Upper Room Emmaus

Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #

<u>Dates</u>

Emmaus 69 (W) Emmaus 70 (M) Emmaus 71 (F)

Ø (W)Nov 15 -18, 2007Ø (M)April 3 - 6, 2008I (F)May 1 - 4, 2008

<u>Lay Director</u> Debbie Devine

Debbie Devine Dan Dietze Rosemary Blankenship

New fees will take affect with the Fall walks

The next Gatherings

(Second Saturday of each month)

Nov 10th	. Chancellor Christian
Dec 8th	. Chancellor Christian
Jan 12th	. Tabernacle UMC
Feb 9th	. Tabernacle UMC
Mar 8th	. Lake of the Woods
Apr 12th	. Lake of the Woods

Fellowship 5:30-6:00 pm & 8:00–8:30 pm Gathering at 6:00 pm Chrysalis Steering Committee at 4:45 pm Board will meet at 3:30 pm

Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time

If you think you want to team any time in the next two years, we want to hear from you. Please submit your application now. You will no longer need to submit your application after each walk, but you need to give us a fresh application NOW or whenever you are ready to be considered for a team.

You can down load a new application off the web site at www.fredwalk.org or see Mark Lawrence at the next gathering.

4th Day Speakers Wanted

If you have a burning desire to share what the Walk to Emmaus has done for you, please contact me to schedule an opportunity to give a 4^{th} day witness.

Mark A. Lawrence <u>mark@greatuncledad.com</u> 540-373-1110 (work)

> Your 4th Day Ministry is looking for a few more members to serve on our committee. We meet monthly and have working groups that work planning and transformation issues for the Board. Please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com if you are interested. De Colores!

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From the Lay Director...

Throughout the summer the Community has suffered from a level of apathy. There has been poor attendance at gatherings, board meetings, committee meetings, and training sessions.

We have had a hard time getting people to team and not much better success getting people to sponsor. I have spoken to a number of people and so have some others in the community about the reason for this. I have found that this is not just an Emmaus problem. Many local churches have seen similar problems during the summer. Some have said that this is an annual problem, but it somehow seemed worse this year.

The answer I most often hear is that we are busy. Out of curiosity I looked up busy in the Dictionary. Busy: pronounced [biz-ee]

1. actively and attentively engaged in work or a pastime: busy with her work.

2. not at leisure; otherwise engaged: He couldn't see any visitors because he was busy

full of or characterized by activity: a busy life.
crowded with or characterized by much activity; "a very busy week"; "a busy life"; "a busy street"; "a busy street"; "a busy seaport"

I like number 4, "crowded by much activity". I think that describes many of us. As I meditate on this I was connecting this to the way it is addressed on an Emmaus walk or weekend. It seems that the Holy Spirit was aware that this would be our biggest battle. The first talk of the weekend is the Priorities talk. Later on there are several readings about time, and organizing our lives. It seems to me that many of us have forgotten these talks and readings and their message.

To be fair this organization is certainly not the only one that sees this kind of problem. I have seen many statistics that show, in most volunteer organizations such as churches, approximately 5 per cent of the people do approximately 90 per cent of the work. I like to think that the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community does a little better than that. I don't believe 5 per cent could get the job done. However can you imagine what we could accomplish if we could get 20 or 30 per cent of our membership to participate actively on a regular basis?

Edmund Burke is quoted as saying "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." I have observed this throughout my life. I think about Madalyn Murray O'Hair and the taking of the Bible and prayer out of our schools. Or the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal. In a much less obvious sense, just watch the evening news and look how our faith is under attack. I don't watch much television but when I have, I've been appalled at the way so called prime time "family" television attacks our Christian values and promotes the homosexual agenda and other amoral subject matter. The fact is that many so called family television programs are being written to sway the upcoming Presidential elections by trying to steer people away from any candidate that supports any form of Christianity and attack President Bush's faith based initiatives. They write their scripts and their story lines in such a way as to portray those who believe in God as stupid, or at the very least, uneducated. This affects especially our young people who do not want to appear to fall into this unpopular category.

The enemies of Christ are always active, and they are exuberant and enthusiastic about their cause. We must be equally dedicated and enthusiastic about the defense of our faith while we still can. You might ask what can I do? I am just one person. I spent a large part of this past weekend listening to people testify what the Emmaus experience meant to them...and how it changed their lives. First we need to keep our commitments that we make to the community. If you are on the Board of Directors, come to the monthly meetings. If you are on a committee, participate in the work of that committee. Come to the gatherings, candle light services, and support the walks. It is my conviction that one of the most important things you may ever do is sponsor someone on an Emmaus walk. When it is properly and prayerfully done it can change the world! Listen to the fourth day talks at the gatherings.

