

## Community Events for Walk 45

All Events will take place at:

First United Methodist Church of Ventura  
1338 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-8621

Men's Candlelight: Saturday, August 5, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

Men's Mañanitas: Sunday, August 6, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall

Men's Closing Sunday: August 6, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary

Women's Candlelight: Saturday, August 13, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary

Women's Mañanitas: Sunday, August 14, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall

Women's Closing: Sunday, August 14, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary

• • • Walk 45 Reunion Saturday, August 27, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

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### From the Community Director:

De Colores! Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*** James 1: 2-4

Life is a team sport, and all of us need occasional pats on the back from our teammates. As Christians, we are called upon to spread the Good News of Christ, and we are also called to spread a message of encouragement and hope to the world.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul writes, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (4:29 NIV). Paul reminds us that when we choose our words carefully, we can have a powerful impact on those around us.

Whether you realize it or not, many people with whom you come in contact every day are in desperate need of a smile or an encouraging word. The world can be a difficult place, and countless friends and family members may be troubled by the challenges of everyday life. Since we don't always know who needs our help, the best strategy is to encourage all the people who cross our paths. So today, be a world-class source of encouragement to everyone you meet. Never has the need been greater.

Blessings upon all of you as you serve on these next set of Walks. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, walk alongside you as you serve Him within this awesome ministry.

Strength & Honor,

Kevin Ferguson, Community Director

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## From Our Walk 45 Lay Directors

***For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. - Jeremiah 29:11***

De Colores my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Team building for Walk 45 on Saturday, July 23th, and we had a great turnout. What a great Community we have, we are so blessed! Our Emmaus community is like a very close-knit family, full of humble, hard working, compassionate and supportive people that *love* serving their God by serving others. We have been blessed so far with a mighty team of Godly men who will be serving the eleven pilgrims that God has provided:

<b>Darrell Brown</b>	<b>Roman Kirby</b>
<b>Richard Burke</b>	<b>Nik Lambert</b>
<b>Rob Cox</b>	<b>Steve Moss</b>
<b>Larry Dozier</b>	<b>Chris Murray</b>
<b>Raul Fletes</b>	<b>Mike Shade</b>
<b>Ed Henning</b>	

The Men's Walk is only 10 days away. We can always use more hands and feet so come have a great time as we show these Men all about Agape Love and

DeColores CIE Community,

Sometimes, clichés seem.....well, for lack of a better word....cliché. Yes, we've all heard words put together time and time again until they lose their true meaning. But slowly mull over these "clichés" with a fresh ear and have the words ring true: *WWJD (What Would Jesus Do), Our God is an Awesome God, Let Go-Let God, Have Faith, Praise Jesus, God is Good All the Time - All the Time God is Good, No Worries.* The list could go on and on. But you get my point. Now please go back and read them again slowly. Isn't it a shame just because we have heard these phrases so many times that we discount their strength and purpose? Remember back when you first realized what WWJD stood for? Didn't you think, "Wow, that is really catchy?" One of the beautiful aspects of the Walk to Emmaus is that even though the schedule of each Walk is like these phrases being said and done over and over, Walk after Walk, the beauty and the vibrancy is that every Walk is so totally different and SUCH a blessing to those who are experiencing it.

As the Women's Walk #45 week-end quickly approaches, God has put His Team all in place exactly where He wants each individual to

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## From the Community Spiritual Director:

### What Do We Do with Grace?

Even though we use it frequently, *Grace* is a word whose meaning and impact on our lives is often taken for granted or even missed. On the Emmaus walk we hear a lot about the grace of God. We hear about its work in our lives before we even realize it. We hear about its significant role in our salvation. And we hear about how it calls us to be growing into the very likeness of Jesus.

The Bible tells us that grace is a gift - a free gift - that we cannot earn. Don't you love the way the Message, by Peterson, puts it:

Immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah. Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! (Ephesians 2:4-8)

OUR questions become – "What are we doing with this wonderful gift that God has given to us?" and "What impact does God's grace have on our lives?" Too often, if we are not careful, after we experience the wonderful grace of God, we then stop there. We celebrate the gift God has given to us, but we never allow it to have the full effect on our lives. We never allow it fully to become the driving force in our lives - growing us and changing us into the very image of Jesus daily. The Emmaus Walk is a wonderful experience of the richness and the fullness of God's grace, but it is more. It is that which calls us to experience and live out God's grace in all of our 4<sup>th</sup> Days. Let us not miss the gift but rather let us live it out!

