

# Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

## Gatherings (2nd Sat of the month):

June 8th	Rhoadesville Baptist Church in Orange
July 13th	Bethel UMC in Caroline
Aug 10th	Risen Hope in Ruther Glen



## Upcoming Emmaus Walks:

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-91 (M)	Oct 24 - 27, 2013	Steve LiCalzi
FE-92 (W)	Nov 7 - 10, 2013	Cam Noden

### Gathering Info

Board meeting at 1:30 pm  
 Fellowship at 3:30 pm  
 Gathering at 4:00 pm  
 Please bring snacks to share during fellowship time.  
 If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD Chris Campbell at [chris@ewg.org](mailto:chris@ewg.org)

### Gathering Directions

To: Rhoadesville Baptist Church  
 26042 Lafayette Dr  
 Rhoadesville, VA 22542

Directions from Central Park: Take Rt. 3 West approximately 12 miles to left onto Rt 20/Constitution Hwy. Continue on Rt 20 approximately 11 miles to Right on State Rt 741/Lafayette Dr. Church will be quarter mile down on your left.

## *From the Community Lay Director*

Thank you for support and prayers this past year as I served as the Community Lay Director. I also want to thank the 5 outgoing board members that have served the community faithfully for the last 3 years. Those 5 are: Carol Burke, Dawn Kendall, Richard Leeper, Jim Muhlenkamp, and Mike Remington.

I also want to welcome the newly elected board members who start their term in July. They are: Karen Campbell, Chris Fair, Diana Farrar, Ed Hayner and Ron Jennings. Thank you for taking on this task.

I look forward to getting back onto an Emmaus team. Although I had the opportunity to serve on a team and be the CLD – I know my schedule and my limitations – and it just wasn't going to be possible. I did enjoy the candlelights and closings and would encourage you to go to them – even if you don't know any pilgrims on the walk.

I also want to encourage you to think about who you know would benefit from a Walk to Emmaus and ask them. We have two walks coming up in the Fall and we need pilgrims. We always seem to have a last minute flurry of activity to get pilgrims to go on the Walk - which is always exciting. However, it might be nice to try a walk where we get more applications in sooner. Lets try one that way and see – a change of pace can be refreshing.

It has been a fun year and a challenging year. I have had to step outside my comfort zone and its not always been easy, but it has been rewarding.

I would be remiss if I didn't at least mention bacon in my last newsletter article seeing as I just mentioned stepping outside my comfort zone.

Throughout Acts 10, Peter gets called by God to start spreading the Gospel to the Gentile world. Bacon gets introduced in verses 12&13 – you will have to look for it. Peter was getting called outside his comfort zone. The Church was getting called outside its comfort zone. Up until now, the Church and the early Christians were Jews – still living as Jews. You get an insight into this mindset in verse 28.

God doesn't just call apostles out of their comfort zones – He calls you outside your comfort zone too. He will give you opportunities to spread the Gospel. He will give you opportunities to build up fellow Church members and to build up the Body of Christ. Emmaus is a ministry that seeks to do just that – to build up Christian leaders and put them back into their churches.

God will give you some bacon – if you are willing and listening for His promptings. He will have you step outside your comfort zone. Easy – not normally. Rewarding – yes it is.

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Chris Campbell

Fairview at River Club

FE-70

Table of Peter

## *From the Community Spiritual Director*

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, all men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Peter 1:23 – 25, NIV)

At the writing of this I am both elated and saddened at the same time. Elated because June marks the last month of my tenure as your Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. And saddened because June marks the last month of my tenure as your Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. It is time for me to step away, but I want to thank all of you for the support that you have given to me and to ask that you give the same support to my replacement. I know that, as always, you will perform admirably.

This being my last newsletter article I wanted to leave you with a thought that is pressing in upon my mind and one which I would ask you to prayerfully consider and then to do with as your God and your conscience direct.

I have a very great concern for the state of Christianity today. More specifically, I think that apostasy has entered the Church in the guise of evangelical Christianity. The Bible speaks of a “Great Falling Away” in the last days – right before Christ returns. For decades it was thought by many that this falling away would be marked by multitudes leaving the Church. I have come to the conclusion; however, that the great falling away is actually marked by a great number within the Church who have simply abandoned the reality of Christ. This would be consistent with the other warnings in Scripture concerning those who would “Not endure sound doctrine” and “have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.”

I am personally seeing that trend in the Church around the world today. And what concerns me even more is that good Christians, who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord, are being misled and duped by charlatans posing as Christian preachers and teachers but concerned only with their own gain. We seem to have lost the ability to discern.

