

4th Day Groupings List

As our community grows, so does the need for active and vibrant 4th Day Groupings. Please help to keep our 4th Day Group list current by contacting Jan Newton (inloveforpoparts@yahoo.com or 818-335-1387) to register your group, day, time, and location of meeting. This information will be used in the new pilgrim 4th Day binders, so thank you in advance for helping to keep the information current!



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From the Community Director:

De Colores! Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

Welcome to our new community members. A new season of life has begun for all of you who completed your Emmaus experience on Walk #40. I can guarantee that exciting things await you in the service of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you heard during your weekend, it was not by chance that you were there. Your life is part of God's greater plan and the Spirit you felt, the songs you sang, even the wonderful food you tasted were all a part of Him showing His great abundance of love and care for you. The Emmaus experience is definitely one that changes lives and I'm excited to see how God will change yours.

The Scriptures explain that for us to be truly useful to God we must allow His Spirit to overwhelm our lives with His truth and purpose. It also says that God gives the Spirit without limit. These promises alone should encourage us to allow Him to become greater within our lives while humbling ourselves by becoming less under His mighty hand of love. I continue to pray for His guidance within your lives and for a renewed spirit of commitment to the ministries that you're involved in now, or ones you will be connected to in the future.

Our next Walk to Emmaus is already in the planning stages and the Lay Directors for Walk #41 are listening to God for guidance in regards to who shall serve in the many positions required for the weekend. I ask you all now to prayerfully consider serving on the Walk yourselves. It is a wonderful honor to come back and be filled once again with God's immeasurable hope and kindness as you serve the next pilgrims by extending true agape love to them. There is nothing on this side of heaven like being the Lord's hands and feet in service.

I would also ask you one more thing. Please consider someone that you know who might benefit from an experi-

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From Our Walk 4 1 Lay Directors

De Colores brothers!

I have been asked to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #41 and have accepted the call with mixed feelings of joy, excitement, and yes, even some worry! The verse that I have been given is Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*”

Joshua, upon the death of Moses had been commanded by God to lead the people into the land of Canaan, divide the land among them, and set up laws by which they would be governed. This was quite an undertaking, and one that would not be possible without the help and guidance of God. We too, in our daily lives have challenges and struggles to face and without the love and guidance of our Father in Heaven, one that might threaten to overwhelm us. As people of God we have been commanded, called, and commissioned to do the work of God and if we take the words of Joshua to heart, we know that we can joyfully bear the duty and be bold in our commission of that duty.

Men, I would invite you to join with me on this journey. Prepare yourselves to be God's servants and to be used by Him to make this Walk to Emmaus experience one which will change the lives of the pilgrims (and us) and to encourage them on their ways. I would invite you to remember back to your time as a pilgrim, and to relive some of the joys that God brought you during that experience and those that have occurred since then. Please prayerfully consider

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“For such a time as this,” I am humbled that God would choose me to serve in such a way on this, His walk. The scripture God has placed on my heart for the Women of Emmaus Walk 4 1 is Romans 8:37 in the NKJV: “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

Ladies, God wants each of us to know how much more than conquerors we are and how, as his beautiful daughters, we are to use our weapons of faith as Christian warriors to come alongside each other, to encourage, motivate, equip, and speak our strength into another's weakness. Yes, ladies, we are His warriors; and as His beautiful warriors, our first response should be to worship and praise God for all He is going to do on this walk. I ask that we all join together in prayer to seek His presence, to prepare the hearts of the pilgrims whom He will call, and prepare our hearts as we seek how He wants each of us to serve Him on this walk. The opportunities to serve God on this walk are endless. He may be calling you to serve on team, to sponsor, participate in the 72-hour prayer vigil, or to angel. No matter what our task, God will be glorified!

It is an honor and a blessing to be able to serve alongside each one of you. I am excited to see how God will develop the team and draw each one of us into a closer relationship with Him as we journey together as His hands and feet on Emmaus Walk 4 1.

