

CENTRAL CAROLINAS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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Welcome New Pilgrims from 112 & 113!!

One of the most exciting times as a Christian is that time immediately following a close encounter with Jesus. Witnessing His spirit alive in a friend is contagious and infectious. Needless to say, there were many excited Christians at the follow-up meeting at River Hills last week. Many of the new pilgrims shared stories of re-commitment to prayer and study with their spouse. There were other stories of challenges that were more easily faced, now with the support of a new community of believers to lean on. The follow-up meeting was well attended, with most of the team and pilgrims from 112 & 113, as well as many from the community. Welcome new pilgrims – we look forward to seeing you at future CCEC community events!

April Gathering next week!

Saturday, June 6

At

First UMC Stanley

**5481 Hickory Grove Rd
Stanley, NC 28164**

**Food & Fellowship—6:00 PM
Worship—7:00 PM**

Sawdust from the Board

Your CCEC Board of Directors meet the first Thursday of each month at Steele Creek Presbyterian ... join us sometime ... our meetings are open to CCEC and always begin with a devotion and Holy Communion. Here are our topics of discussion from our May 7th meeting:

- Eric Bromby provided a very thorough report on Walk 112. We found a few areas for improvement, we heard fantastic reports of selfless servants on the team, and we learned of God's magnificent presence throughout the weekend
- Golf cart storage location near Bethelwoods is still needed from the CCEC community!
- Wonderful sponsorship videos on the website! Thank you Christy and friends!
- Special diet concerns on future weekends will be limited to health concerns only, not preferences.
- Community records have been transferred to IMS database, data is being validated
- The qty of "behind the scenes" servants have dropped lately; planning promotional actions and new sign-up techniques

The prayer concerns and wonderful praises in our community were lifted up to our Lord in prayer just prior to the close of our meeting.



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM



Pentecost Sunday

Each year Pentecost Sunday sneaks up on me. The story is the same each year, but my response is usually different. This year I heard the focus on the “breath of God” more clearly than before. We pray for the breath of God to come upon us, but we forget that we are then called to breathe OUT into our surroundings that very same breath of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to recognize those areas of service to which we are called. Take a moment today to consider your targets for service and ministry. We have been blessed by the breath of God – let us share it in our community!

Consider Servanthood!!!

How many servants does it take to have an Emmaus weekend? No, this isn't the start of a bad joke...this is a real question. Do you know the answer? I'll tell you...over 250! Seriously! It takes

- At least 50 people to serve meals
- At least 12 people to do the break table
- At least 2 people to do the ice cream social
- At least 5 people to handle the luggage on Thursday
- At least 5 people to handle the luggage on Sunday
- At least 3 people to drive the bus and vans on Thurs
- At least 3 people to drive the bus and vans on Sat
- At least 3 people to drive the bus and vans on Sun
- At least 10 people to clean up cabins and load the trailer at Bethelwoods on Sunday afternoon
- At least 10 people to host send-off
- At least 15 people to serve as chapel servants
- At least 144 people to fill the prayer vigil

Add it all up and you get over 250 people. And that doesn't even count the team that is serving on the weekend or the folks that provide snacks for the break table or the folks that provide agape.

We need you! On the past few walks we needed to make desperate appeals for help with filling the break table slots, providing food for the break table, and serving meals because these spots have not been filled at Gatherings or even through the on-line sign-ups. This has become a focus of the CCEC Board as we are trying to determine what the issues are and how to resolve them. It is true that some of the rules have changed (sponsors and team member spouses can no longer serve meals) but honestly, we were having this issue before our rules changed as a result of the community training we received last summer.

Remember how special your weekend was and what an impact it made on you when everyone stood up at closing and you began to realize just how many folks had played a part in your weekend? Let's give that same experience to the new pilgrims. Sign-up sheets for meals, break table, and the prayer vigil are usually made available at the 2 or 3 gatherings preceding a set of walks. Additionally, you can contact the responsible board member directly to sign up for things. Here's the list of contact information:

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We appreciate your prayerful consideration of ways that you can serve your Emmaus community and help keep the walk experience special for our future pilgrims. We look forward to serving with you soon!

Prayer time



Lord Jesus, we are so amazed at your splendor. Your majesty is beyond our comprehension. We see daily the wonders and miracles that you provide our world. If only we had the eyes to see them all! Thank you for your constant faith and abiding love; the loneliness of this world would be deafening without you. In fact, we find ourselves fixated on the struggles of life so often that it is difficult at times to recognize your face in our very midst. Forgive us Lord, as we struggle through these trials and grant us the strength to persevere. Moreover, bless us with the courage to lift up those around us who are battling for their lives, their families, their careers, their marriages, their health, their friendships, and their children. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Please view the CCEC Prayer List at <http://www.ccemmaus.com/prayer.html>



Fourth Day Retreat

Make your plans now for the Annual Fourth Day Retreat! The retreat runs from Thursday evening through lunch on Saturday, and is held at Camp Caraway near Asheboro, NC. This is a great renewal getaway for both couples and singles. Retreat dates are July 9-11, so don't waste any more time! Contact Lynn Ramsey (704-882-2758) today! Visit www.ccemmaus.com for further details.

Fourth Days!!

It is always exciting to hear about the grace of God in our midst. Especially sweet are the stories of new pilgrims experiencing God in their fourth days. Please take a moment and share your stories from the weekend and from your fourth days. You may have had prayers answered, or found the courage to make a difficult decision. You may have been called into ministry or taken significant action to re-prioritize your life. Our Lord Jesus is a powerful God, worthy of our praise! Let us do that in our community and with our newsletter. Just drop me a note (jenkins2x4@windstream.net) and I can include it in the next newsletter, or we can just share your story at the next board meeting and thank God for his wonderful blessings!



Show & Tell

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."



2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL GATHERINGS ARE OPEN TO VISITORS

June	6	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6 PM; First UMC Stanley Family Life Center	Oct	25	CCEC Walk #115 Closing; 5:30pm Grace UMC
July	9-11	Fourth Day Retreat Camp Caraway	Nov	7	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6 PM; Davidson UMC
Aug	1	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6 PM; Quail Hollow Presbyterian		12	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM; Central Steele Creek Pres.
Sept	12	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6pm Pineville UMC	Dec	5	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6 PM; St. Andrews UMC
Oct	3	CCEC Gathering, Saturday; 6 PM; Trinity UMC	Dec	10	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM; Central Steele Creek Pres.
	8	CCEC Walk #114 Send-off Grace UMC	March	4	CCEC Walk 116 Send-off;
	11	CCEC Walk #114 Closing; 5:30pm Grace UMC	March	7	CCEC Walk 116 Closing, 5:30PM;
	22	CCEC Walk #115 Send-off Grace UMC	March	18	CCEC Walk 117 Send-off;
			March	21	CCEC Walk 117 Closing, 5:30PM;

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