

Upper Room Emmaus

Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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The next Gatherings (Second Saturday of each month)

Aug 12th Fairview Baptist
Sept 9th Fairview Baptist
Oct 14th Tabernacle UMC
*Nov 18th Tabernacle UMC
*3rd Sat of the month & DDU

Board will meet at 3:30 pm
Fellowship Time at 5:30 pm
Gathering at 6:15 pm



Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time

TEAMERS NEEDED!

It time to pray and submit your Team Application for consideration to the upcoming Women's FE-65 fall Walk. Wouldn't you like to share with a Pilgrim that agape love that you enjoyed on your walk? Each Team Application submitted will be reviewed by the Team Selection Committee and from that approved list the Weekend Lay Director will start assembling their teams. The time is growing short so do not delay much longer. The first FE-65 Team meeting will be September 16th. To obtain a Team Application, go to the Fredericksburg Emmaus Web Page link:

<http://www.fredwalk.org/walks.htm>

De Colores!
Monica Warne, WLD FE-65



UPCOMING WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Lay Director
Emmaus 64 (M)	Oct 5 – 8, 2006	Dennis Warne
Emmaus 65 (W)	Nov 9 – 12, 2006	Monica Warne
Emmaus 66 (M)	Mar 22 – 25, 2007	Pete Schatz
Emmaus 67 (W)	Apr 19 – 22, 2007	tbd
Emmaus 68 (M)	Oct 18 – 21, 2007	tbd
Emmaus 69 (W)	Nov 15 – 18, 2007	tbd

From the Community Lay Director...

In the Priorities talk outline, there is this suggested line. What do you think about, where do you spend your time and where do you spend your money? This is what your priority is.

I was recently asked about my commitment to the Emmaus Community. Why do I spend so much of my time and resources on Emmaus? The short answer is this, because it works.

In the eleven or so years that I have been associated with the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community I have seen many changes. Most of those changes are associated with adjusting to more closely line up with the national model. I believe the quality of our pilgrims coming to and leaving our weekends is improving because we are following those guidelines from the Upper Room Emmaus national organization.

I have seen dozens of people "activated" by their experience on their Emmaus weekend. People who were filling pews and being ministered to, suddenly become active in all sorts of church and community activities. Like dropping coins into a pay phone they suddenly come alive and touch the lives of dozens of individuals all around them. The Fredericksburg area is a better place to live as a result.

Just in my home church, Emmaus community members have become involved in many such activities.

Bible studies have been started for certain groups of women and children, where there was none before. Our mission team has reached out to the homeless shelter preparing meals one or more times per month. Two mission teams have been to Mississippi and Louisiana to help hurricane victims in the past year. Some are quieter less noticed but they work on the church newsletter, children's ministry and visit the elderly.

I see the ripple effect like the pebble that falls into a quiet pond. Their affect is felt in the church, their community and they reach out across the nation and even the world. Many were "dormant" until they took the Walk to Emmaus and Jesus was revealed to them in a new way.

This is why I believe in the Emmaus movement, because it works. This is why many that have come before me have dedicated their energy and resources to this valuable tool which lifts up and disciple's church leaders. I am certain many will come after to carry on. In the Priorities talk outline, there is this suggested line. What do you think about, where do you spend your time and where do you spend your money?

Decolores,

Mark Lawrence
CLD 2006-2007

From the Community Spiritual Director...

What a blessed opportunity to serve the Fredericksburg Community.

Sitting down to ponder the new opportunity to lift up Christ, something that when you look at it, is something we all have the chance to do. "To let Christ arise and all our enemies be scattered".

Recently, at a Homegoing service, I got a chance to hear what a community spiritual director can do to lift Christ in the community. At this Homegoing service, I realized I was standing before a community spiritual director: my father-in-law.

Here was a man who helped neighborhood kids form a Children's Basketball league and saw to it that all the kids got to the games. He also formed neighborhood watches to keep the neighborhoods safe for all. Single mothers could always depend on him to help with cutting grass, giving rides to work when needed and watching out for them when they came home late at night to be sure they were safely inside their homes.

Many people said he made an impact in their lives, encouraging them to stay focused.

As I look on the men who have mentored me, I can say I'm blessed, as they took the time to teach and let me learn.

I'm excited to see what God is doing.

*Keep us in your prayers,
DeColores!*

*Ralph Thomas
Community Spiritual Director
FE-45
Table of Luke*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It was summertime in Southern Virginia, and my dad was taking me fishing. I was living the good life! Three of my favorite things as a young boy were summer, fishing, and being with my dad.

