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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JULY

Athens Area July Gathering Info

The next "Gathering" for our community will be the Candlelight for the Boy's Chrysalis flight on Saturday, July 10th at the Mennonite Camp in Hartwell. Please make plans to come and show Gods' love to these young men in this wonderful and meaningful way. Plan to arrive a little before 8:00 to have a few minutes to visit and catch up with others before the worship and communion portion of the evening begins at 8:00. Remember to wear your name tags and bring your worship books - BUT - no crosses worn at Candlelight.

Chrysalis Update

The Boy's Chrysalis Flight is coming up very soon - July 8-11. Please pray for the caterpillars and the team as they prepare for this weekend. Pray that God's will be done in the lives of the young men who will be attending this special 72 hours.

Speaking of praying, please be sure to sign up for the Prayer Vigil. You can do so by going to this site and selecting a 30 minute time slot or multiple time slots.

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?commid=546&pvid=4673>

Prayer makes a big difference. Please sign up to pray for these young men. We know that people are praying constantly, but we must also sign up. Think back on your weekend and the impact that the prayer vigil had on you. Seeing that people have signed up to pray touches the hearts of those who are experiencing God's love during the weeked.

AGAPE DONATIONS: We will need lots of water. If you can donate a case of bottled water, please bring it to the camp - We all know how hot it will be and there is no such thing as to much water....

We also need snack agape. Please bring or send it to the camp. Cabin servants also need any of the following: trail sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, small packs of kleenex, trial sizes of mouthwash and deoderant, bags of indivudally wrapped candy (leave it in the kitchen when you arrive to camp!)

Send-off - Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.
Candlelight - Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.
Closing - Sunday, July 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Visit us on-line at www.fourthdays.org for all of your team applications, Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

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The Walk to
Emmaus



Upcoming Gatherings

The Gathering for August will be at Commerce First United Methodist Church in downtown Commerce on SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th. We will be joining the Chrysalis community for their Follow-up for the Boys' Chrysalis flight. We will be having a covered dish supper starting at 6:00. Child care will be provided for the worship portion of the evening. Our Forth Day speaker will be from the Chrysalis community this month so plan to come and show our youth how much we support them and their efforts to continue growing in their faith and see what you might learn from them as well.

Our September Gathering will be at Central Presbyterian Church on Alps Rd. in Athens on Friday, September 10th starting at 6:15. We plan to have a covered dish supper this month also. Child care will be provided for the program and worship portion of the evening as well.

The October Gatherings will be at the Mennonite Camp for the Men's Candlelight on Saturday, Oct. 16th and for the Women's Candlelight on Saturday, Oct. 23rd starting with praise and worship at 8:00. The Follow-up Gathering for the Fall walks will be at Athens First UMC downtown on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. We will start at 6:00 with a covered dish dinner. (Fried chicken will be provided). Our program and worship will begin around 7:00 with child care being provided. We plan to wrap up around 8:30.

August 10 – Pastor's breakfast 8:30 am
Sept. 10 – Central Pres.
October 16&23 - Candlelight
Oct 26or28 Follow-Up Gathering TUMC
November 12 - TBD
December -NO GATHERING

Upcoming Emmaus Walk and Chrysalis Flight Dates

Fall 2010 - Emmaus

Men's #35 October 14-17
Women's #36 October 21-24

Easter April 24, 2011

Spring 2011 - Emmaus

Men's #36 March 17-20
Women's #37 March 24-27

AGAPE CORNER

The team selection committee is working on selecting teams for the upcoming walks. The first training is August 7th, and the October walks are not that far away. So it's time for reunion groups to start thinking about the agape that you would like to give to the pilgrims that will be attending. Remember all the special agape you received on your walk. I still treasure the agape I received on my walk 15 years ago. 65 pieces are needed for the conference room and dining room, and 50 pieces for pillow agape.

It would be nice to have a agape poster signed by members of your reunion group. I know it would be a blessing for them to actually see the signatures of the members of your group, and to know that you are praying for them.

I'll have the Agape Sign-up poster at the Chrysalis candlelight, and at future gatherings and at team trainings.

Thank you in advance for the love you are going to show the pilgrims this fall.

Decolores, Martha Crisler, Agape Chair

Reunion Groups:

Summer is here and graduations are behind us. Many of the activities that have kept me from my reunion group are over. Even though I have not attended our weekly fellowship, we have been in touch- updating each other on family, business and spiritual issues that we have grown to share with each other. My brothers know more about me and the issues impacting my life than anyone else except my beautiful bride. They inspire me, they lift me up, and they encourage me to pursue my spiritual growth. Their collective prayers have guided me through some very trying times.

