



Common Ground

April 2010

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From the:

Community Lay Director

Servants,

As we start this spring season, the grass is green, the flowers are coming up, and the trees are budding. We prepare for a true spring like experience for the Pilgrims of Walks 100 and 101. I pray that they have a great renewal in their Christian Walk. I ask that we all take time to pray, come serve meals, come to Candlelight and Closing. Pray for the pilgrims, speakers, servers, and the team as a whole that God's will be done.

April Calendar

3) No Gathering or Board Meeting

4) Easter

8) Thursday	7:00pm	Send-Off	Basic				<i>Walk 100</i>
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9) Friday	8:00am	Breakfast	12:30	Lunch	5:30	Dinner	
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10) Saturday	7:30am	Breakfast	12:30	Lunch	5:45	Dinner	8:30 Candlelight Old Hardin Baptist
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11) Sunday	7:30am	Breakfast	12:00	Lunch	4:45	Closing at Benton 1st UMC	
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15) Thursday	7:00pm	Send-Off	Basic				<i>Walk 101</i>
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16) Friday	8:00am	Breakfast	12:30	Lunch	5:30	Dinner	
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17) Saturday	7:30am	Breakfast	12:30	Lunch	5:45	Dinner	8:30 Candlelight Old Hardin Baptist
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Please come, serve, pray. **Be at Candlelights & Closings.**

May 1st will be Board Meeting at 4:30, Training at 6:00 and Gathering at 7:00. Please come to training and bring someone with you and stay for Gathering. This meeting will be at Benton 1st UMC.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, LISTEN and GO SERVE

In Christ's Service
 Bill Carr CLD

From the Lay Directors

What a wonderful blessing I have received from the team of #101! I am so thankful for the ladies and gentlemen that God has put together for such a time as this. Our time on the hill is almost here and I am excited to see what God has in store. Thank you dear Community for your prayers. Please keep praying for the pilgrims as they travel the road to Emmaus. May God richly bless each of you.

Kathy Farley
Lay Director #101

Walks #'s 100 and 101 are upon us. If you have not already signed up on the prayer vigil please do, if your spot is taken sign up then again, it's OK. Please, Please, Please keep the Pilgrims and the teams in your prayers the entire time for both walks. God will richly bless us we know, we just don't know how and through whom.

We need helpers to serve all the meals especially on Friday and noon Sunday. Just something to whet your appetite, if you happen to serve on Saturday evening you will be in for a special treat.

Thank each of you for all the prayers, kind words and support to me personally during this time of preparation for walk #100. I know God's hand is in this walk as He is all walks.

In Christ's service
Brad Colson
Lay Director #100

Prayer Lists for the Walks

We have joined the electronic age with our Prayer Lists. If you go to :

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

and select "Checkout a List of Prayer Vigils",

you will find many Emmaus, Tres Dias (similar to WTE), Kairos (a WTE for prison inmates), Chrysalis and other similar events all with online Prayer Charts. You will find both of our Men's & Women's Walks listed under Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus. You can sign up on line and your name will be added to the list so we can bathe these Walks in Prayer. This will let you sign up without actually having the Prayer Chart in front of you. Your name will be added to the proper time slot on the chart and will be shown to the pilgrims.

I can not emphasize how much prayer means to a successful Walk.

I urge you to:

1. Sign up for a period of prayer for our Walks.
2. See where else you can dedicate a half hour to another group.
3. Share the web link with your family, friends, co-workers, Sunday School class and Reunion Group (you are in a reunion group, aren't you?) and tell them how much we covet their prayers for our efforts.

Christ Behind Me

A devotional I read for March 8 reflected on a phrase from St. Patrick's breastplate, "Christ behind me."

The devotional piece noted:

There He walks in your past. He walks in all the dark rooms you pretend are closed, that He may bring light. Invite Him into your past. Experience His forgiveness, His acceptance of you. Offer all you are ashamed of . . . all you wish to forget . . . all that still pains and hurts you . . . all the hurt you have caused others. Walk there in the places you are afraid of, knowing that He walks with you and will lead you on! Celtic Daily Prayer, pg 348

I have pondered these lines, for they remind me that the love of God in Christ penetrates the dark, hidden places of our lives -- places we would rather deny and avoid -- with the promise of healing light.

My journey is marked with many such places. Places where I fear to venture because of the pain caused me or the pain I created and left behind.

Yet, I know in the depth of my soul that these places can only find relief and healing if they are lifted up and surrendered to the light of God--a presence I seek to avoid and yearn to know.

The promise of life on the journey is that God *does* walk into those dark, foreboding places with us.

*Come, Spirit of Life. Break through our darkness and penetrate our lives with your Breath of Life.
Cause us to seek and do your will with glad and generous hearts.*

Ben Boone— Community Spiritual Director

Notes from the newsletter editor:

I am in search of someone artistic. There is a internet company that will print and sell tee-shirts if we provide the art work. If one of our community could make up a design for PAWTE we could have our own tee-shirts and hoodies made so we can wear them and perhaps get someone to ask "What is the Walk to Emmaus?", which would give us the opportunity to share about our community and our effort to advance God's kingdom here on earth. So if you think you could do this contact me at my usual email address (see below) and maybe we can get something worked out.




Clint Talmadge - Newsletter Editor

Submissions can be sent to: unclebudd@bellsouth.net.

De Colores,

Clint



BETH MOORE

So Long, Insecurity

SIMULCAST EVENT
April 24, 2010
Live Via Satellite on CCN


KISS YOUR INSECURITIES GOOD-BY AND DISCOVER THE JOY OF LIVING WITH CONFIDENCE!

Beth Moore is coming to women across North America live via satellite on April 24 with a new message that will set us free from our insecurities!

Since Eve ripped the first leaf from a tree in the Garden, insecurities have plagued the female gender. Today's women — young and old, churched and unchurched, rich and poor — are suffering from such deeply embedded wounds that most don't even know how to identify them, and beyond that they can't imagine living without them.

In her engaging, "speaking-right-to-you" style, Beth will once again bring a transforming message to women. The message is this: We don't have to be slaves to our insecurities! We can conquer fear and doubt and discover the liberating confidence and security that is found in Christ.

Join us for this transforming event!



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