I believe that most, if not all, of this is the result of a lack of a high and holy view of Scripture. This generation of Christians has become the victims of individuals who would seek to destroy or to compromise the absolute truth of the Word of God. Some Churches in the world today do not even believe that there is any absolute truth found in the word of God, but that the Scriptures are open to private interpretation and application as a person sees fit.

Paul told Timothy that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...“or God-breathed.” And here in 1 Peter, the Apostle Peter notes that the Scriptures are the “living and enduring word of God.” If the Scriptures are indeed the inerrant, holy Word of a holy God, should we not give more weight to what the Bible has to say rather than, say Doctor Phil, or Oprah, or you name the famous personality? Moreover, would we not be better off to govern our lives completely by the Word of God, to give credence to what God thinks rather than the ideas of man?

Matthew 4:4 says that “man is not to live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” It is my earnest desire that all Christians everywhere would understand the vital importance of knowing and applying the Word of God to their lives. In addition, I pray that all of God’s people would understand that we are not at liberty to pick and choose which portions of Scripture we are going to accept and which we are going to reject because it doesn’t comport with our notion of life.

Peter notes that you and I are like grass and our glory like the flowers of the field. When I was getting ready to retire from the Marine Corps I was told that each of us makes the same impact in the long term as a finger stuck into a pail of water, as soon as you pull the finger out and the ripples die down it is as if you were never there. So is our existence here on earth, it is but a vapor, here for a little while and then in eternity. Accordingly, I would think that pleasing God is more important than pleasing man and to that end we must, must, must be students of His Word.

Reverend Jim

## *Prayer Requests from May Gathering*

Upcoming walks – FE91 & FE92	Three women and a child found	Church renovation
Angela	after a decade	Matthias Reunion Group
Marcy – health issues	Ones that did not accept	Randy
Children and grandchildren	salvation	Rev. Dean
Elizabeth	Ed’s cancer treatment	Tyler and Logan – typical
Closer relationship with God	Aunt in critical condition	teenage/young adult issues
Henry – in Afghanistan	Peggy – homebound	Betty Jo - knee
Faith in God to sustain the	Unspoken concerns	Beau and Melissa – family
faithful	Ami – mission trip	dysfunction
Julie – marriage issues	Dale’s heart procedure	Good News Club at the YMCA
Team and pilgrims of FE-90	Job interviews	in Northumberland County
Sid – decisions about his care	Gene	Ginny
Grace and Drew	Caleb – nephew – needs	Wedding preparation
Pride	employment	Chiari
Seth and Yin – salvation	Unsaved family members	Mike – stage 4 cancer
Audition	Debbie’s son	Charlie - coma
Travel mercies	Kim - employment	Eugene - surgery
Peace with buying house	Jamie – health and healing	Tim, Nikki, Dakota, Scarlett –
Gerri - testing	GT	solution and salvation
Melony – mission trip	Dwight	Deb’s brother and sister-in-law
Son who is trying it on his own	Codey – recovering from stroke	Jim - healing
Dan (husband) to walk	Freddy	Chris, Ed, Ron, Karen and Diana
Those in crisis – that they seek	Co-worker undecided about her	Loss of loved ones
God	professional life	Malformation and healing
Thomas	Seth, Benji and Jamie – God in	Nephews that lost their mother
Children’s moves	their lives	Work for those that need a job
Cathy, John, Mary, Wilfred,	Ferry Farm Baptist Church	Tony – health issues
Cleveland	Kathleen’s health	
God’s light to a world in need	Our country	

### *4th Day Testimony*

Mary Lee Hensel; worship at Lake of the Woods Church. I walked Fredericksburg Emmaus # 44, and sat at the table of Faithfulness.

Since I walked in 2001, God has used my willingness to serve in so many ways. Serving in my church in the youth department, serving on different committees as needed, as the leader for the Divorce Recovery Group held at my church for area churches that did not have a group for people going through divorce. In my community with different groups and projects.

