

# Upper Room Emmaus

## Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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### UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

<u>Walk #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Weekend Lay Director</u>
E-78 (M)	Mar 18 – 21, 2010	Art Blankenship
E-79 (W)	Apr 29 – May 2, 2010	Becky Patrick

### *Emmaus Manuals & Booklets*

#### *Now Available:*

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 Rich Thode – Manuals Coordinator.

### *Help Wanted*

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is looking for volunteers to fill several vacant coordinator positions, (please see the Volunteer Page). The Supplies Coordinator position is now open. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Becky Thode at [beckythode@comcast.net](mailto:beckythode@comcast.net).

### *The next Gatherings* (Second Saturday of each month)

**Feb 13th**..... **Fairview Baptist at Charlotte Street**

*Fourth Day Speaker will be Chris Campbell and Music Leader will be Lola McDonald*

**Mar 13th**..... **First Christian Church**

*No speaker due to Men's commissioning and Music Leader will be George Masten*

**Apr 10th**..... **TBD**

*No speaker due to Women's commissioning and Music Leader will be Holly Plucker*

Fellowship at 3:30 pm

Gathering at 4:00 pm

Board will meet at 1:30 pm

**Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time**

**We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2010. If you are your church's Point of Contact for hosting, please email our ACLD Dick Barnett at [k4guj@aol.com](mailto:k4guj@aol.com) so arrangements can be made."**

### *FredWalk.org Web Page Metrics:*

2 New Pages under construction (Team Selection Committee and Chrysalis)

All 1-77 Emmaus Walk information has been added

519 members listed as of 20 January 2010

I need several Walk Photos and some missing Monthly Newsletters (see web page)

Please send Dennis Warne, ([warnedm@comcast.net](mailto:warnedm@comcast.net)), any changes to your e-mails or address so I can keep the Web Page monthly newsletter distribution list current.

## *Thoughts from the Community Lay Director...*

When I became the CLD in July, I received a checklist of "duties" I was to perform as suggested by the Upper Room. One item on the checklist states:

Set up an in-house audit process whereby scholarship monies are wisely and fairly used first for pilgrims, second for team members, and last for support servants. Caution should be used to see that team and support persons should not receive an excessive amount of scholarship money on the same people being recycled from walk to walk.

I am happy to report that the board is very close to finalizing scholarship procedures for sponsors and teamers who may need financial assistance. The final version of scholarship procedures for sponsors will be sent to them after sponsors receive their sponsorship packet. The application process for teamers will occur before the first team meeting. Although we still have some minor "tweaking" of wording and editing for grammar, spelling, etc., the process should definitely be finalized before the fall Walks, perhaps sooner, for teamers. Sponsors should have their applications for pilgrims in time for this spring's Walks.

Now that Camp Happyland has increased their fees, this policy is more important than ever for individuals who may hesitate to sponsor pilgrims due to financial need.

The changes we make, as a community, apply not only to efforts to comply with Upper Room guidelines during Weekends, but also to efforts we make as a Board with policies such as scholarships. Please continue to pray for our Community as we seek to serve where God leads.

DeColores,  
Becky Thode

## *From the Community Spiritual Director...*

Jesus sat in the temple near the treasury and watched as people walked by and deposited their gifts for the temple (Mark 12). A poor widow came by and threw in two "mites". A mite was the least valuable coin in circulation, thus the widow's gift was very small, amounting to nothing in most folk's eyes. But our Lord saw what others did not see. He saw her heart.

The Lord sees all we might do, though it may seem very small. It may be nothing more than giving a hug to someone going through difficult times, or an unnoticed act of love and kindness to someone who happens to pass by. It may be a brief, silent prayer for a neighbor in need.

I constantly marvel at the efforts of those working behind the scenes in our Emmaus Community to support our walks and gatherings. Whether it is baking bread, making banners, preparing agape, loading and unloading trailers, cleaning up after walks, serving meals, praying for the pilgrims and team, and other kindnesses, these people may never be recognized outside of their inner circle of family and Emmaus friends. Their names may not be well known. They will never enjoy what Andy Warhol said was everyone's "15 minutes of fame".

