# Upper Room Emmaus

## Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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#### **UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS**

# Walk #DatesLay DirectorEmmaus 70 (M)April 3 - 6, 2008Dan DietzeEmmaus 71 (F)May 1 - 4, 2008Rosemary Blankenship

## The next Gatherings

(Second Saturday of each month)

Dec 8th	Chancellor Christian
Jan 12th	Tabernacle UMC
Feb 9th	Tabernacle UMC
•	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.

#### Fourth Day Follow-Up Meeting (DDU)

There will be a Fourth Day Follow-Up meeting held at Fairview Baptist Church on January 19, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. going to 12 p.m. This meeting will serve in place of what we formerly called the Day of Deeper Understanding. There will be light refreshments served. Anyone who attended Fredericksburg Emmaus walks 68 and 69 are invited to attend and are encouraged to attend if they would like to sponsor or team any time in the future. This meeting is also open to anyone who would like to gain a better understanding of sponsorship or the team selection process, especially those who may have attended the Day of Deeper Understanding that was combined with the gathering over the past two years.

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.

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#### From the Lay Director...

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors has been reviewing our training and practices for the Day of Deeper Understanding. In the Upper Room Emmaus, there is no such thing as a DDU or Day of Deeper Understanding. It is called a Fourth Day Follow-up meeting. From this point on, we will use those terms interchangeably or we will only refer to this Day of Deeper Understanding in the standard Emmaus language of Fourth Day Follow-Up meeting.

As we were looking at the things that we needed to teach or train on during this Fourth Day Follow-Up meeting. I was reflecting on the community as a whole, the problems that arise, questions that are frequently asked, and I realized that there is a much greater need for training on many subjects. There is a saying that if you give a man a fish, you will feed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish, you will feed him for life. As a Community we have been doing a poor job of teaching people to fish. Part of our purpose is to help people develop a stronger spiritual life and walk with the Lord Jesus Christ and train up new leadership in the Emmaus Community. However, if we do not offer training to help people in their fourth day, we are negligent in our duties and fulfilling our purpose.

One of the major challenges to offering new training is attendance. It is very difficult for us to select times and dates when the majority of people who need the training will, in fact, show up for that training. The next Fourth Day Follow-Up meeting, (formerly known as DDU), is scheduled for January 19, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. The other challenge is finding people willing to do the training.

One of the things that we will train on the most is sponsorship, for this is the lifeblood of our community and needs to be done correctly. Because of this, we have decided to invite anyone in the community who wishes to sharpen their skills, or who has never sponsored, to come and join us, so they will be able to do a more effective job of sponsorship and calm any fears or anxiety that are involved.

The other skill or activity in the Emmaus community that we consider to be very important is grouping.

The reunion group is probably one of the most important things that you can do to stay in touch with the Emmaus community, stay connected to your church, and stay strong in your spiritual walk. This is why we practice prayer groups and grouping during gatherings and offer assistance to all of our new members in joining a reunion group. If you are not part of a reunion group and would like to join one but are having a problem finding one. Please contact one of our Board members and we will try to get you the information you need.

Mark Lawrence

#### Board News...

The Greater Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on November 10th at Chancellor Christian Church. There was a quorum present.

Besides our normal routine business that must be conducted each month, the board received and approved the list of potential candidates for spiritual directors and cadre for the upcoming Fredericksburg Emmaus walks for the Spring and Fall of 2008.

In other business concerning future walks, the board voted to limit the number of pilgrims to 24 for several reasons. Among those reasons was the 24 bed limit set by Camp Happyland in which they will supply linens and bedding. These sleeping quarters also happen to be the better accommodations at the camp. Also, while conducting the last couple of walks, team critiques had shown that having fewer pilgrims allowed more time for discussion at tables and during table chapels. Teams also had commented that it helped them to stay on schedule better and felt that it was a better spiritual experience for the pilgrims as they were not as crowded and forced to compete with larger numbers.

The board also set a date and a curriculum for the upcoming Fourth Day Follow-Up meeting, (formerly known as DDU). That date has been set for January 19 at 9:30 a.m., and we will try to have it concluded by 12 p.m.

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#### Please pray for:

Derek & Mickey Sharp Son Jeff starts OCS (Navy) Nov 18<sup>th</sup> E-69

Healing for leg injury

Fairview Baptist expansion

Ground Zero concert for youth 3-15 at Chancellor Christian Church

Kenya Street Boys Home beginning Jan 2008

5 boys ages 3-11 mothers boyfriend arrested for child abuse

John Paul & Glenna home on leave from ministry to villages in Tanzania

Robbie Anderson, Susan Williams, Nancy Gower & all Pilgrims E-69

Daphne & George for their loss

Annie & Alfred for salvation

Hasting's family for loss

Kyla Washington 5 yr old with cancer.

