

# NEWS

FROM THE

CENTRAL CAROLINAS  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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## February Gathering!

Saturday, February 6 at [Hickory Grove UMC](#)

6401 Hickory Grove Rd    Servants Training - 6 PM  
Charlotte, NC 28215    Food & Fellowship - 6 PM  
Worship - 7 PM

**Celebrate CCEC's 25th Year with a Very Special 4th Day Speaker  
and**

**Your Favorite Emmaus Music!**

**Join us for a great night of sharing and reunion!**

The **January Gathering** was very well attended and everyone had a wonderful time! We were truly blessed by the 4th Day sharing of Alan Thornton. Alan participated on Walk 698 in San Antonio, Texas.

Alan shared about the excitement of moving from Texas to North Carolina and starting a life here with his family, only to be followed by being laid off from his work in March. Suddenly his life changed completely, and there were many uncertainties. It was a time that could easily result in gloom and despair.

But Alan spoke off how many of the negatives were offset by the positives in the

situation. He now had more time to focus on his family and friends. He could do things that otherwise he would not have had time to do—attend basketball games, work on an Eagle Scout project with his son.

A lesson that Alan shared was surround yourself with good people. Stop and listen to what God is saying to you through them and through your circumstance. He reminded us of the words from the book of Jeremiah, where God tells us of the good plans that He has for us.

Ron Smith provided the clergy response. Ron talked about how we often feel pinned down, and wonder just what God is up to. He re-

minded us of the words of the great Apostle Paul, who was so focused on building the kingdom but sometimes it appeared that God was working against him. Ron told how it is through these struggles and trials that we grow strong in our faith, in our holiness, and we grow deep roots. As Joseph stated to his brothers, what they meant for evil God meant for good. Others may encourage us, and our witness can encourage others.



## Sawdust from The Board



The CCEC Board of Directors met on January 14 at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church following a covered dish dinner with outgoing members. This is a traditional way to thank everyone for their service to the community and to transition responsibility.

Following the meal the meeting was called to order by chair Andrea Reed. Everyone was welcomed and a big thanks was given to our "retiring" board members before they left the meeting to the business of the new board.

Following the opening Tom Coggins offered a devotion, after which Community Spiritual Director Scott Ireland led the board in communion.

The December board meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted after some dis-

cussion and editorial comments.

Andrea presented a list of important dates of board and community events for review and informational purposes.

An extended discussion was held regarding the low number of applications for the upcoming set of walks, and especially the failure of sponsors and applicants to return the confirmation information verifying that the pilgrims are indeed committed to attending the walk. Receiving this information is critical to the planning of the walks and team meetings, so not having the confirmations causes a great deal of extra work and stress on those involved.

It was decided to continue with the planned walk weekends, but extra effort was going to be required to get con-

firmations from the potential pilgrims. Many ideas were proposed to help resolve the confirmation issue, but no clear solution was found. An extra effort will be made to re-iterate to sponsors the importance of returning the confirmation information on time.

After a round table discussion the board members listed prayer concerns and praises. Several community members were noted as being in Haiti during the recent earthquake and were lifted up in prayer. Several personal requests were made for prayers for family members and friends as well.

The meeting was closed in prayer, with the board gathered together holding hands as a family of servants to our Lord and Savior.

### IMPORTANT NOTE TO SPONSORS

Sponsors,

It is vitally important that you make sure that your pilgrims return the confirmation form to the CCEC registrar in a timely manner! Once applications are approved and your pilgrim receives their acceptance notification, **THEY MUST RETURN THE CONFIRMATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE WALK!** Until they confirm their intention to actually attend the walk we cannot prepare for them. We must know who is going to attend in order to prepare the walk materials, plan meals, arrange transportation, and plan team assignments. Please make sure that your pilgrim confirms!



## Prayer Requests & Praises



Please pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones. We lift up those who are facing medical issues and concerns. Lift up those with relationship issues, and continue to remember the many who are going through financial difficulties and facing employment uncertainty.

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

## Important News!

Please Join us at Camp Caraway for a Wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat  
On August 5 - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
as Central Carolinas Emmaus Community celebrates  
What it means to be a Joyful Christian!

We promise lots of good fellowship & food  
(yes, Virginia, there **IS** a Break table!)

plus discussion on what it means to live a joyful Christian life.

There'll be agape, singing, daily worship and holy communion, a literature table and, in keeping with the theme of the retreat, plenty of good, clean Christian jokes! For those of you who haven't been to a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat before, there are some differences from a typical Emmaus Retreat -  
fewer talks, longer breaks, better beds and much more relaxed (NO BELLS!).



What's not to like!

The Book we will be studying is "Jesus, Man of Joy" by Sherwood Wirt.  
It is available on-line (just Google the title of the book); if you have any trouble getting access to the book, please let Christy Stephens, Retreat Director, know at 704-552-2780 or at [christystephens@juno.com](mailto:christystephens@juno.com)

Mark your calendars now & turn in your reservation; forms are available on the CCEC website and at upcoming Gatherings. You don't want to miss this wonderful weekend of Emmaus renewal (I'd tell you to stop clowning around and sign up but I might be giving too much away!)

Click [HERE](#) for a reservation form.

### Want to Post a Mission Opportunity?

We are planning a special edition community newsletter to post mission opportunities that are available through your churches. If you have a mission project that you would like to invite community members to participate in, please forward a brief explanation of the project and your contact information to Mark Shutt at [mark.shutt@duke-energy.com](mailto:mark.shutt@duke-energy.com), or mail it to Mark care of CCEC at:

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## 2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 6	<b>CCEC Gathering</b> , Saturday; 6 PM; Servanthood training 6PM <a href="#">Hickory Grove UMC</a>	Mar 20	<b>CCEC Candlelight</b> ; 8:30 pm <a href="#">Woodland UMC</a>
Feb 11	<b>CCEC Board Meeting</b> , 7 PM; <a href="#">Central Steele Creek Pres.</a>	Mar 21	<b>CCEC Walk 115 Closing</b> ; 5:30 pm <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>
Feb 18-21	<b>CC Chrysalis Boys Flight #44</b>	Mar 25	<b>Walks 114 &amp; 115 Follow-up</b> ; 7:00 pm <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>
Mar 4	<b>CCEC Walk 114 Send-off</b> ; 7:00 pm <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>	Apr 3	<b>CCEC Gathering</b> , Saturday; 6 PM; <a href="#">Weddington UMC</a>
Mar 6	<b>CCEC Gathering</b> ; 7:00 pm Fellowship Before Candlelight <a href="#">Woodland UMC</a>	Apr 8	<b>CCEC Board Meeting</b> , 7 PM; <a href="#">Central Steele Creek Pres.</a>
Mar 7	<b>CCEC Walk 114 Closing</b> ; 5:30 pm <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>	Apr 15-18	<a href="#">Grace EC</a> Men's Walk 28
Mar 11	<b>CCEC Board Meeting</b> , 7 PM; <a href="#">Central Steele Creek Pres</a>	Apr 22-25	<a href="#">Grace EC</a> Women's Walk 29
Mar 18	<b>CCEC Walk 115 Send-off</b> ; 7:00 pm <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>	Apr 22-25	<b>CC Chrysalis Girls Flight #45</b> <a href="#">Cedar Grove Retreat</a>
		May 1	<b>CCEC Gathering</b> , Saturday; 6 PM; <a href="#">Pineville UMC</a>

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