Although they willingly and often sacrificially, give of themselves, they may not receive a lot of thanks and praise for their service. Yet God knows their faithfulness and is pleased by their obedience. Second Corinthians 5:9 teaches us to "make it our aim...to be well pleasing to God". They do it for Him and for their brothers and sisters in Christ. That's their reward, because God's approval is always sweeter than the applause of the crowd.

Tom Britt (taken in part from the publication, "Our Daily Bread", November, 2009 edition)

## *Team Selection Committee Update*

In our November Newsletter I reported on the processes being put in place to be more compliant with the Upper Room Guidelines – primarily dealing with Team Assignments. In this article I would like to briefly discuss selection of Team members. The Upper Room has emphasized two related goals in selecting Team members. First, that they be equally distributed among new, progressing and veteran Teamers. (For example, on Men's FE-78 that is Teaming now, we have nine (9) first time Teamers, one first time Spiritual Director and an equal distribution among the three experience categories.) Second, that veteran Teamers serve sacrificially – that is, serve on fewer Teams in order to provide room for the new and progressing Teamers.

As with all change, there is impact – some good and some frustrating. In order to accomplish an outreach to new and progressing Teamers, fewer veterans are able to Team as often as they would like. We have imposed where possible, a two Team in a row suggestion – after serving on two Teams in a row the veterans need to take a break for a Team or so. This isn't practical in all cases, so it is just a suggestion – but the result has been many new and progressing Teamers over the last few Walks – and that's a good thing.

If any members of the Community have questions or concerns about how we are proceeding to implement change in compliance with the Upper Room Guidelines for Team selection and assignments, please contact me. I appreciate any and all input.

De Colores,  
Dick Barnett/ Assistant Community Lay Director

### ***Do you want to team in the Spring of 2010?***

Submit an application now! You can download a form from [fredwalk.com](http://fredwalk.com) or contact the team registrar at [k4guj@aol.com](mailto:k4guj@aol.com).

## *Treasurer's Report*

In last month's report I spoke about the increased costs for the use of Camp Happyland. I would like to remind everyone that the board has made the difficult decision to raise the team and pilgrim fees to \$190.00 effective on the upcoming spring walks. The Community can not afford to continue to subsidize the weekends as we have been for the past year.

With the increased cost we understand that this will make it more difficult for members of the Community to sponsor and team on the weekends. With this in mind and as part of our covenant agreement with the Upper Room, the board has been working diligently to finalize a written Scholarship Policy. The final details of the policy should be complete during the next couple of board meetings. At that time we will make the policy available for all to see.

The end of the year giving statements have been mailed and you should have received them by the time you read this. If you have not received your statement please feel free to contact me. As a reminder these statements are prepared for those who donate money by check to the community.

The Community has purchased new team manuals and other materials needed for the teaming process and for the weekends. These manuals are available for purchase or can be checked out and returned when you are finished with them. The Community has spent in excess of \$500.00 on these materials, so it would be very much appreciated that the materials be returned promptly when you are finished with them. If you wish to purchase a copy of a manual please drop a check in the collection plate at a Gathering with a note in the memo stating it is for a manual purchase. These materials are available from Rich Thode, our Community Manual Coordinator.

De Colores,  
Mike McDonald



## **Men's Emmaus #78 Team List**

### **"...now I see"**

(Ref: Luke 24:31)

