

JANUARY

2015

UPPER ROOM EMMAUS

of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

2ND SATURDAYS

GATHERINGS:

January 10th

Chancellor Christian

February 14th

TBA

March 14th

TBA

April 11th

Camp Happyland

SCHEDULE:

2:30 pm Board meeting

3:30 pm Fellowship

4:00 pm Gathering

Please bring snacks to share during fellowship time.

If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD Doc Holladay at doc.holladay@wildblue.net

FE-97 (M)
March 5-8, 2015
Shane Smith

FE-98 (W)
April 9-12, 2015
Lynda Swanlund

FE-99 (M)
Nov 5-8, 2015

FE-100 (W)
Nov 19-22, 2015

UPCOMING WALKS

AT CAMP HAPPYLAND

SHARE ABOUT YOUR 4TH DAY

What is God doing in your 4th day? How has He used your Emmaus experience to change your life? Please email your testimony to Mary Lee Hensel at mlhensel59@gmail.com to be included in this monthly newsletter.

GATHERING DIRECTIONS:

Chancellor Christian Church
11409 Brock Road
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

From Central Park in
Fredericksburg:

Take Route 3 West approx 12 miles. Make a left onto Brock Road. The church is about 1/2 mile down the road on the left.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please contact Doc Holladay at doc.holladay@wildblue.net if you are interested in helping the Emmaus community through any of the various volunteer positions listed for the period of Aug 2014 - Sept 2015.

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I hope everyone's Christmas experiences were as meaningful and joyous as ours were. I sincerely hope everybody's New Year will far surpass your own expectations. We all took a bit of a hiatus from Board meetings and Gatherings during the Holiday season but now it is time to start 2015 off right with a big Gathering this month. Because the December gathering was cancelled we will be meeting the ladies from FE-98 at the upcoming gathering so please make plans to be there.

If you haven't made a New Year resolution yet, I have a great one for you to try out. If you are not already doing so, (or maybe you have tended to let it slip in 2014),

then please consider doing the following:

Focus on your commitment to your accountability group. If you don't have one – either find one or start one.

Set yourself aside a distinct time and place to pray, talk, and listen to God on a daily basis. You cannot make a better investment of your time.

A little reminder that we will be conducting a Fourth Day training session on January 10 at Andrews Chapel UMC in Stafford, VA. Session will commence at 9:00 am and run to about 11:30 am. This training session is a must do for all new Saints – primarily in order to allow them the ability to be truly fully active in the Emmaus Community.

Our teams for the two upcoming walks are presently starting to form and it is never too soon to start the process of nominating Pilgrims, so look around your Church congregations for those who you think are ready to experience a walk with Christ in the Emmaus way and get those application sent in.

It is also not too early to start looking around at your fellow Saints and consider which of them you would feel comfortable nominating for a position on the Board of Directors, or maybe you would like a crack at it yourself. The elections are really not that far off and will be upon us before we know it.

R.F. 'DOC' Holladay

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year and having just finished, once again, welcoming the Christ child into our lives. I hope you all had a chance to gather with family and friends and truly enjoy the Christmas season!

As we move on into the New Year, we have to continue to walk the path of Discipleship and look for opportunities to grow and exercise our faith. Teaming is something I would ask all of you to consider, especially those who have never teamed or are new member of the community and have not yet had the chance to team.

The Emmaus experience doesn't end with a walk - that is just the beginning of the real journey. In Teaming and preparing to serve others on the Walk To Emmaus, you will find there are many more parts of the journey just waiting for you to discover and experience that will bless you in incredible and amazing ways.

If you haven't yet served on a team but have always thought that only "special" people can do that sort of thing, just remember that God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary. In the Christmas story we know so well, God used a poor couple in the backwoods of Galilee to change the history of the world and to come and live among us. Look at the stories of the Bible carefully and you will see,

time and again, the story of folks just like us who were willing to be used by God that did things we now consider incredible!

If you are thinking "I could never do the things the Team on my Walk did", think again. Each of us, the first time we teamed, discovered that God will give us what we need and when we need it most, to serve others in His name. Each of us who has given a talk on a weekend discovered that the words we found were given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We found that God will always provide.

Another important thing we can do in response to the gift each of us was given through our Emmaus walk is to pass that gift on to others. Each of us knows someone who would be blessed by a chance to be surrounded by the Grace and Love of God we found on our walks, so let's do something about it. Individually or in groups, let us make it our call to find those who could use our help to find the next step on their journey with Jesus.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28 calls us to make Disciples as a part of our Christian life, and we have been given a great tool to do that in the Walk To Emmaus.

May God use us all in new and exciting ways in 2015.

Chris Fair

REUNION GROUPS

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

Email Chris Wells at cdwells50@gmail.com

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

St. Matthias Reunion Group
1st Sunday of each month
12:15 - 1:30 pm
St. Matthias Social Hall
POC: Tammi Ellis

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

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

M 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 Of The Woods
Location Varies
POC: Barbara Miller
540-972-7418

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

Reunion Bible Study
10:00 Am
North Stafford Baptist
POC: Karen Campbell
540-658-0468
campbells_6@yahoo.com

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

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

**ELECTED OFFICERS:
(THRU JUNE 30, 2015)**

Community Lay Director:

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Debbie Bliss: dhbliss@cox.net

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Beth McBride: Bethmcb24@verizon.net

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OPEN

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Chris Wells: cdwells50@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS

To send a prayer request to our daily internet prayer chain, email

Debbie Bliss at dhbliss@cox.net or fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com

To become a Daily Prayer Warrior, email Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:
(SEPT 1, 2014 - AUG 31, 2015)**

Communications Support Coordinator:

Mary Lee Hensel

Website & Database Administrator:

Chris Campbell

Newsletter: Brooke Ferguson

Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Fourth Day Support Coordinator: Chris Wells

Fourth Day Advisory Committee:

Mary Lee Hensel & OPEN

Fourth Day Follow-Up/Reunion Group Coordinator:

Chris Wells

Team Selection Committee: Ed Hayner

Team Registrars: Chris & Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Registrar: Lynda Swanlund

Gathering Support Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Hospitality Coordinator: OPEN

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: OPEN

Placemat Coordinators:

Mary Lee Hensel & Diana Farrar

Snack Agape Coordinator: OPEN

Agape Bag Coordinator: Karen Campbell

Name Badge Coordinators:

Gary Adkins & Dianna Wells

Fourth Day Packets: Diana Farrar