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The Fishnet



From the Community Director

De Colores!

And welcome to our 51 newest Community members. I want to thank each of you for listening to God and trusting in His perfect timing for you. I think you now know why the Walk To Emmaus is something that couldn't be easily explained to you – it's something that you had to experience. And now it's time to complete your Walk! That's right, coming back to work and giving the next group of Pilgrims an idea of what God's love looks like. Go to our website (www.emmausci.org), print and fill out a Team Application, and send it in to one of the Lay Directors (on website under Current Board Member List). You'll soon find out what servant-leadership is all about as you work alongside faithful men and women that serve our Lord and Savior with generous and thankful hearts.

You also have an opportunity this time around to share the Emmaus experience with a friend, church member, or co-worker through sponsoring. There are some guidelines to follow and you'll find them in the Sponsorship Booklet you received in your 4th Day packet or you can check out our website. Either way, make sure to ask questions as they come up. One resource is your own Sponsor. And if it's a question that they're not sure about, you can always call or e-mail our Community Sponsorship Director, Carolyn DeVore (on website under Current Board Member List).

And speaking of Sponsorship, the deadline for approving Pilgrim applications for the upcoming Walk #39 is July 12th 2008. The date will come faster than you think (about 14 weeks from the time you read this message). I do anticipate that we will have another full capacity Walk, so get those applications in to our Registrar, Jeannette Woo, sooner rather than later!

On a more personal note, I'm sure I'm not alone in saying that the individual testimonies at the Closing of a Walk always touch me. Some strike a chord within me that resonate longer and stronger than I ever thought they would. "I matter to God" is one that is still bouncing around in my mind. That one statement is something that I have known at a certain level but had not sunk in at the personal level, until that day. Each and every one of us matter to God. He loves and watches over of us. He knows our heart and the wellness of our faith. He cares about YOU and me. He is ever faithful, always there, generous and loving. Spend some time with Him today.

In His love,

Dan Bojorquez, Community Director

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Sponsorship

Remember what a blessing your Walk was for you? Do you want to share that blessing with others? Now is the time to pray about who the Lord is leading you to sponsor for the next set of walks in August. Remember that married couples are both expected to attend the weekend. If you check in the packet you were given at closing, you will find a book on Sponsorship. It has valuable information to assist you in sponsoring.

Please remember that Emmaus is not a counseling service. It's not a place to "fix" a person. Emmaus is to build and equip church leaders. Also, when sponsoring, please be sure that the health problems and medication area on the application are filled out.

If you have any questions regarding sponsoring, please call or email me. I am available to assist you. My phone number is (805)658-3938.

My email is

crdvt@roadrunner.com

Carolyn DeVore
Sponsorship

From the Men's Walk #39 Lay Director

De Colores Emmaus Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that as I write this note, all is well with you and your loved ones. I am very excited to serve our Lord on Walk #39, and I understand, that through His leadership, amazing things will happen, and lives will be changed. The scripture for the men's walk is **Matthew 9: 37-38** "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers to his harvest field." The Walk to Emmaus has continually helped to grow servant leadership in the Church. As we have learned to understand the loving Grace of God during our Walks, we can not help but want to share it with those who may not. So, as this scripture challenges us to be one of God's "Workers" in His harvest field, I ask that during this time of preparation, that you will pray for a great outpouring of sponsorship for Pilgrims, and, also, for the hearts of the team that is currently being created to serve. I ask, as we pray, let us do this in a united show of strength....On our knees.

In His service,

Gene Holsclaw
Lay Director, Men's Walk #39
holsclaw@pacbell.net

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers to his harvest field

Matthew 9:37-38

From the Women's Walk #39 Lay Director



I am both humbled and excited to have been chosen by God and the Board of Directors as the Lay Director for Walk #39. I am humbled because I follow in the footsteps of wonderful, Godly women who have served as previous Lay Directors, and I am excited because I know that God has some wonderful things in store for Walk 39.

I remember as a little girl dreaming of my knight in shining armor riding up and whisking me away. I dreamt that he would always and forever look at me like Prince Charming looked at Cinderella, think I was perfect, love me even when I was not loveable, dote on me, hold me in the dark, dance with me, dry my tears, and make my life perfect. I am happy to tell you that my knight did arrive; His name is Jesus and He is all I dreamt of and more.