DeColores, Lew Fry

Ken Seeley	Alice Adams	Alice Duckett	Tom Hower	Michele Perry
Joe Simonson	Addison	Kayte Evans	Liz Hoskinson	Midge Seeley
Tom Skinner	Barbie Aston	Jenny Fletes	Beth Huebert	Mary Selman
Mike Smith	JoAnn Babcock	Linda French	Janice Jennett	Elizabeth
Patrick St. Clair	Oleta Bennett	Lew Fry	Connie Jones	Schoettger
Dan St. Pierre	Mary Berg	Cheryl Giddings	Gina Junge	Kelli Silver
Mark Swink	Merylee Blair	Danielle	Michele Kreig	Debbie Smith
Bruce Taylor	Cathy Bojorquez	Giddings	Marian Lydick	Liz Smith
Andy Thompson	Mimi Burns	Paige Goulart	Barbara	Linda St. Clair
Ben Urias	Jan Burrus	Linda Graul	Mayberry	Ernestine
David Vernon	Ruthie Burrus	Linda Hamilton	Jean McMullen	Stansbery
Bruce Wade	Heidi Carpentier	Lynne Hartley	Judy	Ginny Thomas
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Warren You	Carolyn DeVore	Fil Hower	Jane Perez	Sandi Wilson
	Peggy Donavon			

## Sponsorship

Walk #45 is rapidly approaching: the Men's Walk on August 4-7 and the Women's Walk on August 11-14. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim remember that there are several key responsibilities that you have taken on.

1. Collect Agape letters from family and friends and bring them with you on Thursday night.
2. Take your pilgrim to dinner prior to bringing them to the Walk.
3. Make sure your pilgrim has an air mattress and adequate bedding.
4. Stay for Sponsors' Hour beginning at 8:00 PM sharp in the Sanctuary.
5. Come to Candlelight on Saturday evening.
6. Come to Closing on Sunday prepared to deliver your pilgrim home.

Consider taking your pilgrim to dinner following closing. Remember that all of these actions are important ways of showing God's agape love to your pilgrim. Bring your pilgrim to the Reunion on August 27. Last but not least, remember that your relationship with your pilgrim involves a long term commitment on your part. You are their first friend in their Fourth Day.

Please don't hesitate to call (805 504 1378) or email

([bsteve@zontar.com](mailto:bsteve@zontar.com)) me anytime with questions about sponsorship.

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Blasingame

**The Reunion for Walk #45 will be on August 27** in Trotter Hall at the Ventura First United Methodist Church. The Reunion **begins at 1:00 p.m.** and will be over by 4:00 p.m. If you are feeling especially energetic, come at 12:45 and stay until 4:15 and help with the set-up or breakdown of the facility. Please bring a heart full of joy and your voice to raise in song and praise to our mighty, loving Father as well as a snack to share and your baloney (nametag.) If you have any questions about the reunion, please call me or your sponsor. I can be reached by phone at the numbers listed below, or by email at

[bwade@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:bwade@hancockcollege.edu).

I look forward to seeing you there!

Bruce Wade  
Gathering Coordinator  
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Jim Anglin  
Steve Blasingame  
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Stan Brown  
David Burgess  
Ken DeVore  
Joe DiDamo

Tom Egan  
Eli Faagogo  
Kevin Ferguson  
Kent Fromer  
Lew Fry  
Paul Giddings  
Mark Gupton  
Cavalain Hawkins  
Dale Holland  
Dennis Hooker  
Hugh Hopkins

### Please Pray for the Team Members ...

Tom Hower  
Dean Huebert  
Wayne Huggins  
Steve Koep  
Paul Krieg  
Charles Laing  
Steve Langberg  
Patrick LeClair  
Damian Lindo  
Richard Lolley  
Glenn Lowes  
Marty Martin  
Mark Murphy  
Rob Nowakowski  
Randy Perez  
David Pierce  
Kris Pohlman  
David Prieto  
Steve Rainer  
Jorge Quintanilla  
Simon Rodriguez  
Josh Romanelli  
Walter Romero

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be. What a beautiful group of servants HE has put together. It is truly amazing to see HIS hand in EVERYTHING.

The three Team Building meetings have drawn us all together as one cohesive Body to serve the Pilgrims under God's guidance. Final preparations are being handled and we as the Emmaus Community anxiously await the exciting moments when Sponsors pick up their Pilgrims, and again when the Pilgrims step out of the cars to be escorted to begin their Walk to Emmaus.

There is always room for Angels. If you have been unable to attend the Team Buildings or have not made a commitment to be on Team, it is NOT too late! We would love to have you join us as at any point in the weekend that your schedule allows. As a Community at large, I invite you to join us at Candlelight and/or Closing. If you are not able to attend, I would encourage you to drop a note of Agape to the Pilgrims and to take a few moments to lift the Pilgrims and the Team of both the Men and Women Walks in prayer.

Serving Him,

Cheryl Giddings

Women's Lay Director, Walk #45

***Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. – Matthew 11:28***

receive God's blessing as we share our humble spirit and servants heart.

Please pray for the team and the pilgrims that we will all remain healthy for the walk, and the pilgrims will experience God's Love and Grace in a very powerful way.

I look forward to working alongside all of you.

In his service,

Charles Laing  
Lay Director, Men's Walk #45  
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Pilgrims:

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