

## Bio. for Carolyn Duncan Cecil

Like the Biblical Ruth, Carolyn Duncan 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 bits and pieces of truth from the Bible, church sermons, books, seminars, and experiences. The resulting 42-lesson curriculum, *Equipped: Equipping and Empowerment for Christians and Lay Ministers* is designed to turn regular believers into lay ministers so they can do their part to fight the good fight of faith and keep their families protected from the enemy. Carolyn has also written children's books including *Holy Spirit at Work* (multiple versions for different ages), *Smells to Treasure*, *Simple Holiday Pleasures*, *Life on Earth... What a Journey!*, and *Our Good Earth*. The children's publication process has just started; check at Amazon in the near future.

Carolyn has a Bachelor of Science from Madison College (JMU) in Harrisonburg, Va., with a double major in History and Social Science, and minors in English and Sociology. She later earned a certification in World Geography. Carolyn has been teaching in a variety of capacities since 1968. She was employed by Roanoke County Schools for 37 years, teaching at William Byrd High and Middle Schools. Additionally, Carolyn teaches on many Christian subjects, but her favorites are the Work of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit Baptism.

Carolyn grew up in the church and has served as a Sunday school teacher, prayer leader, and small group leader. She served her church officially on the Missions Commission, on the church board, and as a delegate to the Wesleyan Conference. She has taught at the Holy Spirit Conference for more than 20 years, and served on the Conference's Board for 10 years. Carolyn developed, implemented and directed a Wellness Center designed to minister to those in need of encouragement, prayer, inner healing, or bondage breaking. In 2014, she was the featured speaker at the Wesleyan Women's Conference of Haiti and spoke to one audience of more than 1,500 people.

Carolyn has two adult daughters and one grandchild. Her husband went to heaven 25 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, Haiti, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Carolyn is often heard saying how being in the service of the Lord is so much fun and when we take care of the Lord's work, He takes care of us!