Art Blankenship	Fairview Baptist	WLD	Perseverance Talk
Mike Remington	1st Christian	Asst WLD Thur	4th Day Talk
Mike McDonald	Stafford Crossing	Asst WLD Fri	Discipleship Talk
Harry Tillman	Stafford Crossing	Asst WLD Sat	Life of Piety Talk
Ralph Williams	Fairview at River Club	Asst WLD Sun	Priority Talk
Tom Britt	Chancellor Christian	WSD	Means of Grace Talk
Bob Liepelt	Chancellor Christian	Asst WSD	Justifying Grace Talk
Chris Fair	Antioch UMC	Asst WSD	Sanctifying Grace Talk
Willard Sawyer	Fairview Baptist	Asst WSD	Obstacles to Grace Talk
Joe Reed	1st Christian	Asst WSD	Prevenient Grace Talk
Randy Ross	Lake of the Woods	Board Rep	
George Masten	Bethel UMC	WMD	Thursday Reading
Ken Roark	Wright's Chapel UMC	Asst WMD	Sunday Reading
Gene Philipp	1st Christian	Asst WMD	Sunday Reading
Mitch Mitchell	Stafford Crossing	Asst WMD	Sunday Reading
Dennis Warne	Chancellor Christian	WLS	
Chuck Kamm	Fredericksburg UMC	Serving Asst	Thursday Reading
Matt Curtis	Fairview at River Club	Serving Asst	Thursday Reading
Gary Adkins	Fairview Baptist	Agape Servant	Saturday Reading
Ed Hayner	Promised Land Praise	Asst Agape Serv	Thursday Reading
Randy Harding	Melrose UMC	Prayer Chapel Coordinator	
Clint Scott	Chancellor Baptist	Talk Rm Servant	Saturday Reading
Tim Patrick	Fairview at River Club	TL Matthew	Changing Our World Talk
Tony Innocenti	Melrose UMC	Asst TL Matthew	Friday Reading
Steve LiCalzi	Prince of Peace UMC	TL Mark	Growth Through Study
Bill Hagerman	Maranatha SDA	Asst TL Mark	Friday Reading
Marc McDonald	Woodbridge Christian	TL- Luke	Christian Action Talk
Butch Farley	Fairview at River Club	Asst TL Luke	Saturday Reading
Bill Moore	Melrose UMC	TL John	Body of Christ Talk
Steve Krawczyk	Stafford Crossing	Asst TL John	Saturday Reading
Dan See	Stafford Crossing	TL Peter	Priesthood-Believers
Tom Dempsey	1st Christian	Asst TL Peter	Sunday Reading

### **Schedule for Men's Emmaus #78**

Date	Time	Activity at Camp Happyland
Thur. 3/18/10	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 3/20/10	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!
Sun. 3/21/10	4:00 pm	Closing Service

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## Please pray for:

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John	Tom	Otto Wms
Walk to Emmaus Mike Kelly	Obedience to God's will for	Ennis Parrish
Walk to Emmaus Bruce Baxter	Emmaus	The Masten's
Emmaus communities	Dick and Pat in church transition	My son Charles and family
Grace United Methodist building	George	Bethel UMC
project setbacks	Moving house to current mobile	The Leeper's
Wall Street—that they may tithe	home location	The Emmaus Community
first	Cam Monica & Dennis;	The unchurched
Retiring and seeking direction	coordination Chrysalis web	Ken and Trina Roark
John and Rose	page	The Massie's
Evelyn	Judy K dealing with cancer	That 2010 will be pleasing to God
Jessica	Husband Stewart	in Emmaus & our own walks
Richard	Blood pressure down, to be able	Tommy-surgery
Jason	to have sugars	Larry & Kelly-healthy birth of baby
Harris family	My sisters Lynn and Carol	Perry-new church
Youth department at church	Son Jamie	Carmen-safe travel
Randy	Healing for Aunt Judy	Terry & Carmen-Juarez ministry
George (Bud	Job opportunities	Dot-upcoming procedures
Friend terminally ill	Jeannie-healing	Judy-knee surgery
The Campbell family in New	Husband's recovery from	J.P. & Di
York that the Lord would	addiction	Sue-Ann
comfort them in difficult times	My marriage and children	Ray's children (my brother)
My attitude	Cija-healing	Randy Jr.
My son be set free and for my	Dawn-healing	Alice Mae
health	Broken relationships to be	Career decision for wife
John, Christopher, Christian,	mended	FE78 Men's Walk teaming
Langston, Shari, Mary, Wilfred,	Jobs for the unemployed	Mildred's strength and endurance
Marilon and Mare	Complete recovery for Leila	as she continues caring for John
Glady's and son, Steve, Chase,	Our son and for his future to be	Aunt Judy and Stuart
Renee, Maramatha	promising and blessed	The kids to get a job
Salvation of family members	Our military and their families	
Health issues; growth of church	during this time of unrest	
Spence and Alice	Spence O'Connor	