God has blessed me by placing Godly men in my life. I can't wait to go to my next reunion group get together.

May God bless all of you and provide you with Christian brothers and sisters to share and grow with.

Please let me know if I can help you get involved in your own reunion group.

Jim Timberlake

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Labor Day

Are you still looking for a great Labor Day getaway? Can you imagine a better and more relaxing way to spend Labor Day weekend than with your fellow Emmaus brothers and sisters?

Planning for the 5th annual Emmaus/Chrysalis by the Sea retreat is moving along. This retreat will be held at Epworth by the Sea on beautiful St. Simon's Island. The retreat will begin on Saturday, September 4th and end on Monday, September 6th. Any community member is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to know more about Emmaus or become more involved in our community this would be an excellent source of information.

The agenda calls for a Board Training Workshop Saturday beginning at 8:30 and running until 4:00 (if you haven't already attended one this year). This workshop will also include a clergy certification/training session if you know of clergy who might need it. If you have already attended a Board Training Workshop this year then your weekend starts with registration from 3:00 - 5:00, dinner from 5:00 - 6:30 at the Smith Dining Hall, a Gathering from 7:00 - 8:30, with the evening wrapping up with an ice cream social at 8:30 in the Smith Dining Hall. Sunday and Monday mornings will feature breakfast, gatherings, speakers and breakout groups covering a variety of topics from Reunion Groups & 4th Days to Committees, History & Future of Emmaus, Support Team Dynamics and many other interesting and helpful areas for our communities.

Sunday afternoon is scheduled for free time to relax and enjoy the beautiful Epworth campus, get acquainted with others from various communities around the state, go sight-seeing around the area or any other activity you choose. Accommodations are available on a first-come first-served basis for Friday or Saturday evening through Sunday evening with several options at Epworth. The prices listed on the website include meals for each day.

I hope you will prayerfully consider attending this well thought out weekend retreat and look forward to serving with all of you in the future.

Unfortunately, due to the high costs involved and a low projected number of families needing child care, at this time child care will not be available during the weekend.

For more information go to www.epworthbythesea.org for registration and accommodations information.

Alan Cannon
Board Vice-Chair
& Gatherings

Men's Lay Director Update

Summer can be an exciting time with vacations, family travel opportunities and many other summer activities going on. Preparations are moving along for the Fall Walks as well. Teams are coming together and manuals are being updated. Prayers are being lifted up for the right servants to be in the right roles and for the Pilgrims God wants to have present to experience these walks. If you are considering working on one of the Fall Walks please go ahead and fill out a team application and get it to the address on the bottom of the form. Although our Team Selection Committee has already met there are still several behind-the-scenes roles that can be filled for both the Men's and Women's Walks. As I heard just this week, "Many hands make light work." Team applications can be found on our website at www.fourthdays.org. Click on the Community News tab and then Upcoming Emmaus Walks for specific dates and links to both pilgrim and team applications.

One of my daily challenges right now is time management. Things seem to pop out of the woodwork every time I turn around and they all seem important at the moment. One of the things I have found that helps me keep my priorities in a better order is to start my day with some quiet time and a daily devotional period. This is one of the things Emmaus has helped me develop. I encourage you continue to spend time with your Forth Day activities of Prayer, Study and Action and see where God leads you during the day.

I continue to work pray for the Fall Men's Walk and ask that you keep both the Men's and Women's Walks in your prayers. It is amazing to see how God is already at work helping bring just the right teams together and putting people in just the right places.

Please continue to pray for the right Pilgrims to be present for these walks and continue to search your hearts for who the Lord might be placing on your heart to sponsor this fall. I continue to look forward to the blessings every walk brings and the special relationships that occur between Gods people when they are about his will. Please continue to pray that we will be the hands and feet of our Lord as we move toward team training and the walks this fall.



In His Service,
Alan Cannon
Lay Director
Men's Walk #35

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In the spring of 2009, I was introduced to Walk to Emmaus. Not knowing anything about it previously, I was full of curiosity. Even with many questions running through my mind, I felt like the Lord wanted me to go on this journey. Shortly after, I followed God's lead and went on the best walk of my life. My name is Debbie Lord and I attended Athens Area Walk to Emmaus # 34, where I sat at the table of Deborah.

Being a pilgrim and feeling God's love and witnessing His love throughout the Emmaus community was absolutely amazing. Words can hardly explain the overwhelming feeling of love, acceptance, compassion, and friendship that was felt during those precious 72 hours. A weekend I will never forget, but forever cherish. I felt so blessed after my walk, that I couldn't wait to get back and sign up to work the next walk. And, that is exactly what I did. I worked the following spring walk and believe it or not, I was even more blessed serving the pilgrims and watching them experience the true love of God.

