

October 2012

Upper Room EMMAUS of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

October 13th	Stafford Crossing Comm Ch <i>Fourth Day Followup</i> 1 - 3 pm
November 10th	Camp Happyland
December 8th	TBA

Board meeting at 1:30 pm
 Fellowship at 3:30 pm
 Gathering at 4:00 pm
 Please bring snacks to share during fellowship time.

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2012. If you are your church's Point of Contact for hosting, please email our CLD Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org so arrangements can be made.



Directions to Stafford Crossing Comm Church
 1420 Forbes Street
 Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Take exit 133A off I-95. At Route 1, take a left to go North. Make a right onto Layhill Road (at the Valero). Layhill Road turns into Forbes Street - continue straight. The church is on the left, under .3 miles from Route 1.

November Gathering

Since the Women's Walk is the same weekend as the Gathering, we will have the Gathering at Camp Happyland at the same time as Candlelight. Please be at Camp Happyland at 7:30pm - we will start praying for the Pilgrims shortly after 7:30 - you don't want to miss that - it's the best part. If you are a sponsor - plan on getting there a little early so you don't miss it.

Snack Agape

Snack agape, (baked goods, brownies, goodies), is needed for the Men's Walk. You may bring packaged goods to the Gatherings on October 13th to give to Lisa Green.
 Thanks!

UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-88 (M)	October 25 - 28, 2012	Mike McDonald
FE-89 (W)	November 8 - 11, 2012	Terry Cook
FE-90 (M)	March 14 - 17, 2013	TBD
FE-91 (W)	April 18 - 21, 2013	TBD

From the Community Lay Director

Fall has officially arrived. The leaves are getting ready to turn, the weather is getting cooler, and I am excited for the two upcoming Walks.

I am expecting the Community to pray for these upcoming walks. I am expecting to have Sponsors bring their Pilgrims to Camp Happyland. I am expecting that each speaker will have someone praying for him or her. I am expecting a full 72-hour prayer wheel. I am expecting the Pilgrims to have an amazing weekend listening to talks, fellowshiping together, and having a great time. I am expecting you, the Community, to come to the awesome Candlelight experiences to show your love to the Pilgrims.

Most importantly, I am expecting God to change the hearts and lives of those Pilgrims. And God will – he's done that for the last 87 walks in this Community. He has an impeccable track record of showing up.

Speaking of showing up, I'd love to see all of you show up on October 13 at Stafford Crossing Community Church. Social time starts at 3:30. Gathering starts at 4:00. We will be commissioning both teams for the upcoming walks. Come lay hands on the team and send them out to do God's work.

Also on October 13 at 1:00 we will be having a Fourth Day Follow-up Training. If you haven't been to one, you find out some behind the scenes information on the Community and what happens on the Walk. You need to attend one if you want to sponsor a Pilgrim or be on a Team. Come on out – we would love to have you. Past sponsors – if your Pilgrim

was unable to attend a previous one – check to see if they can come to this one.

Since Candlelight of the Women's Walk and the Gathering would be on the same day, we are going to have the Gathering at Candlelight. Meet at Camp Happyland at 7:30 for some fellowship, prayer and communion. We start praying shortly after 7:30 for the Pilgrims.

Also check out the new Agape opportunity which is to make placemats for the walks. You can be as creative as you want to be - we need 50 placemats for each meal. See the note in the newsletter for more details and contact information.

I also want to encourage you – as Lowes uses in its logo and commercials – to "Never Stop Improving". Lowes would have you come to their store to spend money there to improve your home. However, this tagline is very relevant in the Christian life. Never stop striving to be more Christ-like in thought. Never stop learning about God thru his Word. Never stop showing the love of Christ to others. Be that disciple of Christ that God has called you to be. Never stop improving.

De Colores,

Chris Campbell

Fairview at River Club

FE-70

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Instructions for Walk Agape:

- General Agape should be for all Pilgrims and all Team Members and it should be anonymous.
- Please Pre-Sort Agape into a labeled bag for 24 Pilgrims and 26 Team Members for the three Agape events: Friday afternoon Agape Bag, Friday night Bed Agape and Saturday night Bed Agape.
- If any agape has a cord or chain, (lanyards/crosses), please individually wrap them in small baggies otherwise we may have to untangle each one.
- Pilgrim Sponsors need to get 8-10 Personal Agape letters and separate them from all other Agape.
- There will be an Agape Box available at the Gatherings

From the Community Spiritual Director

In the Preface to his book, "The Knowledge of the Holy" A. W. Tozer asserts that a condition exists within the Church which is steadily growing worse. A condition in which the Church has lost its once lofty concept of God and substituted it with one so low, so ignoble, as to be utterly unworthy of thinking, worshipping men.

Tozer states: "The low view of God entertained almost universally among Christians is the cause of a hundred lesser evils everywhere among us. A whole new philosophy of Christian life has resulted from this one basic error in our Christian thinking. With our loss of the sense of majesty has come the further loss of religious awe and consciousness of the divine presence. We have lost our spirit of worship and our ability to draw inwardly to meet God in adoring silence. Modern Christianity is simply not producing the kind of Christian who can appreciate or experience the life in the spirit. The words, 'Be still and know that I am God,' mean nothing to the self-confident, bustling worshipper in this middle period of the twentieth century."