Have you ever considered how many people are touched when you sponsor a pilgrim on an Emmaus weekend? That person is touched and will never be the same. This affects their family, their church, their work place. A large percentage of people that participate in the walk to Emmaus enter the clergy. These people do and will touch untold numbers. Those that remain in the lay ministries often go on mission trips, all over the world, or become local lay speakers, sharing their faith with churches and other civic organizations. When you sponsor someone prayerfully and properly you will touch the world. It is not too soon to start praying about someone you might sponsor in the spring, those walks are only six months away, and people who are working need to schedule their time off. Watch your newsletter we will be doing a sponsorship workshop in the near future.

Well I guess I'm out of time. Until next month, pray for the teams and pilgrims on these fall walks. Pray for the Emmaus Board of Directors and all of our leaders. DeColores, Mark Lawrence

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Emmaleigh

Chad's healing

Healing for Uncle Jim

That God would work his miracles in the lives of our two girls and their families.

That God draws them to Him.

Daughter and son-in-law

For FE 68 and 69

Sister Joyce who is at the end of her life with acute leukemia.

That God leads me...

For unsaved loved ones.

For those that do not know their savior.

Lynn Blythe recovering from an automobile accident

Larry Jenkins, both knees replaced

For the boys of Epiphany #16especially the ones being released back into the mainstream this month.

Pray for all of our young people.

For a brother in law and their new wedding, may they have a long and loving marriage.

God, Please help your family, Doug, Blanca, Kelly and Danny Griffin to guide us to be good servants to you.

Janet Dunn

For my daughter to be softened.

Friends marital problems.

Please pray for:

Nephew Clay, and sister with upcoming knee surgery.

Mom with Alzheimer's and my sisters who are care takers.

Bless Matthew and keep him out of trouble, help him and bless him in his new job.

For family struggling financially.

For Derek as he recovers his strength for his new job.

For young people just out of college, God direct their paths.

Damian, that God would protect him, Tammy for joy in the Lord, Cheryl for strength in her ministry

Rick perseverance, Marcy continued recovery.

Chris and Nancy and family

Bill and Peggy Clark

For Melrose Building project.

Court date for Vince the man who caused Randy's injuries.

Daughter Becky and her new baby Courtney

Our son in Iraq

Pray the Lord will provide a door for JR to enter and that he will know it is from Him

Sheltering arms homeless shelter in Orange

For a house to rent.

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Marcy Liepelt, Chris and Nancy and Bill and Peggy Clark

My families health.

Home for a friend.

Jill and Lynn, my daughters and Unsaved loved ones.

John and Mildred Salles for continued health.

For Barb who has breast cancer, for E 69 and for all families

Financial improvement, unsaved loved ones Wellness business will continue to grow and prosper.

Money problems, Husband of my boss, his health.

Pray for the family that was here in need; may God bless them mightily and may His love be expressed in our giving. May those children come to know Christ better through this experience.

For Epiphany Hanover, Charles my son, Justin W., My job, Nancy, Janet K., Tom L., Bethel UMC (Hanover), Joyce W., Eddie, Lynn, Keith, Chuck, Andy, Jane, Summer, Ken, Mike, Daphne, Unchurched, and me a sinner.

Marie, energizing physically and mentally. Kathleen- mother died

Rachel and Madeline – college

Jo and Jim –House, Work stress, Kathy back- disc

Please give praise for:

God's goodness and blessing in my life. Praise for Epiphany Ministry

Church family and close friends.

I thank God for allowing me to give even in my need.

My family doing better.

For grandson and our Godson. Praise and thanksgiving for the team and Pilgrims of E-69

For the baptism of my grandchildren, Jimmy and Sarah

Son's new job and new baby boy, daughter's health and marriage.

Mother's 85th birthday.

Ken Leading music on the weekend.

For the Emmaus Community and the many wonderful people that make it work.