My dad said the best time to fish is in the evening, so we had an early supper. The two of us met up with a family friend, Mr. Brock. We hitched up the boat trailer and crowded into the cab of his pickup truck. Now we were off and on our way to the pond. Traveling eastward out of town, the rattle of tailgate chains and fishing equipment were music to my ears. Making a few turns, we soon turned onto a rustic dirt road. In reality, it was a path cut through the woods by tire tracks with a grassy strip down the middle. The pickup dipped and rocked as we slowly blazed the muddy road filled with potholes. Mr. Brock and my dad struggled to roll up their windows as water splashed out of the puddles, and tree limbs whipped and beat the sides of the truck. Due to the difficulty in accessing the abandoned pond, few hearty souls attempted to fish there.

Finally, we arrived at the shore of the pond. The bank was lined with briars, bushes, and weeds, which made it difficult to launch the boat. We found a sandy area, and my dad told me to climb into the boat. Mr. Brock backed the trailer into the water, and I held on as the boat slid into the water and began to float. My dad steadied the bow of the boat against the shore. The two men climbed in and sat on the combination seat and floatation devices. I sat in the middle, peering warily at the green slime and lily pads that covered much of the surface. Dead trees stood tall in the center much like stalagmites in a cave.

The small craft skimmed the water as Mr. Brock operated the whisper-quiet electric motor. My dad and I prepared the fishing rods as we traveled to our choice spot.

Dad tapped me on the shoulder, handed me a piece of plastic bait, and confidently remarked, "Dennis, tie on this purple worm. This is what the larger Bass are biting today!"

Mr. Brock reached into his brown paper bag, sharing cookies, Nabs, and sodas while saying, "Here, have a snack. You can't fish hungry!" Arriving in an area where thick bushes hung over the water, we slowed and cast our lines toward shore. I overcast, and my line landed in a bush. Without missing a beat, my dad commented, "There's no fish in the bushes. Throw your bait into the water." I gently freed the purple worm from the bush and allowed it to drop into the water. The water exploded with life, as a huge Large Mouth Bass swallowed my bait. I pulled back on the rod to set the hook. The Bass danced on the surface of the water, as he shook his head, realizing he had been hooked. My dad and Mr. Brock cheered me on, wanting to help, but knowing I needed to land this fish on my own. I kept the line taut as I heard the big fish stripping line from my reel as he swam deep. After a while, the fish struggled less, and I was able to reel him in.

Out of the water, we appropriately admired the scaled denizen of the deep. Twisting the hook, I removed it from his mouth. Grasping him by the lip, I gently lowered him into the water until he could swim off on his own. With a splash, the biggest fish I had ever caught swam away.

Although I was learning sportsmanship, this fishing trip was not about going fishing or even catching a big fish. This was about sharing time with my father--talking, laughing, and enjoying time together. Ask any adult today what positive thing they remember about their dad. I am sure they will tell a story about time shared camping, hunting, fishing, a sporting event, or other time spent together. Rarely will you hear about toys or money.

Lets think about this for a moment and apply our relationship with our earthly father to our heavenly Father. In Acts 17:24-28, it is written: "The God who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. 'For in Him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

God loves us for who we are, not for what we do for Him or try to give Him. He wants us to spend time in His presence. We are His, and like our earthly father, He wants us to spend time with Him. We have to be careful not to allow our service work interfere with our relationship with Him. Of course my earthly father did things for me, but it was his time that made the difference in my life.

Our hands smelled like fish, and our feet were mud covered. As we stood by the garden hose washing our hands and shoes, my father smiled and said, "You're becoming quite a fisherman!" I smiled back and replied; "I learned it from my dad!"

Have you got a "learned it from your Dad" story? I bet you do.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dennis Perkins
nothinglikeflyin@aol.com

*As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you ...*

John 15:9



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 pjcarwell@wahoo.com

We appreciate your assistance!

Praises & Petitions

Praises for:

God's help with healing my mom
Barbara's mother came through her neck surgery successfully
My daughters successful mission trip

Prayers for:

