

April/May 2006

The Fishnet



From Our Community Director

Dear CIE Community,

We extend a loving hand of welcome to our new Walk # 34 Community members! What an awesome Walk God gave us; I know He will use the energy and joy of these new members to bless the entire Community, over 1700 of us! We also extend our deepest gratitude to UMC TO for their overwhelming hospitality to CIE;; may God continue to "bless the work of their hands" as they support God's many ministries!

Now, we are excited about upcoming Walk # 35. Excited about God choosing Kathy Wade and Ken Seeley to lead us and excited to be returning to the beautifully renovated Ventura UMC. We are "experimenting" with having this Walk in September, rather than the traditional August date, please let the Board know your opinions about it.

A friend once told me, "to find the right home in the right Community, remember these three words: location, location, location!" I am saying: to build a strong CIE Community, remember these three words: sponsor, sponsor, and sponsor! Sponsorship is the life of Emmaus. Prayerful and thoughtful sponsoring is the health of any Community! The CIE Board is so committed to this that we are rewriting the "Sponsor" info on our Emmausci.org website to be more helpful and concise, as well as creating a Sponsorship Booklet to be placed in all future "4th Day" packets. Please pray re: your sponsorship for Walk # 35. The deadline for accepting pilgrim applications for Walk # 35 is Aug. 12.

Kathy & Ken are currently building their teams. Please pray about joining us; all applications are available on our website.

I hope to see you at our May 20th CIE/ Chrysalis picnic. We will have a great time, as well as voting on new CIE Board members.

During these months between Walks, may you make some "sacred space" to "perpetually look in the face of God and then go forth"... (Chambers) W. Paul Jones reminds us of the paradoxical life we lead: in a world of competition, the Christian's declaration is that the winners will be losers and the losers winners, and at every point, the Christian exposes the emptiness of fullness for the sake of the gospel's fullness of emptiness. In a culture of self-realization, the Christian's call is to renounce self; in a world of noise, silence is preferred; in a world of consumption, the Christian insists on simplicity. May we embrace these priorities as we live out our 4th days.

DeColores,

Jeanne Catlett

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From the Walk 35 Lay Leaders

Hello, CIE community. I am writing to you as the selected lay leader for the next women's walk of our community. As, I was thinking about what to write, I realized that it is the Easter season and my thoughts turned toward Jesus and His resurrection. Then my mind traveled to the Ventura Church, where the next set of walks will be held in September. I was blessed recently to see the remodeling that has been going on at the Ventura Methodist church. It is beautiful! I know many of you have worked a few walks at Ventura and recently in T. O. But, God has graciously allowed us to again use the facility at Ventura First UMC after the remodel . . . basically we are returning after the resurrection and updating of the church. So, I would like to invite all you experienced, well qualified community to join the team to help the new community adapt to Ventura facility. Also, for purely selfish reasons I would like all my friends I have made during the years to come join me and the team to do God's work for a weekend of service for the Pilgrims. There are still plenty of team places available. So, tell your friends and send in those applications.

Oh, by-the-way the theme God has given me is: Fear Not For I am with YOU! Taken from Isaiah 41:10

In His Service,

Kathy Wade

Fear not for I am with you . - Isaiah 41:10

DE COLORES BROTHERS;

September 7th will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start praying and preparing our servant hearts.

I know summer is a very busy time for all of us. Remember what God said, BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. PSALM 46:10

Think back when you were a pilgrim, remember the blessings you received. Don't keep it all to yourself. Sponsor a friend and work the walk. If you have worked lots or if this is your first walk to work GOD will bless you.

Any questions call me at 805-522-1853 or e-mail me.

Your Brother in Christ,

Ken Seeley

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***Be still and know
that I am God.***

- Psalm 46:10

From the Community Spiritual Director

What motivates you to serve God?

Christians serve the Lord for many reasons. Some of a deep, deep, love that stems from His redeeming act of love and mercy on the cross of Calvary. Some out of a sense of obligation feeling this is the "Christian thing to do." Others out of being recognized and applauded for their good deeds. In the end it is only things you do for Christ that will last. It is when our motives are pure and our hearts are aligned properly that our works are truly acceptable to the Lord.

I am reminded of the widows' mite in Mark12:41-44. Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. Now a poor widow came and put in two mites worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling the disciples to him. Jesus said: " I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all others. They gave out of their wealth but she out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on."

We will give a full account on how we have used the gifts, talents and resources God has given us. I pray that you do a daily examination of your conscience and pray that the Holy Spirit reveal to you if you are truly "serving Him" or yourself. The verse that brings fear to my heart at times is Matthew 7:21-23; people will be reminding Him of how they did wonderful things during their life, supposedly for Him, and He will say: "... I never knew you, depart from me you evil doers." There will be preacher, teachers, rich, poor, old, young, black, white, strong, and weak, people whom Christ speaks these words to at judgment time.

