

COMMUNITY & TESTIMONIES

Bill Wardlaw, Greensboro, NC

My Pilgrimage weekend absolutely changed my life from being a nominal christian who went to church regularly but avoided Sunday School and did the "right things" to someone who truly continues, after all these years, to build and sustain a relationship with Jesus. For the first time in my life the reality of God's grace really struck home, and the awesome power of the Holy Spirit made itself fully evident.

Doug and Donna Groce, Salisbury, NC

What a blessing Pilgrimage has been for us! Time and again on these weekends we see God move in powerful ways. We have witnessed many outpourings of God's love and grace. We have seen walls broken down, lives changed and leaders grown. Along the way we have made many friends and have found joy in serving. The experience that Pilgrimage offers is hard to describe in a few words. So we encourage you to come see for yourself all that God has to offer you on one of these great weekends.

John Matlack, Fayetteville, NC

There is no doubt that the Pilgrimage is God inspired and is a gift to His children. These weekends have been a blessing in my life by strengthening my relationship with God, my wife, family, friends and all I meet. The Creator of all is ALIVE and He wants to have a deeper relationship with us. No matter where you are in your faith journey, each weekend is unique and filled with God's grace, love, and peace beyond all understanding.

Jim Reid, Greensboro, NC

The Pilgrimage weekend is about renewal of your Faith. For me the weekend opened my eyes to sense you Lord, to Be Still and know you are GOD and that we all can feel your presence. Our Lord is always with us.

Mignon Ellsworth Balas, Charlotte, NC

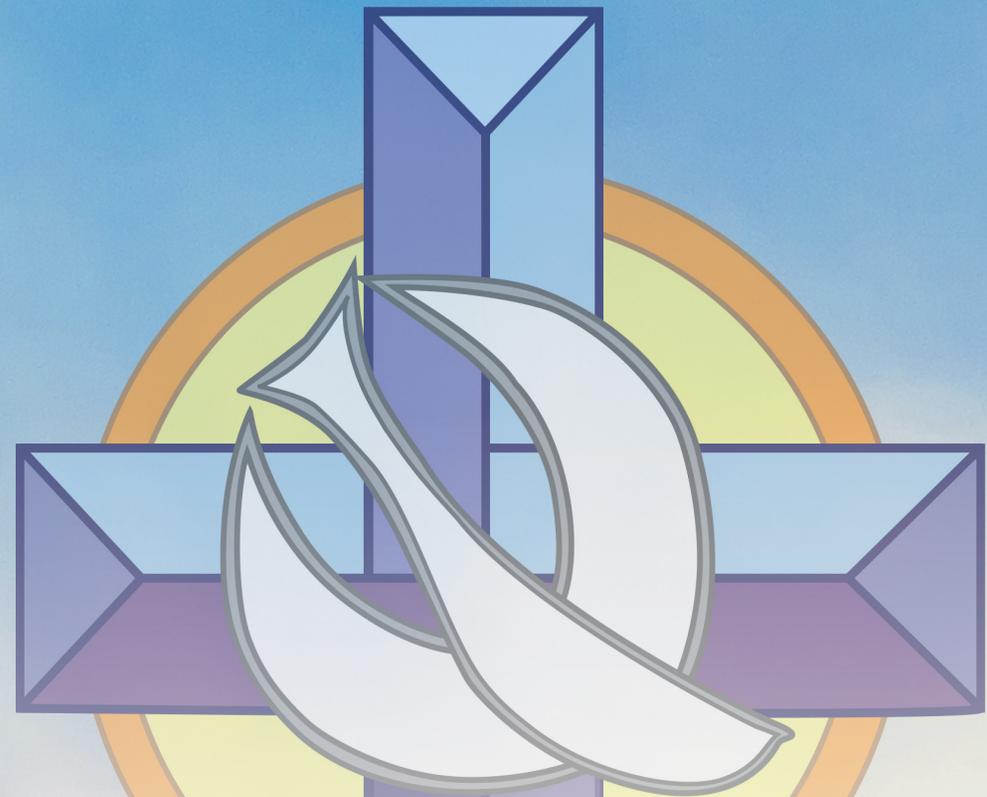
Pilgrimage imprinted on my heart a way of life in Christ that changed me forever. God gave me the courage and humility to go to camps where I knew no one and serve Him along side strangers who became brothers and sisters. My community now spreads across the whole state. And I'm eternally grateful for the love.

Ashley Craven Harrington, Charlotte, NC

Pilgrimage has strengthened my relationship with God and I cannot get enough! As a pilgrim you get to be loved by a beautiful Christian family who has prayed and prepared for your coming. There is nothing like this weekend of renewal, grace and community. I strongly encourage all believers to take this journey.

Eva Ruth, Lumberton, NC

The Pilgrimage weekend was like opening a door into God's ultimate plan for my life. Through this time set apart to intentionally see Christ, I found a life partner who is my constant. The tools I gained were stepping stones into the budding life in grace. Grace was defined, shared and embraced through the Pilgrimage and it has been impossible to see life any other way. Pilgrimage is more than a spiritual weekend, it is the gift of God's presence made real.



Faith expressing
itself through
Galatians 5:6
Love

NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me." John 14:6

Purpose

The purpose of the Pilgrimage movement is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. By grace and with the Holy Spirit, we encourage leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling and provide them with a method for influencing their environment.

History of the Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage is an offshoot of the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1949 and moved to America in the late 1950's. In addition to the Cursillo movement, there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 8 million Christians in more than 60 nations have attended one of these 3-day weekends.

What happens at a Pilgrimage?

Pilgrimage is not a retreat. The weekend is an opportunity through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived and shared in any area of human life where there are Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God's mission. During the 72 hours, Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, 14 talks are presented. Five talks are given by pastors and nine by lay people. Following each talk, small round table discussions focus on the main point of the talk. The talks, in an overlapping fashion, present the Christian life, based on the Word of God and the person of Jesus Christ, as an ideal. Pilgrimage gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian tools and living a life in God's grace. The weekend also includes chapel each day, communion, music, singing, laughter, and prayer.



TRANSFORMATION

Who May Attend?

Pilgrimage is an ecumenical movement for Christians who desire a closer relationship with Christ. Guests may be any denomination. 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. The goal is to encourage Christians in their faith walk by increasing their awareness of grace and their desire to serve Christ, the church and the world.

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, 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. To obtain more information and to find a location closest to you, please go to...

www.ncpp.net and click on the "contact us" link.

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 can be found on the the web at www.ncpp.net. Since we do not want the lack of funds to keep anyone from attending some limited financial aid is available.

What Happens After A Weekend?

The weekend is only the beginning. Your local congregation and community will benefit from what you've learned and shared over these three days. You will be encouraged by many others who have attended to share the Christian life of grace in community.

NCPP is a non profit 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 Piedmont, Eastern, and Western North Carolina.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO THAT THE SERVANT OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17