The Lord has chosen Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing" as the verse for the weekend, and has given me the words "You Are His Beloved" for the theme.

I have been in prayer for over five (5) months for the future Pilgrims of Walk 39. I believe there are many women who although they know the depth and goodness of the love of the Lord, they do not really **know** and have not **experienced** this love in their hearts; they are still waiting for their knight to arrive. I encourage you to ask God to reveal to you those women in your life who need to know that they are HIS beloved and . . . He loves them just the way they are. I then challenge you to talk to those women about the Walk to Emmaus and sponsor them as a Pilgrim.

I have also been praying for you, the team members who will be called to serve the Lord during Walk 39. I am asking you to ask God if He wants you to serve Him by being part of Walk 39's team. I believe that both the Pilgrims and team will come to know the depths of the love of the Lord in a new way during Walk 39.

If you have any questions, or if you would like me to pray specifically about your serving as team, please do not hesitate to contact me via email (CIEWalk39@gmail.com) or telephone (805-407-701).

I am looking forward to serving with you during the weekend of August 7th through August 10th.

Your Fellow Servant,

Diane White

From the Community Spiritual Director

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

We are now in the season after Easter, the Great 50 days, the time in the church year that leads to the Ascension and the day of Pentecost. It is a special time.

As we read scripture, we know these days were filled with various resurrection appearances of our Lord to the key disciples and other followers. When we look between the lines, we recognize this was a time that people were trying to get their heads around Jesus' resurrection – what it would mean to them personally and to the larger world. This was all new ground for them and it undoubtedly took some deep thought and long prayer to comprehend it. The inspiration of this time led to the pronouncement that Jesus was Lord and Savior, and to the birth of the Church as the on-going Body of Christ. What exciting, exciting days these were.

I pray that you will take some opportunities this season of Easter to further explore the meaning of the resurrection for you and see how it directs your energies into the life of the church. May God use this time to strengthen you in your faith and deepen your commitment to a life of discipleship through your congregation

Walt

Rev. Dr. Walt Dilg



New Email Address

As some of you know, we have had some problems with emailing the *Fishnet* to everyone (we get caught in spam filters or some people's accounts do not allow the PDF attachments. Michael Sorenson has been looking at the problem and has created a new email address:

channel.islands.emmaus.email@gmail.com

Michael will continue to send to the addresses he has now, but please send a message to this new Gmail address for what we hope will be a "new and improved" mailing list.

May 2008 Picnic!!!

De Colores! It's time for a Picnic! Please join us and the Channel Islands Chrysalis community on May 10, 2008 in Ventura. The picnic is always a lot of fun. It is a time for worship, games, food, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and your own meat to cook.

There will be a large BBQ grill for everyone to use. Paper goods and lemonade/punch will be provided. The park can get chilly in the afternoon when the wind picks up so you may want to bring a light jacket. For many of us, it is the only opportunity to see Emmaus/Chrysalis friends outside of team buildings. We hope to see you there.



When: Saturday, May 10th

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Camino Real Park, BBQ Area #1

Please bring:

Name tag/Baloney

BBQ Item

(Coals provided, cook your own)

Side Dish to share

Musical Instruments

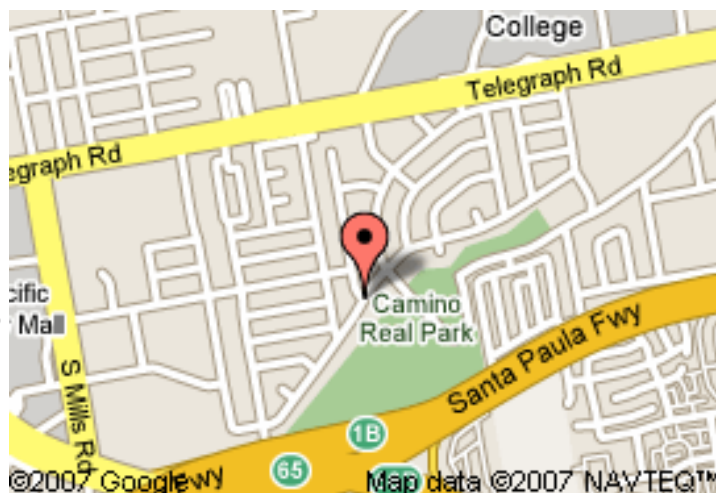
Outdoor Games to play

Friends and Family – all ages

Generous Smiles and Big Hearts

Directions

Follow Highway 101 to Ventura and take the Highway 126 exit. Follow 126 east and exit at Victoria – head towards the hills and turn Left at Telegraph. At the fourth traffic light turn left onto Estates Avenue and then right onto Varsity Street and follow that into the park. Go through the park around all baseball diamonds to the right, unload at the turnaround and park in the spaces provided.



