance to the mansion.



The shaded front porch provides a wonderful space for quiet meditation