Are you really serving God or simply doing a few good deeds hoping that this will be sufficient to enter into paradise. If you really know Christ then you will make every attempt to have your deeds be motivated by love that the Holy Spirit places in your heart. Christ gave His all to humanity; are you willing to do the same? I leave you with this verse, John 15:13. "'Greater love have no one than this, that he would lay down their life for their friends."

Blessings

Your Brother in Christ,
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Community Gathering News

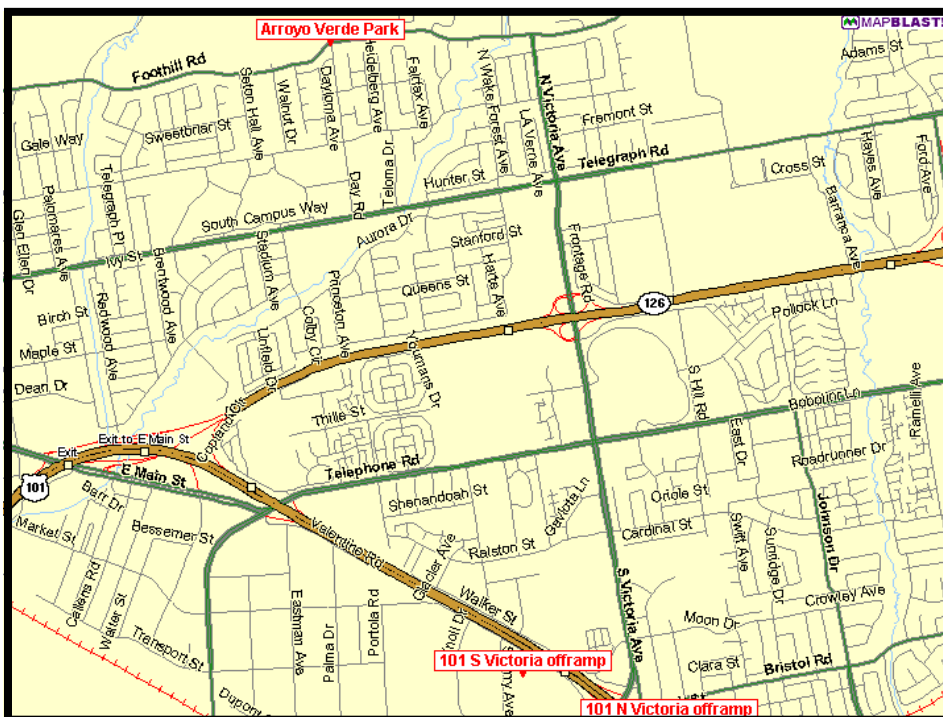
Picnic in May!!!

De Colores community! Please join us for a picnic with our Channel Islands Emmaus (CIE) community and Channel Islands Chrysalis community on May 20, 2006 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.

When: Saturday, May 20th
 Time: 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Where: Arroyo Verde Park, Ventura, CA
 (Redwood Glen BBQ Area)
 Bring: Nametag, meat for your family,
 dish to share

Arroyo Verde park is at the corner of Day Rd and Foothill Rd in Ventura. The Redwood Glen BBQ Area is at the very back of the park on the left side. The city of Ventura has a map showing how to get there and a map of the park available online at www.ci.ventura.ca.us/depts/pub_works/parks/index.asp. The map showing how to get there is under "City of Ventura Parks" and the park map is under "View Arroyo Verde Park Brochure". For many of us, it is the only opportunity to see Emmaus or Chrysalis friends outside of team buildings. We hope to see you there.

Questions??? Call Dan and Cathy Bojorquez at (805) 659-4313.



The next gathering events for 2006 are:

Sept 23 – Walk 35 Reunion

Nov 4 – CIE & Chrysalis communities potluck

Info on location and time will be posted in the future. Hope to see you all at these events!

Other Gathering News

If you are interested in hosting a local regional gathering, please contact us. We can help you get a current listing of community members in your area and provide supplies for the gathering (coffee pots, communion dishes), if needed. Also, let us know if we can post the gathering for the entire CIE community. Someone may want to go for a nice drive and spend an afternoon in fellowship with far off friends. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (805) 659-4313 or at dcbojorquez@sbcglobal.net.

Blessings,

Dan and Cathy Bojorquez

MEN'S WALK - September 7 to September 10
WOMEN'S WALK – September 14 to September 17

REUNION - September 23 from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm

TEAM BUILDING MEETINGS (8:00 am—4:00 pm)

JULY 29

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 26

ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT VENTURA UMC
MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT EMMAUSCI.ORG



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