In my professional life He led me to become the Director of the Homeless Shelter in my county, and to listen to His lead when the time came to close. Having God tell you something He called you to do is done, is one of the hardest things I have ever gone through, but God was very clear, and promised He was not finished even if that Shelter was. Following God’s direction in my life has become easier since my walk, even though those directions are so different then my mind could imagine. I feel honored to be led by God, but work hard to listen to his direction and not my own, so that I will continue to serve him to my fullest. De Colores

## Elected Community Officers: (Thru June 30, 2013)

Community Lay Director.....	Chris Campbell
Assistant Community Lay Director.....	Mary Lee Hensel
Community Spiritual Director .....	Jim Muhlenkamp
Debbie Bliss	Lisa Green
Doc Holladay	Chris Wells
Agape Coordinator .....	Tom Dempsey
Secretary.....	Ava Hanger
Treasurer .....	Carol Burke
Manuals Coordinator/Historian .....	Mike Remington
Spiritual Director.....	Gayle Porias
Spiritual Director.....	Nancy McDaniel

## Community Volunteers: (Sept 1, 2012 - Aug 31, 2013)

Communications Support Coordinator.....	Mary Lee Hensel
Website & Database Administrator .....	Chris Campbell
Newsletter .....	Brooke Ferguson
Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator.....	Teresa Smith
Fourth Day Support Coordinator .....	Richard Leeper
Fourth Day Advisory Committee.....	Art Blankenship Cam Noden
Fourth Day Follow-Up/Reunion Group Coordinator.....	Chris Wells
Upper Room Guidelines Implementation.....	Dawn Kendall
Pilgrim/Team Support Coordinator .....	Carol Burke
Team Selection Committee.....	Chris Campbell
Team Registrar .....	Dick Barnett
Pilgrim Registrars .....	Steve and Sandie Makely
Gathering Support Coordinator.....	Dawn Kendall
Childcare Coordinator .....	
Hospitality Coordinator .....	Kathleen Holladay
Music/Equipment Coordinator.....	Mitch Mitchell
Weekend Support Coordinator .....	Debbie Bliss
Community Servant Coordinator .....	Doc Holladay
Community Baker .....	Sandie Makely
Supplies/Transportation Coordinators.....	Chris & Karen Campbell
Prayer Vigil Coordinator .....	Lisa Green
Placemat Coordinator.....	Debbie Bliss
Snack Agape Coordinator .....	Lisa Green
Agape Bag Coordinator.....	Karen Campbell
Name Badge Coordinators.....	Gary Adkins Dianna Wells
Fourth Day Packets.....	Wilfred and Mary Usher

## Daily Internet Prayer Chain

We have Prayer Warriors praying daily for the needs and praises of the Emmaus Community. Our Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator is Teresa Smith, Fairview at River Club, FE-37, Table of Patience. Simply email Teresa at [fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com](mailto:fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com) with your prayer request and our Prayer Warriors will be in prayer for you! Urgent prayer requests will be handled as quickly as we receive them. If you would like to be a Daily Prayer Warrior, email our website administrator Chris Campbell at [chris@ewg.org](mailto:chris@ewg.org) and ask to be included as a Prayer Warrior.

## 4th Day Testimony Request

The 4th day committee wants your 4th day testimonies. They don't have to be long, just tell us what God's doing in your 4th day, or how teaming, sponsoring, being involved in a reunion group, or attending monthly gatherings has changed your life. We will review it and if accepted, include it in the newsletter on a monthly basis. So if you'd like to share with us how God has used your Emmaus experience in any of these areas, please email your testimony to Cam Noden at: [twonodens@juno.com](mailto:twonodens@juno.com) for review. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you!

## Monday

Ladies In Waiting  
Meets Every Other Monday  
In Falmouth  
POC: Vonda LiCalzi  
540-446-2682

Rainbow Group (Women)  
First Monday Of Month 10:00 Am  
Lake OfThe Woods  
Location Varies  
POC: Barbara Miller  
540-972-7418

## Tuesday

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 OfThe Woods  
Call For Location  
POC: Vic Larson  
540-972-1928

## 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

Reunion Bible Study 10:00 Am  
North Stafford Baptist  
POC Karen Campbell  
540-658-0468  
campbells\_6@yahoo.com

Uptown Bristersburg Believers  
2nd And 4th Thursdays 7:00 Pm  
Mt. Horeb UMC  
POC: Chris Wells  
540-788-3068  
cdwells50@gmail.com

## Wednesday

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

## Friday

Koinonia Group (Women) 9:00 Am  
Lake OfThe Woods  
Call For Location  
POC: Barbara Larson  
540-972-1928

## Sunday

Bethel UMC Men's Group  
7:30 Am  
Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va  
POC: Brian Lewis  
703-590-9343  
Bb3253@aol.com

*Are you interested in joining or  
starting a new*

**Reunion Group?**

Email Chris Wells at  
cdwells50@gmail.com