

NEWS

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A Life Changing Event!

What a delight it was to hear Tammy Cline, CCEC Walk # 84, Table of Hannah, share about her life at the January Gathering! Tammy once learned that the average person goes through a life-changing event every 6 months! Some are joyous and others are very difficult. Tammy has learned that either way, God wants us to reach to Him for support and comfort, to let Him be our rock!

She and her husband, Brent, have been married exactly 17 years (this was their anniversary) and they felt they had a strong faith all of those 17 years. Then Brent lost his job and she was expecting their first child. This took him to his knees! He prayed right through that difficult time. God did provide a new job and a beautiful baby girl. The next year they worked through the pain of a miscarriage and once again turned to God for support and guidance. Their loving family, friends, and their pastor, walked them through their grief. They attended the Walk to Emmaus on the heels of these difficult times. They feel it was just what they both needed at that time of their lives!

Tammy shared that her Walk gave her the four gifts...all have strengthened her spiritually. These gifts are:

1. It revealed God's great & undying love for her!
2. It gave her purposeful thinking.
3. It encouraged her to feel free to explore what God made her to be.
4. It opened her eyes to a new, deeper relationship with Christ.

Tammy felt that God's love was revealed through those who served during her Walk, through the encouragement of family and friends and through the work of the Holy Spirit! She learned that God has called each of us to be His hands and feet and she knows the joy that comes from hearing His call.

After taking a Spiritual Gifts class, she learned the importance of using the natural gifts God gives to each of us. It meant so much to Tammy that she helped put together a class for her church to teach others about their Spiritual Gifts.

Tammy found the joy of serving in new and different ways in her church community. She began serving communion and participated in mission opportunities. What a blessing it was to help others see the joy of serving, too!

Relationship with the Lord...words she knew but with all she was learning about herself and others, she realized she needed to strengthen that relationship. She found that what she wanted was a real, intimate relationship with the Lord. She has been involved in daily devotions, prayer and bible study. Tammy is now on staff at our host church, University City UMC. Because of her openness, God has truly worked powerfully in the life of Tammy Cline.

Emmaus was a positive life-changing event for Tammy and as she sponsors others on Walks her prayer is that they, too will find it to be a wonderful life changing event.

Pastor's Response

Pastor Ken Spencer began by sharing the story of Jesus walking on water found in Matthew 14. Jesus was waiting and praying for the Disciples when a storm came and the boat was being tossed all around. Finally, Jesus walked on the water toward them and said, "Do not be afraid."

Peter came to Jesus and he also walked on the water. Soon Peter was distracted and began to sink. Jesus reached out and Peter held on to him. Then Jesus calmed the storm.

That is Pastor Ken's favorite part...that Jesus held onto Peter for a long time before he calmed the storm!

This is what Tammy's talk reminded him of, that when she and Brent were in the middle of the struggles of life, they were being held by God! He holds each of us even before we are able to hold onto him! What a comfort!

Pastor Ken shared the words to the song, "Held" by Natalie Grant. (Take a moment to look it up when you can.) The song ends like this: "This is what it is to be loved and to know that the promise was when everything fell, we'd be held." Held by Jesus.

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February Gathering, Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Davidson UMC

233 South Main Street, Davidson, NC 28036

Directions: North from Charlotte take I-77 N to exit 28, turn right off the ramp onto Catawba Ave. Turn left onto Hwy 115 which becomes Main Street. Davidson UMC is on the right about 1/2 mile after going under the railroad tracks. OR South from Mooresville/Statesville take I-77 S to exit 30, turn left off the ramp onto Griffith Street. Turn right onto Main Street. You will see a Davidson College sign in front of you, travel 2 blocks and turn left into the Davidson UMC parking lot.

Food & Fellowship - 6:00 PM; Servant Hood Training - 6:00 PM; Worship - 7:00 PM

Next Gathering will be March 3 at Sharon UMC.












Boys' Chrysalis Flight #50
June 28-July 1, 2012 @ Mill Grove UMC
Lay Director: Daniel Baird

Girls' Chrysalis Flight #51
November 8-11, 2012 @ Mill Grove UMC
Lay Director: Jayne Jones

If you know a boy or girl between the ages of 15 & 22 who would enjoy a Chrysalis Flight, please contact Melinda Whitaker at mswhitaker@carolina.rr.com or send your application to her at 13518 Michael Lynn Road, Charlotte, NC 28278.

Let's fill these flights!



Reunion Group Updates Requested...

Reunion Groups are an important part of the Emmaus Community. Please help us keep our files up to date and accurate by sending your reunion group information to one of the following:

Angie Lord at angelord@blairroadumc.org
Dave LeGrande at dlegrande@yorktech.edu.

We need to know

- Name of your Reunion Group.
- Name of contact person and their e-mail address and phone number.
- Open to new members?
- Where your meeting take place.

Thank you!

Did you know there is a Central Carolinas Emmaus Facebook Group?

This Facebook group is open to all who have attended the Walk to Emmaus, or similar weekend. Because this group may contain sensitive information about the Walk, it is a closed group. If you would like to be added to this group, please send an email to mlj86@juno.com and include your Facebook Name, Emmaus Community and Walk Number.



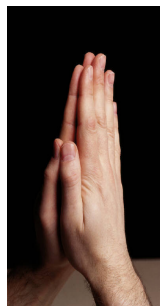
2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat, Feb 4	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Servant Hood Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Davidson UMC	Thu, Jul 12	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
Thu, Feb 9	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Thu-Sat, Aug 2-4	Fourth Day Retreat - Healing Caraway Conference Center Asheboro, NC
Sat, Mar 3	CCEC Gathering 5 PM—Sponsorship Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Sharon UMC	Thu, Aug 9	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
Thu, Mar 8	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Sat, Aug 11	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Blair Road UMC
Sat, Mar 31	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Servant Hood Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Weddington UMC	Sat, Sep 8	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Servant Hood Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Christ UMC
Thu, Apr 12	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Thu, Sep 13	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
Sat, May 5	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship South Point UMC	Sat, Oct 6	CCEC Gathering 5 PM—Sponsorship Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Woodland UMC
Thu, May 10	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Thu, Oct 11	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
Sat, Jun 2	CCEC Gathering 5 PM—Sponsorship Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Hickory Grove UMC	Sat, Nov 3	CCEC Gathering 5 PM—Sponsorship Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Harrison UMC
Thu, Jun 14	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Thu, Nov 8	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian
Sat, Jul 7	CCEC Gathering 5 PM—Sponsorship Training 6 PM—Food & Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Central Steele Creek Presbyterian	Sat, Dec 1	CCEC Gathering 6 PM—Fellowship 7 PM—Worship Mill Grove UMC
		Thu, Dec 13	CCEC Board Meeting, 7 PM Central Steele Creek Presbyterian

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Do you have a prayer concern or a praise you would like to share with the Emmaus Community? Please let Sally Ainslie know by e-mailing your request or praise to sally_bruce@earthlink.net. It will be in the Newsletter that goes out the 1st of every month.



*Please be in prayer for **Men's Emmaus Walk #122** April 19-22 and **Women's Walk #123**, April 26-29.*

YOU ARE NEEDED!

If you would like to help with Send-Off or with the Saturday Worship Service for Walks 122 & 123, please e-mail David Osborne at david.osborne@siemens.com. There is also a need to assist with housing for these walks. If this interests you please contact David Suddreth at david@carolinagc.com. Thank you for all who are so willing to help make the Emmaus experience a positive one for all of our Pilgrims! Bless you!



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