

## Being a Christian Today

There are challenges to overcome.

- Many people have a negative view of organized religion.
- Lay leaders often have to fill two or three jobs because there are not enough volunteers to help out.
- There are so many pressing things that consume all of our time.
- We want to make a difference, but how?

### You don't have to do it alone!

God never intended us to walk alone. Footsteps is a community of Christians from churches in the area that encourages people to follow Christ one step at a time. We learn from one another, and we lean on each other for support.

Renewal Weekends are held in the Spring and the Fall. We would love to have you be a part.

You can also attend in monthly Gatherings where you can experience a little bit of a Weekend yourself. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Let  
*Footsteps*  
Help!

## What Happens After Footsteps

Your Walk with Christ is a lifelong adventure. Taking a weekend to focus on your relationship with Jesus is a wonderful gift. It is important that you continue to grow in your spiritual life and as a Christian leader.

Footsteps in the Sand urges everyone to be in an ongoing small group for fellowship and mutual support. There are many types of small groups but perhaps the best are those where people share what is going on in their faith walk.

The Footsteps Community is also here to support you through our monthly Gatherings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of most months. These Gatherings are a joyous celebration and never fail to offer a spiritual boost! They begin with a time to share in a potluck dinner followed by some enthusiastic praise music. The focus of the evening is an inspiring talk where a speaker will share an aspect of their Christian walk and then you will have an opportunity to share in a small group. Gatherings are a great boost to your month!

## Want to Learn More?

There are some great ways to learn more about Footsteps in the Sand including when our next Weekends and monthly Gatherings are. Find out the time and location on our Website and/or Facebook page. Contact details are as follows:

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Footsteps in the Sand

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*...And You*



## Hello...

We are Footsteps in the Sand, a community of Christians from churches in this area that seeks to bring people closer to Christ, develop leaders for the local church and encourage Christian action. We do this by conducting three-day Renewal Weekends that are open to all Christians seeking a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

Our community has held over 200 Weekends here in the Fairfield County area, so we have the experience to provide you with an exceptional retreat experience.

## What We Provide

Most churches today lack the staff and resources to conduct quality retreats themselves. Footsteps provides well crafted Renewal Weekends that are staffed by 20 volunteers, including 2 clergy. These Weekends touch the hearts of participants and inspires them to be more active in their home church.

Footsteps three-fold goal is to bring people to a closer relationship with Christ, inspire and empower people to Christian Leadership serving within their church and to promote the unity of all believers. Within Footsteps, we focus on what we have in common in Jesus Christ and respect our differences. This is greatly needed in today's world.

We are more than just a Retreat Weekend. The benefits of a regular retreat fade quickly. In Footsteps, we don't "love you and leave you." We provide opportunities each month that reinforce the lessons learned to make a lasting impact on your walk with Christ. We are a community!

## Give Yourself a Gift!

### For some of us....

This world is CRAZY, and it just seems to get crazier day after day. There are so many pressures competing for your time and attention. Who takes time to focus on what matters most?

### For others....

Life's changes have left you looking to find the RESET button.



### No matter where you find yourself in life....

Give yourself the gift of a Renewal Weekend where you can focus on your walk with Christ.

## What People Are Saying

*"Footsteps weekends are a wonderful opportunity to rest and renew oneself in God's grace. But more than that they are an opportunity to refocus and regain our sense of place and purpose in God's creation."*

- Keith

*"A Footsteps Weekend is a gift to yourself; it's joy-filled, love-filled and highly motivating in your Christian walk!"*

- Wendy

*"Step away from the troubles of the world and spend a weekend focusing on Jesus and his love for us."*

- Tom

*"Simple messages beat theology any day."*

- Gordon

*"Footsteps has given me the opportunity to sharpen my skills and to use my gifts in all kinds of ministries!"*

- Shelley

*"Footsteps provides a safe space for people to share their journey and to heal."*

- Anonymous

## Snapshot of a Footsteps Weekend

Footsteps Weekends are lay-led, with the support of two clergy who provide spiritual direction. Weekends are a blend of joyous celebration and serious reflection, surrounded by love. This opportunity to set aside an entire weekend to focus on your walk with Christ is a truly unique experience, and one that will touch your heart.

Each day starts and ends with chapel services designed to worship God and challenge you at the same time.

In between, you will experience the Weekend in a small group of 5-6 people at a table where you will listen to inspirational talks and then reflect upon them within your group. In this safe and loving environment, a close bond develops which enables people to share at a deeper level.

### WEEKEND TALKS

Each talk touches on an aspect of our Christian walk with an opportunity for the speaker to share their own story.

The subjects consist of basic Christianity. The clergy speak about God's Grace, the Holy Spirit, our loving God, and how to share your faith with others. Some of the lay talks include Your Christian Walk, the Church, Christian Action, Christian Leadership and how love is the #1 Thing behind every Christian act.

We are all used to hearing clergy speak about these subjects, but it is inspiring for the listener to hear lay people speak about their faith walk in such a meaningful way.