

Carolyn Duncan Cecil

Like the Biblical Ruth, Carolyn Cecil is a gleaner—not of grain, but of truth nuggets and ways to apply the Word of God to everyday life. Over the past 30 years, she has collected, condensed, and expounded upon the bits and pieces of truth heard in church sermons, workshops, seminars, on the radio, in video, and at conferences. She has spent the last 10 years using this information to write a 42-lesson training course to turn regular believers into lay ministers. Carolyn has a great drive to see everyone equipped and empowered to do their part to fight the good fight of faith. The curriculum—*Equipping and Empowerment for Christians and Lay Ministers*-- was a result of seeing a need that urgently needed to be fulfilled.

Carolyn Cecil has been teaching in a variety of capacities since 1968. She is a graduate of Madison College (JMU) in Harrisonburg, Va., with a double major in History and Social Science. Carolyn was employed by Roanoke County Schools for 37 years, teaching World Geography at William Byrd High and Middle Schools. Additionally, Carolyn teaches on 40 different Christian subjects, but her favorite is the Work of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit Baptism.

Carolyn was in the Church of the Brethren for 38 years, ministered at retreats at Camp Bethel, and the Holy Spirit Conference for the past 30 years.

Carolyn has been a member of Roanoke's Parkway Wesleyan Church for 20 years; she is now a member of Grace Family Church. She has two adult daughters, Auburn and Rebekah, who live and work in the Washington, DC area. Her husband went to heaven 20 years ago. Carolyn has traveled widely through extended education trips, as well as quite a few missions and prayer-mission trips. She has been to Australia, Austria, Canada, the Caribbean, Czech Rep., Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, and Zambia. Carolyn is often heard saying how being in the service of the Lord is great fun!