This was written in 1961, and it seems that the church has not gotten better, it indeed has gotten worse. The universal Christian church today is in a free fall. There is no real significant difference between the Church and the world and when interviewed concerning their thoughts on the Church a large number of non-church goers express beliefs that the Church is filled with hypocrites because they see no difference between the way they live and the lives lived by the so-called Christians.

Moreover, when you look at the lifestyle choices of professing believers versus those who do not profess belief in Christ there do not appear to be significant differences in the way that they live their lives in the choices of movies they go to, shows they watch on television, the music they listen to, or the manner in which they spend their money.

It seems that the standard of holiness for professing Christians today is significantly less than it was just a few years ago and is not significantly higher than the moral turpitude of those who do not believe. It begs the question "what has happened among Christians?" I believe that this is exactly what Tozer began warning us about back in 1961 and it seems to be getting worse with each succeeding generation – we have lost our high view of God, we have lost our awe of God, and we have lost consciousness of the divine presence.

I would assert to you, friends that the Church needs to regain a view of the holiness of God. In Isaiah 6:1-7 Isaiah sees a vision of the glory of God and of the seraphim praising His holiness and the result is repentance. This is a prophet of God, chosen by God to take His message to Israel but, when confronted by the glory of the Lord and by God's holiness, Isaiah is at once confronted by his own sinfulness and cries out in despair "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Know that God does not conform to a standard of holiness...He Is the Standard. God is perfectly holy all the time and in all ways. Moreover, in His holiness God says to us, "Be ye holy as I am holy." In other words, the standard of holiness for the Christian is not to be better than your sinful neighbor, or even the holier-than-thou, self-justified person sitting next to you in the Church. We do not get to play let's make a deal with God and just be better than someone else. They are not the standard...God is the standard and we fall woefully short, we are sinful.

Amos chapter 5 uses some strong words concerning his hatred of anything sinful. Amos 5 says, "I hate, I despise your feast days. I will not take delight in your solemn assemblies, though you offer Me burnt offerings and meal offerings I will not accept them, neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take away from Me the noise of your songs, I will not hear the melody of your harps." Even though God loves each of these practices – it was God that instituted them – when they come out of impure hearts or impure motives they are hateful to God.

Friends, when you come into God's house and worship out of a heart that is not right, when you work for God for the wrong reasons, when you lift up your voice in song with unconfessed sin in your life, God despises your worship.

Ultimately, though, I think that you have to view God's hatred of sin through the provision that He made for it. You see, God knew from the foundations of the earth that each of you were going to come along one day. In addition, He knew that you would not be able to hit the mark, to live to His standard of holiness. In short, God knew that you were going to sin and by that act would reserve your place in the lake of fire. Additionally, God knew that once that sin entered into the world that you and I would never be able get rid of it.

From the CSD continued...

There would never be a time where we could do anything to get rid of the impurity that is our life.

That presented a problem...because God, by His very nature, cannot allow sin in His presence, and since we could never do anything to get rid of the stench of our own sin, we were doomed to be forever separated from God. Therefore, God, out of another aspect of His nature, His love, had to make a way for us to be restored into fellowship with Him. That way was the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." The one who knew no sin, Jesus, was crushed, Isaiah says, in our place, not for His sin, but for ours.

It is that separated condition that we are given some of the most agonizing words in the entire Bible. Jesus, hanging on the cross in your place and mine, because of God's holiness and inability to have sin in His presence, turned His face away from His beloved Son. Our Lord Jesus Christ separated from His Father cries out in absolute anguish, "Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani...My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" Out of His Holiness God required blood to be shed and a life taken in payment for sin, because we could not pay such a price, Christ paid it for us. And if that isn't love...!

So how can you be holy? You can't. But, you can be declared righteous through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You see, what the Bible says is that when you accept Christ's death as payment for your sins God takes the holiness of Christ and puts it on you. Thereafter God sees you as holy...positionally. God has made you holy in Christ. But then, God's expectation is that you would strive to conform to His level of holiness. "Be ye holy for I am holy." Spurgeon said: God's choice of us was not because we were holy, but to make us holy; and God's purpose will not be fulfilled unless we are made holy.

It is that holiness that separates us from the world. We are told in 2 Timothy 2:19 "Let all that name the name depart from iniquity." In other words, God says if you are going to name the name, if you are going to claim to be my child, then live the life, show the family resemblance and let the world know there is a difference between your life and theirs.

While others are listening to music displeasing to God, Christians are praising Him. While others are watching television shows and going to movies that are produced by a morally bankrupt society the Christian says I will keep myself pure and let no unclean thought enter my mind. While others are violating their marriage vows made in covenant with God through adultery or in divorce, the Christian says I will honor God in my marriage.

So, how is your view of God's holiness?

