

# Gatherings (2nd Saturday of each month)

#### August 14th

4th Day Speaker: Mike Remington POC: Joe Reed

First Christian Church

#### September 11th

POC: Rosemary Blankenship

Fairview at Charlotte St.

#### October 9th

POC: Kathleen Holladay Men's Team Commission Hillcrest UMC

#### November 13th

POC: Chris Fair Women's Team Commission Antioch UMC

#### December 11th

POC: Rick Dillard

Chancellor Christian

Board meeting at 1:30 pm

Fellowship at 3:30 pm

Gathering at 4:00 pm

Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time.

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2011.

If you are your church's Point of Contact for hosting, please email our ACLD Dawn Kendall at queendawn@juno.com so arrangements can be made.



# 4th Day Follow-up

August 14th at First Christian Church Training from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (A must for Teaming & Sponsoring in the Fall)

## Emmaus Manuals & Booklets:

Emmaus Manuals & Booklets will now be available for purchase or loan at the Gatherings. They will be on display during the Fellowship time where the snacks are set up. For further information see Mike Remington – Manuals Coordinator.

#### HELP WANTED

Our Emmaus Community is looking for volunteers to fill several vacant coordinator positions, (please see the Volunteer Page). If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com.

# UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

**Walk #**FE-80 (M)
FE-81 (W)

Dates

Oct 21- 24, 2010 Nov 18 – 21, 2010 **Weekend Lay Director** 

Mike Remington
Gerri Bartman

#### From the CSD

#### PRIORITY - GATHERINGS

Greetings, Christian Friends!

The year was 1997 and I had just completed my Walk to Emmaus on FE#23. Alan King was the Weekend Lay Director and the theme for that weekend was "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32). Following the weekend, my sponsor took me to a Gathering at a local church and I was again overwhelmed at the magnitude of the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community. My, my, have times changed!

No longer do we see large community Gatherings, loud noises, spontaneous laughter, or many bright colors being worn. What has happened to us? Could it be that we have lost focus of the spiritual intent of our monthly Gatherings? What has become of community members that we haven't seen in years? Why is pilgrim attendance after a weekend becoming increasingly sparse? Have we forsaken our first love?

Chapter 13 of the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus speaks about the five objectives concerning Gatherings. One of these objectives is: "To make visible the Christian community – persons of various churches and denominations who are united in pursuing transformation in the calling of one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4:5). Active participation in monthly Gatherings helps to sustain the Spirit by encouraging one another to continue our walk with the Lord and to persevere in grace through the practice of piety, study, and action. When we give our monthly Gatherings priority – that which has first claim on our time, energy, and resources, we reaffirm that our Gatherings merit our attention, service, and participation.

As your Community Spiritual Director, I want to challenge and inspire you to recommit to making our monthly Gatherings a priority in your spiritual lives. Invite new people and help reinvigorate absent members. The Walk to Emmaus is a precious gift to us – an instrument through which our Lord can and will work, not only to renew us, but also to renew His church. All who have made a Walk to Emmaus have an obligation to cherish this sacred responsibility, to nurture it, and to allow a watching world to see the body of Christ unified, empowered, and enlarged. Therefore, wear the "many" bright colors, come worship, and make our fellowship a top priority. Invite others to join us, as we encourage each other to celebrate our risen Savior Jesus the Christ!

De Colores,



#### From the CLD

This has been a busy month! Even with many Board members on vacation, we managed to coordinate by email and begin the process of reviewing Volunteer positions in preparation for the August Board approval process. The Community Volunteer Positions listed in this edition of our Newsletter is not final, but should give you a good idea of where we are going. Every Lay Board member has volunteered for a serving position! There are a number of volunteer positions vacant that you could volunteer for - please take a look and contact me at k4guj@aol.com if you are interested in serving your Community. Please remember though that service to your home church comes first. It is always a good idea to check with your Pastor before volunteering for service outside the church. Before I Team, serve on the Board or take on a serving role in the Community, I have always discussed it with my Pastor to be sure the church leadership doesn't have a conflicting role in my church that needs doing and would then take priority.