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## Please give praises for:

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Praise for a new year	Lailia's 96 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Shawn and Nichole—
Wonderful friends	Our new church home	expecting any day
A warm home, warm coats	The Garland's	Emmaus communities
My husband	New friends	Obedience to God's will for
Those who pray for others in the	Freedom	Emmaus
community and in the world	Joe got to spend time with parents	Travel praise for job security
For God's lead in our lives	All gospel songs	
My job		

## Community Volunteers & Board of Directors

**Community Lay Director** ..... **Becky Thode\***  
Lead Gatherings & Candlelight, Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing, Chair Emmaus Board & Assign Nominating Committee Coordinator

**Assistant Community Lay Director** ..... **Dick Barnett\***  
Gathering Location Coordinator & Chair Pilgrim/Team Selection Committee

**Community Spiritual Director** ..... **Tom Britt\***  
Board Spiritual Director..... **Joe Reed\***  
Board Spiritual Director..... **Rick Dillard\***

**Treasurer** ..... **Mike McDonald\***

**Secretary** ..... **Rosemary Blankenship\***  
Manuals Coordinator ..... **Rich Thode**  
Records/By-Laws Historian..... **Rich Thode**

**Communications Coordinator** ..... **Vacant**  
Website Administrator..... **Dennis Warne**  
Newsletter ..... **Brooke Ferguson**  
Database Coordinators..... **Bill Moore, Dennis Warne & Dick Barnett**  
Team Registrar ..... **Dick Barnett**  
Pilgrim Registrars..... **Ralph Thomas**

**Gathering Support Coordinator** ..... **Jane Carwell**  
Community Music Director ..... **Lola McDonald**  
Community Baker ..... **Kitti Mann**  
Childcare Coordinator ..... **Vacant**  
Music Coordinator for Gatherings ..... **Lola McDonald**  
Music Equipment Coordinator..... **Vacant**

**Weekend Support Coordinator**..... **Vacant**  
Comm. Cha Coordinator..... **Richard Warner**  
General Agape Coordinator ..... **Monica Warne**  
Prayer Vigil Coordinators..... **Daphne & George Masten**  
Placemat Coordinator ..... **Margaret Filler**  
Snack Agape Coordinator ..... **Rich Thode**  
Agape Bag Coordinator ..... **Diana Farrar**  
Transportation Coordinator..... **Vacant**  
Supplies Coordinator ..... **Vacant**  
Name Badge Coordinator ..... **Steve Makely**  
Fourth Day Packets..... **Wilfred and Mary Usher**  
Fourth Day Coordinator..... **Dick Barnett**  
Reunion Group Coordinator..... **Sandy Crossley**

**\*Board Members**

(Serving on the Board July 1, 2009- June 30, 2010)

<b>Judy Britt*</b>	<b>Maria Fortune*</b>	<b>Tony Fortune*</b>	<b>George Mastin*</b>
<b>Jennifer McDaniel*</b>	<b>Cam Noden*</b>	<b>Spence O'Connor*</b>	<b>Randy Ross*</b>



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21457 Happyland Drive  
Richardsville, VA 22736

From Central Park in Fburg: 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 Fairview Baptist Church:

900 Charlotte Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From I-95: Take Exit 130A (Rt. 3 East). Go to the stop light that intersects Route 3 and William St and turn Left onto William Street. Go to the second stop light and turn Right onto Littlepage Street. Fairview Baptist Church is on the right at the corner of Littlepage St & Charlotte St.