Since then, I felt the Lord was telling me to help with Kairos (prison ministry) along with Walk to Emmaus. Once again, the Lord amazed me. Reaching out to the hurt, broken, lost, and lonely women in prison truly blessed me and showed me that God's love is unconditional.

Now knowing my calling in life, I will continue to serve the Lord through helping with the Walk to Emmaus and Kairos whenever I get the chance. I am so grateful to have experienced my walk and want others to have the opportunity to be blessed as well.

De Colores,
Debbie Lord

Community Prayer Chain

Please be sure to sign up for the community prayer chain so that you can stay informed of what is going on and be lifted up in prayer. To sign up, simply send an email.

To: community@fourthdays.org

Subject: Subscribe

You will receive an email notification once you have been added.

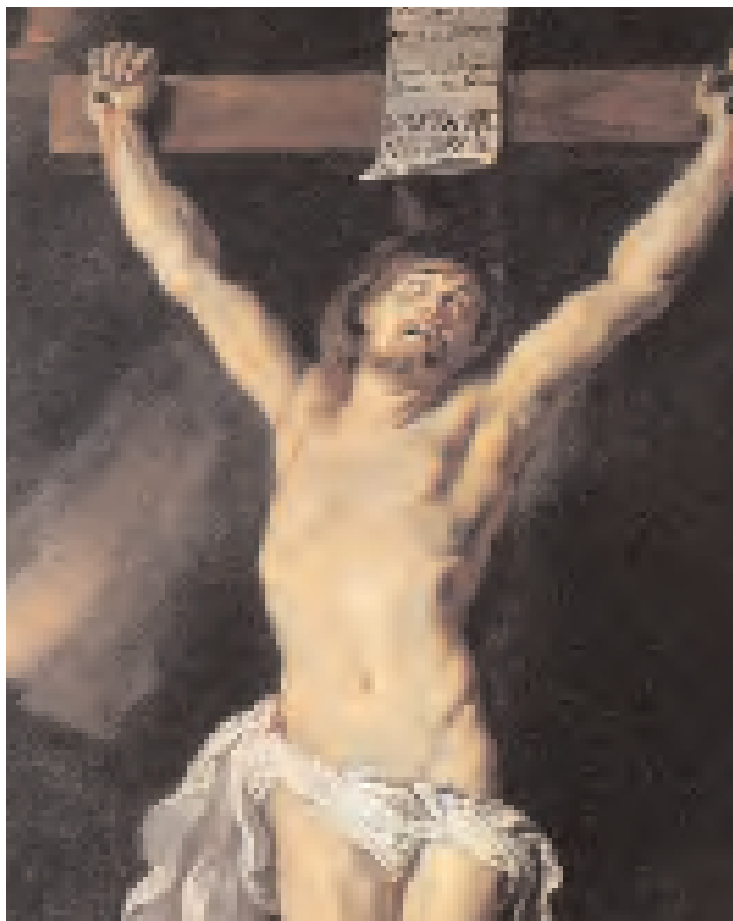
DeColores, Dennis Smock

Sponsorship Crunch

With the fall walks only a few months away, we are approaching the time when the board must decide if the walks will take place or not. Many people do not realize that we are contractually obligated to hold the walks **ONLY IF** we have 20 pilgrims per walk. The decision on whether we hold the walks or not will be made during the first week of August; **THAT IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY.** Knowing whether the walks will take place ahead of training allows all of those who are volunteering to make plans accordingly. The 20 pilgrim rule also assures that the pilgrims will not be smothered during the walk and that the walk itself is not a financial strain on the community. So, if you are thinking about sponsoring someone pray, pray and pray some more. And also pray for an answer by the first week of August.

Please contact me via email at henry@realaware.com if you have any questions.

De Colores,
Henry Norman
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He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35)

Be Still . . .
Devotionals for Daily Living

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.
(Hebrews 5:8-9 (NAS))

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.
(Colossians 2:6(NIV))

The two verses go hand in hand. Jesus learned obedience even though He is the Son of God. He humbled Himself to the point of death for our sake. Because of this, He can offer eternal salvation.

Once we accept this salvation, we must not think that it is a one time relationship with Jesus. We must continually abide in Him and Him in us. We must open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and humbly listen to what the Holy Spirit is teaching us.

Jesus is the salvation. The perfect gift from God the Father. Once we accept that gift, we must open ourselves to what that gift truly means: an ever increasing walk of faith that will "perfect" us, or mature us in our faith walk.

Does Jesus live in you or is He just an occasional guest?

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