The Team Selection Committee met this week with our upcoming Weekend Lay Directors for Men's Walk FE-80 and Women's Walk FE-81. Teaming assignments were made for the Men's Walk and Teaming candidates were approved for the Women's Walk. Next month the Team Selection Committee will meet to make assignments for the Women's Walk. Teaming for Men begins this month and Teaming for Women will begin next month – and the Fall Walks will be upon us before we know it!

Already Pilgrims are being identified and called for the Men's Walk. I spoke today with Pilgrim Registrar's Ralph and Sandy Williams about the Men's Walk. Ralph advises we have 12 applicants. WE NEED MORE MEN PILGRIMS! Sponsors, please take a pilgrim application to your Pastor, ask your Pastor to identify a church member who should Walk, and take that application to the candidate RIGHT THEN and invite them. I did that today – in fact, I invited our Pastor and our Music Director today – with application in hand and an Emmaus brochure attached. I even had a post it stuck to the application with the date of the Walk so they could put it on their calendar. Included in your newsletter this month is a Pilgrim application and Emmaus brochure so you can go and do likewise.

On Saturday, August 14 we will have two events at 1st Christian Church – our Gathering starting at 3:30 PM and the 4th Day Follow-Up training that new members of the Community MUST take in order to Sponsor and Team. 4th Day Follow-Up starts at 9 am and lasts until 1 pm, then you can go out for lunch and come back for the Gathering.

Lastly, I wholeheartedly endorse our Community Spiritual Director's remarks in his letter to our Community in this edition of our Newsletter. Please prayerfully read what Pastor Joe has to say and let his words speak to your heart. Come to our Gatherings seeking to recall your Weekend. Wear the "many" bright colors, come to worship, and make our fellowship a top priority.

De Colores, Dick Barnett, Fairview at River Club, FE-7, Table of Mark

### **Daily Internet Prayer Chain**

Would the Community like to have a Daily Internet Prayer Chain? A Prayer Chain Coordinator would receive your daily prayer requests and distribute them to the Community members who have signed up to receive and pray for them. Would someone like to be the Prayer Chain Coordinator? This would be a demanding ministry but 'powerful and effective.' Please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com if you are interested.

# Request from the International Community

Dear Emmaus Friends,

Please help to pray for our Ladies and Men's Walks during August 2010.

Click on the links below to sign up for a specific time.

Men's Walk: 6 - 9 August 2010 http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml? pvid=4784&commid=1573

Ladies Walk: 12 - 15 August 2010 http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml? pvid=4786&commid=1573

Thank you so much. God bless you.

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Rosa Nel Mossel Bay South Africa

# Richmond Chrysalis:

The next Richmond Chrysalis flight is August 12-15 for Boys at The Abbey.

If the Fredericksburg community would like to sponsor any caterpillars, the person to contact is Carole Mitchell, Chrysalis Community Lay Director, at cmitchel@richmond.edu

#### **Community Volunteers & Board of Directors\*:**

(To be Voted Upon By Emmaus Board at August 2010 Board Meeting)

#### **Elected Community Officers:**

Chair Upper Room Guidelines Implementation Committe Act for Community Lay Director when necessary

#### Community Volunteers:

Communications Coordinator	Board Member*
Website Administrator	Dennis Warne
Newsletter	Brooke Ferguson
Database Coordinator	Dennis Warne

Fourth Day Support Coordinator	Cam Noden*
Fourth Day Advisory Committee	Vacant
Upper Room Guidelines Implementation	
Fourth Day Follow-Up Training	Dick Barnett*
Reunion Group Coordinator	Sandy Crossley
Identify/Obtain Literature & Reference Material	Vacant

