

INSPIRE MINISTRIES

Empowering Christian Leaders for Lasting Impact



Ireland Muckross Church of the Holy Spirit 2025-09-14 10-08-32.jpg

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Comforted to Comfort: The Ministry of Presence

Grief shapes the soul. It slows us down, humbles us, and forces us to confront life's fragility. Yet grief can also become a doorway through which God forms deeper compassion, deeper patience, and deeper ministry.

This year, as I laid my sister's ashes to rest in Albany, Georgia, I felt the weight of loss—but also the weight of calling. The Gospel does not erase grief; it redeems it. It transforms suffering into testimony and pain into purpose.

In my work as a hospital chaplain, I have seen this truth unfold repeatedly. A grieving housekeeper shared the heartbreak of losing her son and mother in the same year. Another expressed fear as her child faced major surgery. A physician welcomed my presence after his son died tragically in a car accident. In each situation, the ministry was not in eloquent words—it was in showing up, listening, and honoring their stories.

Recently, at a men's ministry conference, a man approached me during prayer. Years ago, he had contemplated taking his own life. Now, he thrives. He has joy. He is no longer overwhelmed by the burdens that once crushed him. He hugged me and prayed for me, reminding me that God is still in the business of resurrection—lifting people from despair into hope.

This is the heartbeat of Inspire Ministries:

- To walk with the hurting.

- To strengthen the weary.

- To proclaim the hope of Jesus Christ.

- To comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received.

Upcoming Preaching Dates

Sunday Morning Services

- August 16 – Journey Church, Ventura, CA
- September 13 – Ventura Missionary Church, CA
- September 20 & 27 – Community Bible Church (CBC), Ventura, CA



"Donate" online at <https://vinia.org/charles-clemons/>

or

"Mail your gift to":

Vinia

PO Box 790

Somis, CA 93066

Contact Us

Charles Clemons

Inspire Ministries

818-321-7281

charlesleeclemonsjr@gmail.com

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/charles-clemons-8033b923/>