Jim Muhlenkamp

New Agape Opportunity

You may have seen the email but we are opening up a new opportunity to members of the Community to make placemats that are to be used on the walks. Debbie Bliss (email: dhbliss@cox.net) is the coordinator and will be happy to fill you in on the details and sign you up for a meal's worth of placemats. Placemats can be done by individuals or by reunion groups. For each meal, we need 50 placemats. You can make them on legal (8.5 x 14) or ledger (11 x 17) paper or anywhere in between. You can use crayons, markers, laser printer, stamps, paint, or your favorite decorating technique. The medium and design is up to you.

**Directions to: Camp Happyland
21457 Happyland Drive
Richardsville, VA 22736**

From Central Park in Fredericksburg: 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 is approximately 18 miles.

Men's Emmaus #88 Team & Servant List

<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>
Dan Bowman	SD, Preventive Grace, Sanctifying Grace
Tom Britt	SD, Justifying Grace
Jim Defnall.....	ATL
Randy Harding.....	ALD, Priorities
DC Harlow.....	Music Team
Ed Hayner.....	TL, Body of Christ
Doc Holladay.....	TL, Discipleship
Tony Innocenti.....	TL, Life of Piety
Ron Jennings.....	ALD
Richard Leeper.....	Board Representative
Steve LiCalzi.....	ALD, Fourth Day
Marc McDonald.....	Music Director
Mike McDonald.....	WLD, Perseverance
Mitch Mitchell.....	ATL, Growth Through Study
Jim Muhlenkamp.....	WSD, Means of Grace
Spence O'Conner.....	TL, Changing Our World
Charles Oliveri.....	SD, Obstacles to Grace
Jake Riley.....	ATL
Dan See.....	ATL, Christian Action
Chris Wells.....	TL, Priesthood of All Believers
Greg Yeamans.....	ATL
Art Blankenship.....	Lead Servant
Matt Green.....	Prayer Chapel Coordinator
Larry Hudgins.....	Servant
Bill Lyon.....	Servant
Bill Spicer.....	Servant

Schedule for Men's Emmaus #88

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity at Camp Happyland</i>
Thur. 10/25/12	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 10/27/12	7:30 pm	Candlelight - Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!
Sun. 10/28/12	4:00 pm	Closing Service

Prayer Requests from September Gathering

FE88 & FE89 Pilgrims	50th anniversary for brother and sister-in-law	17 yr old grandson stays focused on his newly-started a spiritual journey
FE88 & FE89 Teams	Lindsey – upcoming wedding	Brian
Direction of what God wants us to do	Jane – comfort	Project at work–pray it goes well
Grandson being born in October	Travel safety	May Jane – family problems
Eugene	Melrose	Debbie and Lee
Summer’s vision to improve	Angela	Guidance in taking the right road
Wellness ministry – teaching	Christmas Cantata	Better choices being made by grandson
Buck – family	Anita	Nominations committee at church
That the unsaved will be brought to the light	Connie - health	Ellen’s son-in-law
Finances	Our country & God’s protection during upcoming Veteran’s Day	Brittany
Hope	Tony	Husband will start going to church
Daughter facing surgery	Kelly – new job	Al – fluid around lungs/cancer
Annie	State of the nation	John going thru divorce
John – shoulder pain	Rosemary’s Sunday School Class	Today’s attendance
Buying and selling a house	Casey serving in Iran	Praise – car fixed
Brittany’s biopsy – good results	Heather – safe home for her family	Praise – grandbaby due soon
Our country during the election	Michael	
Karen – breast cancer		
John who needs God in his life		

Fourth Day Testimony

The year 2004 started out to be very sad and full of hardships. Blessedly, it ended joyously. I was sponsored to walk on E-56. The walk changed me and gave me a new perspective on God and my relationship with him. From a broken child who feared God and kept her distance, I now cannot get close enough to him. God is my best friend, as well as my King. He will walk hand in hand with me through my life. Together we will face whatever each day brings, pleasures, hardships, adventures and even disappointments. God can bring beauty out of the ashes of lost dreams and peace out of adversity. Only a friend who is also the King of kings can accomplish this. I have been happily teaming for the past six years. In November of 2010, I was WLD on E-81. This was another blessing and highlight in my life. God chose me, I listened and trusted him and his weekend was miraculous. God and the Holy Spirit blessed the entire weekend. I will forever be thankful to our Emmaus community. I see God in my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. I hear God in song. I feel God in my heart. I feel like I belong to something very special.

Gerri Bartman, Holy Family, FE-56, Naomi

REUNION GROUPS

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Lord's Lions & Lambs Group
6:30 pm
First Christian Church
POC: Joe Reed
540-373-7716
first.christian.church@verizon.net

Thurs (cont'd)

Uptown Bristersburg Believers
2nd and 4th Thursdays
7:00 pm
Mt. Horeb UMC
POC: Chris Wells
540-788-3068

Monday

Ladies in Waiting
Meets every other Monday
in Falmouth
POC: Vonda LiCalzi
540-446-2682

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Email Chris Wells at
wells50@wildblue.net