

Community Events for Walk 42

All Events will take place at:
Ventura First United Methodist Church
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Men's Candlelight: Saturday, February 27, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
Men's Mañanitas: Sunday, February 28, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall
Men's Closing Sunday: February 28, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary
Women's Candlelight: Saturday, March 6, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary
Women's Mañanitas: Sunday, March 7, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall
Women's Closing: Sunday, March 7, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary
Walk 41 Reunion Saturday, March 20, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Channel Islands Emmaus Community

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From the Community Director:

De Colores! Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Walk #42 weekends are just around the corner and the time has come for team, sponsors, and members of Channel Islands Emmaus community at large to start zeroing in on the much needed prayers for all the pilgrims who will be attending these next set of Walks.

I am very encouraged by the spirit of servanthood that I have seen displayed by every team member at all of the team buildings. The pilgrims who are attending will definitely feel the agape love of Christ as they grow within this experience. And this growth will be taken back to the pilgrim's home churches where God will use them to do even mightier works for many years to come.

In closing, I want to thank those of you who support this ministry from afar. It was great seeing you all at the 20-year reunion back in October. Your prayers and financial support continue to be a true blessing to us.

Please continue to maintain the Spirit of God in your hearts and remember the words of the apostle Paul during this season of growth within our community: *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."*

Strength & Honor,
Kevin Ferguson
Community Director

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Sponsorship

The upcoming set of walks are upon us. The Men's Walk is 2/25 - 2/28 and Women's Walk is 3/4 - 3/7. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please remember there are responsibilities in sponsoring. Do take your pilgrim to dinner on the way to the walk, do make sure you have provided an air mattress and bedding (an extra blanket?), do bring the agape letters you have from family and friends, do stay for sponsors hour and pray over your pilgrims cross, do come to Candlelight on Saturday night, do plan on attending Closing on Sunday and taking your pilgrim home. It is also important that you bring your pilgrims to the reunion following the Walks on 3/20. These are important parts of showing God's agape love to your pilgrim. If any of you sponsors have questions, please let me know either by email or phone. I am available to assist you.

Blessings,
Carolyn DeVore

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Women's Walk #42 continued . . .

We welcome your prayers, encouragement, and support for both team members and pilgrims, and especially those of protection—there is evidence that the evil one is lurking and the battle is on. Please consider signing up for the Prayer Vigil—it is always such a blessing when the pilgrims find out community members, who they have never met, have been praying for them (contact Angela Zungri <zangri@roadrunner.com>). And, it is not too late to fly in as an angel; what a blessing this always is to see new hands and feet arriving with fresh energy and aglow with a spirit of love.

Come, worship with the Emmaus community at the Women's Candlelight service, Saturday, March 6th at 8:00 p.m. Lift your spirit in prayer over the pilgrim's candles then shine your light for all to see! For you early-bird ladies—bring a bouquet and join the flower shower Sunday morning, March 7th at 6:00 a.m. The fragrance of Jesus is already evident! And don't forget Closing, Sunday, March 7th at 2:30 p.m. We will be giving glory to God for what He has done in the past, for what He is doing day-by-day, and for what He has done in each of the Pilgrim's lives on Walk 42 as we hear what they're going to do about it as they go

Chrysalis Community Director. If you are looking for a community that is in dire need of adults to serve and be a part of the team, this is it. In fact if teens scare you, you don't have to work in the talk room. There is a lot of cooking to be done, bathrooms to clean, agape to organize, and honestly teens to love from afar just by being there. I will say this though, the teens on these flights are amazing kids who are looking for God in their own unique ways and isn't it better to get those teens on the track to God's love early rather than later?

De Colores, my brothers and sisters. www.chrysalis.org for all information about Chrysalis.

Andy Thompson
Men's Walk 42 Lay Director

back into their homes and churches and out into the community and world.
Your Sister-Servant,
Linda French, Lay Director

From Our Walk 42 Lay Directors

Yesterday was Valentine's Day, and as usual it was a joy to celebrate the one day separated from all the rest for love. In my time in this Community that is honestly the one constant truth, love. You hear it every closing, that the pilgrim never experienced love like that. I am looking forward to watching the upcoming weekend unfold for the pilgrims. Putting the team together was a challenge but I know that God put them there to touch each of these men in new and meaningful ways. In fact the Bible verse I was given, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love." (1 Cor. 16:13-14) is about love.

By the time you read this, the Men's Walk is either about to happen or over. It is my prayer that each man on the weekend was able to see God in each man's actions and in the faces of others. And through those actions of love and seeing God are moved to take that to their church or another ministry.

Chrysalis is one of those ministries that could use the people of Emmaus to strengthen and encourage teens through their love and ability to love unconditionally. As this season of Emmaus comes to a close, the next Chrysalis season is starting (weekends are Apr 15-18, 23-25). I know some of you are thinking, "I have no desire to work with teens, how can I connect with them?" The truth is this, by just being there and loving them as children of God you will connect with them. The teens are being showered with God's love in the same way you were on your walk. I am writing this as the current Emmaus Lay Director, but also the

Dear Faith Family:
God has brought an awesome team together to serve Him on Glory Walk 42. The journey of prayers, preparation, and planning has been amazing and God has blessed us with 16 pilgrims so far, with still more to receive February 13, 2010.

During our team building, God has placed each team member on the Potter's wheel so He can *center* us—a vessel is only as true and strong as its center." As we allow the Potter to *open* us, He is forming us in a wider capacity for service while keeping us moist with the Holy Spirit's water of life, which refreshes us and keeps us pliable and responsive to our Savior's touch. Some have already entered into the firing process to remove all impurities and we will then be glazed and fired again to mature and seal all the porous areas so we are strong and ready for our Master's use. I am honored to serve alongside such humble servants with a willingness to stretch and grow according to God's call.

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