



Common Ground

March 2010

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From the:

Community Lay Director

March 6th, Board and Gathering, at Benton 1st UMC, 5:30 & 7:00
April, NO Board meeting due to so many on walks and holiday, Gathering at Mens walk.

May, Board Meeting, Training and Gathering

Servants, May the Grace and Peace of Christ be with You. Please be in prayer for the upcoming walks. We all must pray and sponsor pilgrims for the walks. Please let our prayer warriors know of your prayer needs, we are all here to help each other in our times of need. Please come to serve and support the pilgrims at send-offs, candle-lights, and closings.

We are working to upgrade the web page and our communication to help keep in better contact with each other.

In Christ Service
Bill Carr CLD

From the Lay Directors of Walks # 100 & #101

Below is a list of the workers for to Emmaus #100 & #101. Please keep these men and women, the Pilgrims, and all who will help to bring God's will to our world.

Diane Talmadge, Beata Baker, Karen Welch, Ann Mills, Allyson Purdom, Debbie Bushart, Nannette Durham, Kay Fields, Kim Marsh, Shelly Faughn, Susan Spiceland, Debbie Gentry, Emily McCollum, Marti Beasley, Deb Web, Tiffany Hjerpe, Ginger Stevens, Tane Alexander, Melissa Durham, Tammy Carr, Anne Hancock, Debra Jackson, Evy Beal, Kate Johnson, Tammy Graves, Vicki Hayden, Lee Watson, Sharon Imgrum, Debbie Ferguson, Esther Julian, Amy Goldsmith and Kathy Farley

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For:
Brad Colson & Kathy Farley

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.



From the Chrysalis Lay Director

One of the great experiences someone in either our Chrysalis or Emmaus community can be a part of is that of sponsoring an individual for the week end. Its been 20 years since my walk in Memphis but my heart always warms when I think of the couple who sponsored us, the love and care they showed us, and knowing the great lengths they went to to secure letters from our family and friends 500 miles away. Agape love.

They helped make our weekend unique and special. Knowing them as I do today, their first step to sponsorship was prayer. Good sponsors do not just set out to recruit anyone who is willing to attend but seek those who seem ready for Chrysalis or Emmaus and are ready to grow in Christian faith. Flight #33 is only three months away. Anne Hancock and Micah Blackwell, our lay directors, have spent a lot of time in prayer as they have begun to put their teams together. WE ALL need to be in prayer for the caterpillars the Purchase Area Chrysalis and Emmaus community will be letting them lead June 26-28. Go to www.pawte.org and secure an application, hold it in your hand, and ask God if there is a young person you know, that you can help in their next steps . It's never too early to send the applications in. "Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ."

Fly With Christ

Greg Godby

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

A Devotion from Dr. Ken Hemphill:

FAITH AND LOVE

“For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers” (Eph. 1:15-16).

This letter allows us to place our ear to the door of Paul’s prayer closet as he prayed for the church. We will be looking at one of those prayers over the next several days. In both this text and Col. 1:6-8 Paul indicates that he has been constantly praying since he had heard of the faith and love that existed among the believers in pro-consular Asia. It was expected that both letters would be shared with other churches in the area and thus Paul speaks of that which he has heard.

It is not insignificant that faith in the Lord and love for the saints are mentioned together. When a person begins a faith relationship with Christ, it will ultimately lead to “love for all the saints.” We are “born again” into a family of believers that spans the globe and has no time barriers. When one loves the Lord, it will necessarily affect one’s conduct toward “all the saints.” One’s relationship with other believers is a clear indicator of the depth of his/her relationship with Christ. Living in community is so difficult Paul does not cease to give thanks for their faith nor does he cease to make mention of them in his prayers.

Are you living in unhindered relationship with other believers? Are you allowing hurt feelings and differences of opinion to become a stumbling block to your growth in faith?

Prayer: Father, forgive me when I claim to have faith but fail to exhibit love. Amen

Notes from the newsletter editor:

I remind all who read this that you may submit notices, articles and other input for OUR community newsletter. These can be notices of activities in your home churches that might be of interest to community members, such as Bible Studies, trips to local attractions, Youth Group activities or seasonal celebrations such as Harvest Parties, Christmas Concerts or anything of that nature.



Clint Talmadge - Newsletter Editor

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