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Fredericksburg Emmaus #69 Team Members

He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11

Cynthia Arkord Ark Ministries Ch of God Asst. SD / Obstacles to Grace				
Emelda August				
Debbie Avis				
Gerri BartmanHoly FamilyALD / Friday / Reading				
Rosemary Blankenship Fariview Baptist ALD / Thursday / Fourth Day Talk				
Jane Carwell				
Sandra Coney Tower of Deliverance Agape Cha / Reading				
Debbie DevineLake of the WoodsWLD / Perseverance Talk				
Chris Fair Antioch UMC Asst. SD / Sanctifying Grace / Justifying Grace				
Stacey Floyd Fairview Baptist TL of Peace / Lord I have Time				
Lou Ann FrederickSalem/Bethlehem UMC Asst. SD / Prevenient Grace				
Blanca Griffin Chancellor Christian Asst. TL of Love / Who ME?				
Mary Lee HenselLake of the Woods TL of Joy / Christian Action Talk				
Phyllis Howze				
Vonda LiCalziPrince of Peace UMC ALD / Saturday / Priorities Talk				
Sandie MakelyFletchers Chapel UMC Asst. TL of Joy / Reading				
Lola McDonaldWoodbridge Christian Music Director				
Colleen McGrathBowling Green UMC TL of Gentleness / Growth Though Study Talk				
Kathy Neiswander Woodbridge Christian Music Team				
Cam NodenFairview BaptistAsst. TL of Faithfulness / Reading				
Dianne Philipp First Christian Asst. TL of Gentleness / Priesthood of All Believers				
Mickey Sharp Grace Church of Fburg TL of Faithfulness / Discipleship Talk				
Sharon SmithWallers BaptistBoard Rep / Reading				
Gary Staddan First Christian Head SD / Means of Grace Talk				
Jennifer TaylorEbenezer UMC TL of Love / Body of Christ Talk				
Monica Warne Chancellor Christian Asst. Cha / Reading				
Pat WeinhardtChancellor ChristianAsst. TL of Patience / Life of Piety Talk				
Sabrina WoosleyLake of the WoodsAsst. TL of Peace / Reading				

AGAPE BAGS...Sew Beautiful!

Remember when you saw your agape bag for the first time? God filled that eye-catching bag with love letters just for you. Will you help make a pilgrim's walk special? You can buy brightly colored rainbow striped fabric, (check the craft section at your local fabric store or WalMart), cording, and bright shoelaces to donate. Or you can make agape bags; they are sew simple to make, (12" wide and 15" tall, please). Say "I'll help" – just call Diana Farrar at 540-372-7535 or email her at HRHDiana@ juno.com

Snack Agape Notice

Please call Mike Shiflett at 540-371-5585 if you would like to arrange a pick up or drop off of snacks before FE #69.

The Team for FE-69 will be going to IHop Thursday, Nov 15th, at 9:30 am for their send off breakfast. Please feel free to join us!

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Robbi AndersonPromised Land Praise & Worship				
Jennifer Balderramma North Stafford Baptist				
-	Rappahannock Church of Christ			
	Liberty UMC			
	Ladysmith Baptist			
Carolyn Cunningham				
	Bethel UMC - Lively			
Jourdan Devant	Church at White Oak			
	Ely's Ford Baptist Church			
Karen Franklin	Ebenezer UMC			
Nancy Gower	Bethel UMC - Hanover			
Lillian Guy	Hopewell UMC			
*Iris Hamrick	LOW Church			
Ava Hanger	Dahlgren UMC			
	Old Dominion Baptist			
Lynnette Marcais	Forest Park Church			
	FUMC - Youngstown			
Fay Pucek	Hopewell UMC			
	Real Life Community Church			
	Riverside 1st Church of God			
Carol Taylor	Wallers Baptist			
Melonie Way	Grace UMC - Hartwood			
	Bethel UMC - Hanover			
Theresa Wilson	Shepherds UMC			



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*Still waiting on final confirmation.

Please prepare agape for 30 pilgrims, as this is just a partial list. Please see our website for updates to the list as the walk approaches. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Schedule for Women's Emmaus #69					
Date		Time	Activity at Camp Happyland		
Thur.	11/15/07	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour		
Sat.	11/17/07	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!		
Sun.	11/18/07	3:45 pm	Closing Service		

