

*"A wonderful gift of God awaits those who attend a Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekend. The sentiment I have heard most often from those who have attended is 'Why did I wait so long to be a guest?' You may be considering attending a Pilgrimage or an Arise weekend. Please do so!"*

—**Rev. Dr. Billy Lowe**, pastor,  
First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville, NC

*"We all need mountaintop experiences. My Pilgrimage weekend was that mountaintop for me. I realized that God brings people and events into our lives to remind us of His grace and mercy."*

—**Pansy Young**, Winston-Salem, NC

*"Jesus is my rock, my sword, and my shield, but he is also my closest friend — my alpha, my omega, and everything in between. I see Him in everything and everyone I encounter. The 'wonder' of His love and how He will share it with me each day is what Pilgrimage has given me."*

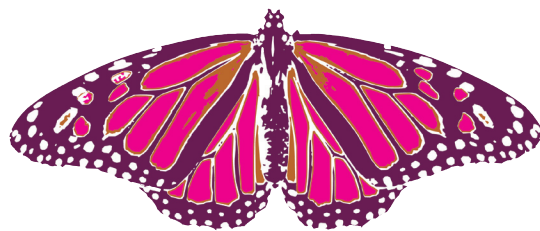
—**Charles Monroe**, Wagram, NC

*"Blessed assurance. Pilgrimage provides the blessed assurance that God loves us and that He has great plans for us. It is a heart-warming, invigorating, and renewing blessing for those who attend."*

—**Janet Ward Black**, Summerfield, NC

*"Being involved in Pilgrimage has enabled me to strengthen my relationship with the Lord, and to experience the love of Jesus Christ through others. The best way to describe what the Pilgrimage ministry means to me is the word, Koinonia, which means partnership and fellowship with God and others."*

—**Mary Beck**, Lumberton, NC



*"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

— Matthew 25:40

### **How Much Does It Cost?**

Costs are kept to an absolute minimum to cover the expenses of lodging, meals, and supplies for the Pilgrimage. Current weekend costs are \$160 per person. Since we do not want the lack of funds to keep anyone from attending, scholarships are available.

### **What Happens After a Weekend?**

The weekend is only the beginning. What you learn and share during this time will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community.

You will be supported by many others who have attended before or attend with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

### **How Can I Get More Information?**

You may obtain more information by accessing the North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage web site at [www.ncpp.net](http://www.ncpp.net), by telephoning Jim Mason at 336-491-9970 or by emailing him at [jim.mason@ncpp.net](mailto:jim.mason@ncpp.net). He will gladly answer any additional questions that you may have.

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*The North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a self-supporting program operated by lay volunteers under the NCPP State Leadership Council. The state organization includes three conferences — each with its own officers — in the Piedmont, in eastern North Carolina and in western North Carolina.*

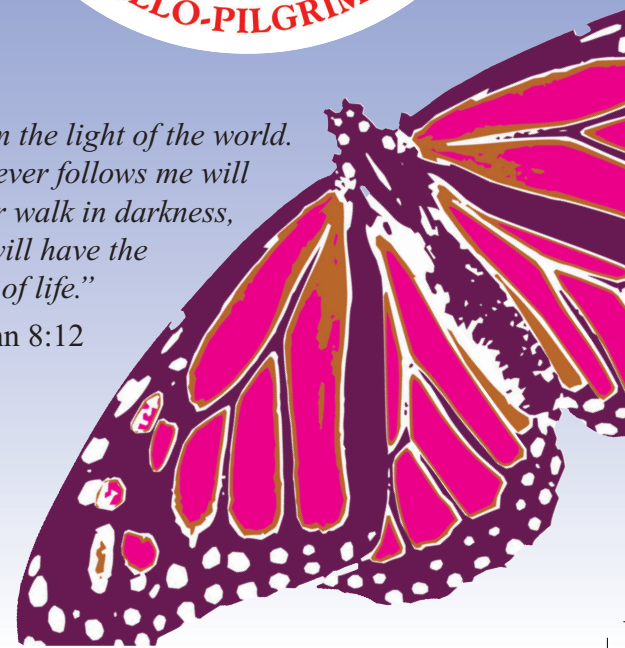
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# The North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage



*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

— John 8:12



# THE PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage is a short course in Christian living which is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and growth are combined in an energetic way.