Blanka Griffin, Doug, Kelly & Danny for guidance and your will to be done.

Williams family

Grandmother & others in nursing home

Safety for Gregory at work

Maggie Navorette

Renewed relationships in family

Stress in a friends marriage

Concern for family life and job situation, help me to be more honest with self and others.

Oughton family as they mourn the loss of Grace

Salvation for my father and co-workers

Mark Underwood & family after loss of Elaine

For family healing

Pray for son to make the right decision in his marriage

Pray for my church transition

M. Usher, Maranatha Church, Hot water heater, roof repair, finances, health

Healing for my wife, our children, my church family

Pray for discipleship mentoring and deeper fellowship with Christ

#### Please give praise for:

Salvation for my son Thank God for His divine favor Blessings for new baby Courtney

### 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<sup>th</sup> day witness.

Mark A. Lawrence mark@greatuncledad.com 540-373-1110 (work)

#### **Help Wanted**

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is looking for a volunteer to fill the Childcare Coordinator position. If you are interested, please contact the Gathering Support Coordinator, Jane Carwell, at 703-969-4019 or email her at tjcarwell@yahoo.com We appreciate your assistance!



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#### Community Volunteers & Board of Directors

Community Lay Director. Mark Lawrence\*

Lead Gatherings & Candlelight

Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing

Chair Emmaus Board

Assign Nominating Committee Coordinator

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Gathering Location Coordinator

Chair Pilgrim/Team Selection Committee

# <u>Community Spiritual Director</u> Board Spiritual Director Rick Dillard\*

Board Spiritual Director Ralph Thomas\*

<u>Treasurer</u> ...... Sandra Coney\*

#### Secretary Sandie Makely\*

Records/By-Laws Historian ...... Sandie Makely

#### Communications Coordinator ...... Vacant

Newsletter Brooke Ferguson

Pilgrim Registrars ...... Pat & Dick Barnett

#### Gathering Support Coordinator ...... Jane Carwell

Music Coordinator for Gatherings ...... Lola McDonald

#### Weekend Support Coordinator ...... Brian Lewis

Snack Agape Coordinator ...... Mike Shiflett

Agape Bag Coordinator...... Diana Farrar

\*Board Members (Serving on the Board July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008)

Sharon Smith\* Donna Devericks\* Marcy Liepelt\* Becky Thode\*
Tony Fortune\* Wilfred Usher\* Bill Walker\*

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#### Active Reunion Groups in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community

#### SUNDAY

Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am

Bethel UMC Woodbridge

Brian Lewis 703-590-9343

bb3253@aol.com

#### **TUESDAY**

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness** 7:30 pm

Prince of Peace UMC 6299 Token Forest Drive Manassas, VA

Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

Interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?

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Call Sandy Crossley at 703-221-6977 or email her at slcrossley13@msn.com

Pastor's Weekly Meeting 7:30 am

Call for location

Mark Dunn 540-786-4025

Lakeside Reunion Group (Men) 8:00 pm

Lake of the Woods – Call for location Vic Larson 540-972-1928

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Lord's Lions & Lambs Reunion Group 6:30 pm

First Christian Church Gary Staddan 540-373-7716

firstchristianchurch@verizon.net

#### THURSDAY

**Amazing Grace Reunion Group** 8:30 pm

Hillcrest UMC

Ed McAdam 540-898-3625

emcadam@cox.net

**His Joyful Croakers** 9:00 am

Hillcrest UMC

June Riel 540-710-5949

(ALTERNATE THURSDAYS)

Rainbow Reunion Group (Women)

Lake of the Woods – Call for location

Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

His Seekers (Women)

7:30 pm

Home of Jane Carwell – Woodbridge Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or

Jane Carwell 703-969-4019 or email: tjcarwell@yahoo.com

**FRIDAY** 

Koinonia Women's Reunion Group

9:00 am

10:00 am

Lake of the Woods – Call for location Barbara Larson 540-972-1928 Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area PO Box 42094 Fredericksburg, VA 22404

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#### www.fredwalk.org

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- •Post prayer concerns & praises for all of the community to see.
- •View and/or download the monthly Newsletter.

#### Subscribe to our email list!

Email: listserv@list.fredwalk.org

In the email body, type: *subscribe news* 

- •Receive the monthly Newsletter via email about a week before your copy arrives in the mail.
- •Receive other information such as the final Pilgrim roster for each Walk.

#### Help keep our mailing costs down! Email: webmaster@fredwalk.org

- •Update any changes to your mailing address.
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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.