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Community Volunteers & Board of I	Directors		
Community Lay Director			
Lead Gatherings & Candlelight			
Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing		Help Wanted	
Chair Emmaus Board		The Fredericksburg	
Chair Pilgrim/Team Selection Committee		Emmaus Community is	
Assign Nominating Committee Coordinator		looking for a volunteer	
Assistant Community Lay Director	Dalph Williams*	to fill the Childcare	
Gathering Location Coordinator	Kaipii winnanis [*]	Coordinator position. If	
Gamering Location Coordinator		you are interested,	
Community Spiritual Director	Jim Muhlenkamp*	please contact the	
Board Spiritual Director	Rick Dillard*	-	
Board Spiritual Director	Ralph Thomas*	Gathering Support	
Theoryman	Sandra Canav*	Coordinator, Jane	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Sanura Coney	Carwell, at 703-969-	
Secretary	Sandie Makely*	4019 or email her at	
Manuals Coordinator	Gene Philipp	tjcarwell@yahoo.com	
Records/By-Laws Historian	Sandie Makely	We appreciate your	
	Veccet	assistance!	
Communications Coordinator			
Newsletter	8		
Database Coordinator			
Team Registrar			
Pilgrim Registrars	Fat & Dick Darmett		
Gathering Support Coordinator			
Community Music Director	Lola McDonald		
Community Baker	Kitti Mann		
Childcare Coordinator	Vacant		
Music Coordinator for Gatherings	Lola McDonald		
Music Equipment Coordinator	Steve Makely*		
Weekend Support Coordinator	Brian Lowic		
Comm. Cha Coordinator			
General Agape Coordinator			
Prayer Vigil Coordinators			
Placemat Coordinator.			
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Agape Bag Coordinator			
Transportation Coordinator			
Supplies Coordinator			
Name Badge Coordinator			
Fourth Day Packets		rd	
Fourth Day Coordinator			
Reunion Group Coordinator			
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<u>*Board Members</u> Sharon Smith* **Tony Fortune***

Donna Devericks* Wilfred Usher*

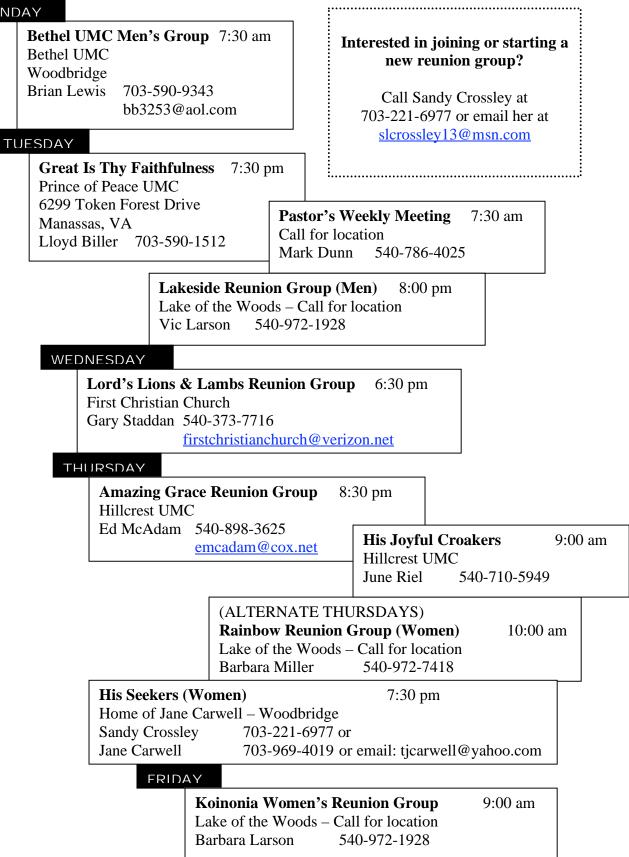
(Serving on the Board July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008) Becky Thode* Marcy Liepelt* Bill Walker*

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Active Reunion Groups in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community

SUNDAY



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Directions to Camp Happyland:

21457 Happyland Drive Richardsville, VA 22736

<u>From Central Park in Fburg</u>: Drive 7.5 miles west on Route 3. Turn right (North) on Route 610, Elys Ford Road. Drive 9 miles north on Route 610. Just prior to the green Richardsville sign, turn right (East) on Route 619, Richards Ferry Road. Drive 1.3 miles to Happyland Drive. You will see a large Camp Happyland sign on the right side of the road. Turn right into the Camp and proceed to the parking area. Total distance from Central Park is about 18 miles.

Directions to Chancellor Christian:

11409 Brock Road Spotsylvania, VA 22553 540-786-4025

Follow Route 3 West from I-95 approximately 11.5 miles. You will see a VALERO on the left at the stop light for Brock Road (Route 613). Turn left and travel six tenths of a mile. Our building is on the left.