Gathering Support Coordinator	Ava Hanger*
Childcare Coordinator	
Community Music Director	Lola McDonald
Community Baker	Sandie Makely
Gathering Location Coordinator	Dawn Kendall*
Music Coordinator for Gatherings	Lola McDonald
Music Equipment Coordinator	Vacant*

Pilgrim/Team Support Coordinator	.Carol Burke*
Pilgrim Selection Committee	Dick Barnett*
Pilgrim Registrars	
Team Selection Committee	Dick Barnett*
Team Registrar	Dick Barnett*

Weekend Support Coordinator	Board Member*
Community Servant Coordinator	
General Agape Coordinator	Vacant
Prayer Vigil Coordinators (Vacant Dec 2010)	Daphne & George* Masten
Placemat Coordinator (Vacant Dec 2010)	Margaret Filler
Snack Agape Coordinator	Judy Britt*
Agape Bag Coordinator	Diana Farrar
Transportation Coordinator	Vacant
Supplies Coordinator	Mike McDonald*
Name Badge Coordinator	Steve Makely
Fourth Day Packets	Wilfred and Mary Usher*

#### \*Board Members (Serving July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011)

# Churches Hosting Gatherings

Over the past couple years the following churches have hosted Gatherings and we lift them up in thankfulness!

First Christian Church

Chancellor Christian Church

Fairview at River Club

Fairview at Charlotte Street

Stafford Crossing Community Church

Lake of the Woods Church

Tabernacle UMC
Hillcrest UMC

Tower of Deliverance

Wright's Chapel UMC Antioch UMC

Shepherd's UMC

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2011 starting in January.

If you would like to volunteer your church for a Gathering please contact our Community ACLD Dawn Kendall, queendawn@juno.com, with your church's point of contact and the month(s) your church would be available. De Colores!

# Do you want to team in the Fall of 2010?

Make sure your Teaming application is current, (less then 2 years old).

#### **New to Emmaus?**

First – Attend the 4th Day Follow Up on Saturday, August 14th at First Christian Church from 9am - 1 pm.

Second – Submit a Teaming application now! You can download a form from fredwalk.org or contact our Team Registrar, Dick Barnett, at k4guj@aol.com.

# REUNION GROUPS

## Sunday

Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va POC: Brian Lewis 703-590-9343 bb3253@aol.com

## Thursday

His Joyful Croakers 9:00 am Hillcrest UMC POC: June Riel 540-710-5949

His Seekers (Women)
7:30 pm
Home of Jane Carwell
POC: Sandy Crossley
703-221-6977
POC: Jane Carwell
703-969-4019
tjcarwell@yahoo.com

Amazing Grace Group 8:30 pm Hillcrest UMC POC: Ed McAdam 540-898-3625 emcadam@cox.net

Rainbow Group (Women)
Alternate Thursdays
10:00 am
Lake of the Woods
Call for location
POC: Barbara Miller
540-972-7418

# Tuesday

Pastor's Weekly Meeting 7:30 am Call for location POC: Mark Dunn 540-786-4025

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

Lakeside Group (Men) 8:00 pm Lake of the Woods Call for location POC: Vic Larson 540-972-1928

# Friday

Koinonia Group (Women)
9:00 am
Lake of the Woods
Call for location
POC: Barbara Larson
540-972-1928

## Wednesday

Lord's Lions & Lambs Group 6:00 pm First Christian Church POC: Gary Staddan 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@ verizon.net

#### **Varies**

His Footprints
Various schedule: call for time and meeting place
POC: Phyllis Howze
540-582-6739

Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?

Call Sandy Crossley at 703-221-6977 or email at slcrossley13@ verizon.net

#### **Upper Room Emmaus**

of the Greater Fredericksburg Area P.O. Box 42094 Fredericksburg, VA 22404 NON-PROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA PERMIT NO. 347

#### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### Directions to Fairview at River Club:

10835 Tidewater Trail, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

#### From I-95:

Take Exit 130-A and head East on Rt. 3.

Turn right onto Rt. 2 South for approximately 4 miles.

Turn left into the River Club Shopping Center.