Chuck Lauer, The Lauer family. For Bethel UMC (Caroline), my son Charles, my mother-in-law, Epiphany, Me a sinner, and the Emmaus Community
To finish school, grow in our community
A renewed life to the Emmaus Community, I.E. gatherings, candlelight and closings
My mom Anne and for my brother and Sister-in-law
My husband's salvation
Ronnie Brooks, Walks Emmaus, Betty Scholcler
Paul and Sara and Brian
Good health and successful tests!
Youth director for our church, soon!
The Emmaus Board of Directors as they work to make the community stronger
Jill and Lynn and their families, my health, Judy, God's grace, Thank you, Jesus
Johnny and Lona, Hurricane Rita survivors in Louisiana
My grandmother, Helen, as she goes to a nursing home after surgery
My son that he will come over to God
My daughter and son-in-law to get closer to God
Healing for Patsy Robinson
Healing for Gary
Healing for Jean Spencer
A job for Susan
Barbara's Grandmother, Harriet Kennedy, in congestive heart failure
Pilgrims for E-64 and E-65
Mildred and John Balles
Dennis, for a good diagnosis
Devin to change some parts of her life
All in the military
Put Kitti's mind at peace
Good health for Tracey
New job for Amy and Karen
The 4th Day Ministry as they begin the work of the new year
Rosemary Blankenship and family for the death of her Mother
Niece visiting August 2-5, parents died young, she is lost to God, help us to reach her and have a positive visit
Mommy and Daddy to go to church
My sons John and Paul to come to salvation in Jesus
Melanie as she starts a new life in Tennessee



Board News...

The Board of Directors met before the gathering at Tappahannock Memorial Church in Tappahannock VA. on July 8, 2006.

We have continued to hear reports from community volunteers to see how we might help one another and also to identify any adjustments in job descriptions or needs our volunteers may have.

Dick Barnett gave a very thorough report on the 4th day ministry activities for the past year. The 4th day ministry currently has work groups looking at ways to improve DDUs and Gatherings, Teaming and Training and to implement a Pastor survey. The board voted to have the 4th day ministry continue their work in these areas as is. We also voted to accept recommendations concerning changes in the conducting of the DDU.

A committee was formed to look at how we use the community database and newsletter. As the community grows and identity theft becomes more common we need to be aware of privacy issues. This committee will make recommendations as to how we may develop a policy to best serve the community in these areas.



Check out our website!

www.fredwalk.org

- Find Community, Board, Walk & Gathering information.
- Post prayer concerns & praises for all of the community to see.
- View and/or download the monthly Newsletter.

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In the email body, type: *subscribe news*

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- Update any changes to your mailing address.
- Opt to just receive an email copy of the Newsletter in lieu of both the electronic & paper copy.

Community Volunteers & Board of Directors

Community Lay Director **Mark Lawrence***

Lead Gatherings & Candlelight

Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing

Chair Emmaus Board

Chair Pilgrim/Team Selection Committee

Assign Nominating Committee Coordinator

Assistant Community Lay Director **Terry Cook***

Gathering Location Coordinator

Community Spiritual Director **Ralph Thomas***

Treasurer **Monica Warne***

Secretary **Sandie Makely***

Manuals Coordinator **Gene Philipp**

Records/By-Laws Historian..... **Gene Philipp**

Communications Coordinator **Dennis Warne**

Newsletter **Brooke Ferguson**

Database Coordinator **John Mann**

Team Registrar **Barbara Simpson**

Pilgrim Registrars **Pat & Dick Barnett**

Gathering Support Coordinator **Jane Carwell***

Community Music Director **Lola McDonald**

Community Baker..... **Kitti Mann**

Childcare Coordinator **VACANT**

Music Coordinator for Gatherings..... **Steve Makely***

Weekend Support Coordinator **Brian Lewis**

Comm. Cha Coordinator..... **Richard Warner**

General Agape Coordinator **Monica Warne**

Prayer Vigil Coordinators..... **Jane Carwell**

Placemat Coordinator **Margaret Filler**

Snack Agape Coordinator..... **Mike Shiflett**

Agape Bag Coordinator **Diana Farrar**

Transportation Coordinator **Mo Moses**

Supplies Coordinator **Wes Pryce**

Fourth Day Packets..... **Rick* and Susan Dillard**

Fourth Day Coordinator..... **Dick Barnett**

Reunion Group Coordinator **Sandy Crossley**

Additional Board Members

Mark Dunn*

Vonda LiCalzi*

Jim Muhlenkamp*

Dave Olds*

Sharon Smith*

Ralph Williams*

***Board of Directors 2006-2007**

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

Interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?

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

TUESDAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm
Prince of Peace UMC
6299 Token Forest Drive
Manassas, VA
Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

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) 10:00 am
Lake of the Woods – Call for location
Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

FRIDAY

Koinonia Women's Reunion Group 9:00 am
Lake of the Woods – Call for location
Barbara Larson 540-972-1928

His Seekers (Women) 7:30 pm
Home of Jane Carwell – Woodbridge
Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or
Jane Carwell 703-969-4019

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