At the Pilgrimage, the participants become increasingly aware that they are part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ, with Christian brothers and sisters, and with a Christian community.

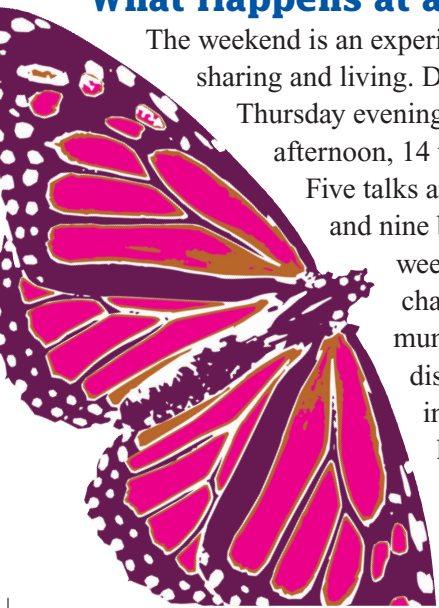
## History of the Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first sponsored Cursillos (the early name) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian movements, there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a Cursillo or Pilgrimage weekend.

## What Happens at a Pilgrimage?

The weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72 hours, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, 14 talks are presented.

Five talks are given by pastors and nine by lay people. The weekend also includes chapel each day, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer.



The 14 talks are discussed by the participants and include a Christian perspective on the following:

- Ideals
- Sacraments
- Grace
- Christian leaders
- Obstacles to the life in grace
- Lay people in the church
- Importance of study
- Christian action
- Christian community

Each of the talks deals with living life in God's grace.

## Who May Attend?

The Presbyterian Pilgrimage is for mature Christians who desire a closer relationship with Christ. Guests may be Presbyterians or represent other denominations. A Pilgrimage is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal is to encourage Christians, to help them grow in their lives of faith, and increase both their awareness of grace and desire to serve Christ in His church and the world.

During a Pilgrimage weekend, those who have previously attended are called "the team." It is their responsibility to serve the guests in every way.

## May I Attend With a Spouse or a Friend?

Both singles and couples are welcome. The Pilgrimage is an individual experience, but if you are married it is good for both spouses to attend together in order to share the joy of the experience. However, spouses will not be roommates or in the same small group.

## When are Pilgrimages Held?

Seven Pilgrimages are held each year in North Carolina. Three take place (in February, May and October) in the Piedmont at Camp Hanes, located just north of Winston-Salem near King. Two are held (in March and November) in eastern North Carolina

at Camp Dixie, located near Fayetteville. And two others are held (in April and September) in western North Carolina at Camp Harrison, located near Wilkesboro.

## How Can I Attend a Weekend?

If you would like to attend a Pilgrimage weekend, please contact an individual who has previously attended to serve as your sponsor. We suggest you also speak to your pastor, since a pastor must sign the registration application when you decide to attend. If you do not know anyone who has previously attended a weekend, we will be happy to provide you with additional information or answer any questions that you may have.

## What Do Others Say?

*"The Pilgrimage is about individual renewal, but it is also about renewal of the church. I believe the Pilgrimage is one means that God is using to help renew the church."*

—Rev. Frank Dew, pastor, Greensboro, NC

*"Pilgrimage was a life changing event for me. God's extravagant love of me became an authentic reality. I was challenged, comforted, convicted, compelled, and changed. I lovingly recommend Pilgrimage to others because I believe it is an extraordinary gift to Christ's church."*

—Marcia Reighley, Conover, NC

*"I always understood the power of God, the love of God, even the mercy of God, but until I attended NCPP #32, I never quite understood the grace of God. I get it now."*

—Susan Hornaday, Fayetteville, NC