If you have any questions, please call Bruce or Kathy Wade at (805)937-5190

Come ready to have a good time – we'll look forward to seeing you there!

Chrysalis News

Fly With Christ my Brothers and Sisters –

I cannot begin to share with you the multitude of blessings I have received as I have been privileged to serve for the last several years alongside the young adults in the Channel Islands Chrysalis community! It has been such an amazing gift from God to watch these young men and women become transformed children of our Lord and Savior. As we prepare for our upcoming flights there are several ways that you, our Emmaus family can uphold us – first and foremost is through prayer.

Please keep our butterflies, our support team, and our sponsors/parents in your prayers. Pray for and sponsor a young person that you know. You could sponsor your own son or daughter; a friend of your son or daughter; a young person you know through your church or your work; you could even sponsor the son or daughter of one of your friends. Please keep in mind that the age range of choice are young adults between 15 and 20.

Please attend the Candlelight Service and the Closing Service. These are events that impact our butterflies and team long after the service is over. Seeing the support and love from our community is something that is forever burned into the memories of everyone present for these events.

Our verse for the Girls Flight is John 16:33 – “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (NIV). Our youth of today have such overwhelming issues they must deal with on a daily basis – it is wonderful to know that our God has already overcome these issues and wants to give us his peace as we face the trials and troubles of the world. Come alongside us as we learn that with God’s help, we can overcome this world and become the people he has planned for us to be.

Fly with Christ –

Deanna Minnich
Lay Director – Girls Flight #22



DeColores my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God continues to work daily in powerful ways throughout our Emmaus community. It is great to see people’s lives strengthened because of the many blessings they have experienced as a pilgrim on their walk and as a servant when they return as a team member. This same powerful experience happens within the Chrysalis community as well. The Chrysalis Flights touch the lives of youth in many of the same ways that Emmaus does, except that the age group is in the 15 to 20 year old range. For many of the young people this environment is the first time they truly begin to understand what being a disciple of Christ is really all about. The mission of Chrysalis is to draw young people closer to Jesus Christ so that they might take their new found commitment back to their churches and youth groups. Chrysalis is a wonderful environment that inspires, challenges, and equips youth to be the hands and feet of Christ. I encourage all of you to consider sponsoring a special young person in your life to this weekend. If you should have any questions about the sponsoring process please feel free to contact myself or go to the Channel Islands Chrysalis website at www.cichrysalis.org

Currently, the teams are being formed for the Flight #22 weekends. If you feel the call of Christ on your heart to serve on this team please go to the Chrysalis website and sign up on-line. I appreciate your servant’s hearts and trust that God will, as always, change lives during this weekend experience.

For Eternity,

Kevin Ferguson
Lay Director Boy’s Flight #22

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.—James 5:16

New Prayer Chain

De Colores!

When the request for a new CIE Prayer Chain Coordinator was made, I felt called to serve the Community in this area for a couple of reasons. First, I have experienced firsthand the power and effectiveness of the righteous praying, and secondly, prayer is an important part of my Christian Walk. Approximately a month ago, I took over the responsibilities of the Prayer Chain.

In order to facilitate the receiving and sending of prayer requests, I have established the following email address, which is used solely for the CIE Prayer Chain: cieprayerchain@gmail.com.

I currently send over 80 persons each prayer request; therefore, if you have requested to be added to the list and have not received any prayer requests, your email account may be automatically placing email from cieprayerchain@gmail.com into your "spam" folder. If, after ensuring the emails are not being tagged as spam, you continue to not receive prayer requests, please email me again as I may have missed your first request.

For those of you who are not part of the Prayer Chain, I would like to invite you to be a part of this vital ministry. We are called, as a Community and Christians to hold each other up in prayer and to rejoice with each other before the Father. It is easy to become a part of this ministry, simple email me at cieprayerchain@gmail.com and ask to be included.

Your Sister in Christ,
Diane White



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