De Colores,
Michele Krieg

Fishnet Deliveries

As Dan Bojorquez mentioned in his last article, the Board has been well aware that many people have not been receiving this newsletter. Richard Lolley has graciously accepted the new position of Communication Coordinator, with his first assignment of reviving our email system and making it possible for more people to receive *The Fishnet* via email. As our community has grown, many of you switched from receiving the newsletter in the regular mail, to getting it in your email. This saved time, money, and trees – all very good things. However, with an email list of nearly 500, we were beginning to look like spammers and too many systems were filtering us out. In the meantime, we lost track of your street addresses and now many of our community are not getting *Fishnets*.

So check emmausci.org for updates if you don't receive an email. If you know of someone who would like a paper issue, but isn't getting one, please email your editor, Renata Hundley at:

Chrysalis News

Come and get involved with our teens!

You'll feel 10 years younger!

De Colores Emmaus Community!

The preparations are already under way for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights # 24. The girl's flight Lay Director is Sally Thompson and the boy's flight Lay Director is Patrick Leclair. The first team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, March 21, the second team building is at United Methodist Church of Simi Valley on Saturday, April 4, and the third team building is at United Methodist Church of Simi Valley on Saturday, April 18. The girl's flight is April 23-April 26 and the boy's flight follows on April 30 through May 3. There are many ways in which to participate in this exciting and vital ministry. You may work as part of the flight team, sponsor a teenager, or support with forms of Agape for the candidates and team. The sponsorship deadline for these flights is Wednesday, April 8. For more information and online team and sponsorship guidelines and applications, see our website at chrysalis.org. You can also join us at Candlelight on the Saturday nights and also at closing on the Sunday afternoons of the flights. Please include Sally and Patrick, along with the entire Chrysalis Community in your prayers as the teams come together to bring the love of Christ to our teens.

Fly with Christ!

Paul Krieg
Channel Islands Chrysalis
Community Director

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It's Annual Picnic Time!

De Colores community!

It is almost time for our spring gathering and I would like to invite and encourage each of you to attend. This is a good time to re-connect with our Emmaus friends and to strengthen friendships with our new friends in the community. Our picnic will be held in Ventura at the Arroyo Verde park which for those of you who have been there before, know is a beautiful location. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. and we should wrap up around 4:00. Please bring a friend, your pilgrim guide, and dish to share and some kind of meat to grill. The community will provide the charcoal, paper goods, and lemonade or punch. As the park can get chilly in the afternoon, you may want to bring a light jacket.

When May 16, 2009

Where: Arroyo Verde Park (Ventura)

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

What to bring:

BBO item (Coats provided, cook your own)

Side dish to share

Name tag (aka baloney)

Friends and family (all ages!)

\$5.00 (parking fee)

Directions: Follow highway 101 to Ventura and get off at the highway 126 exit. Take highway 126 east to the Victoria Avenue exit and head north toward the foothills. Make a left turn onto Foothill road and head west about 7 tenths of a mile to the park entrance. Turn right into the park (Day Road is on the left) and go through the park until you see all of our happy faces!

If you have any questions, please call me at (805)345-6673 or email me at wadebrucea@aol.com. Thank you and I'll look forward to seeing you all there!

From Our Community Spiritual Director

De Colores to the Emmaus Community!

My name is Lew Fry and I am a recent addition to the Emmaus Board as Board Clergy, and even more recently appointed as Community Spiritual Director. I am blessed to have been chosen to fill this position, and am excited about the potential that exists in the Emmaus Community.

I made my initial weekend in our community on Walk #27 in 2002. After a few quiet years of "minding my own business," I was invited to participate in several walks as an Assistant Spiritual Director. I served as the Weekend Spiritual Director for the Women's Walk just completed, and have now been asked to serve (for a year) as the Community Spiritual Director.

I am the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Simi Valley, where I was appointed in July, 2001. I was ordained in 1966. Mary and I have been happily married since June, 1965. We have two grown children, Bob and Jenny, and one grandson, Charles. (We also have one spoiled cat hanging around!)

One of my goals is to maintain the integrity of the Channel Islands walks. In order to do so, we must remain consistent in this regard in all weekends. This is of utmost importance. One aspect of the Weekend Covenant is confidentiality. Although we are excited about all that we know and heard about how God powerfully worked in a Walk Weekend, let's all strive together to ensure that none of us is personally responsible for breaking the confidentiality of any weekend in which we are involved. Confidentiality is so very important to the continued success of these weekend retreats. People need to be continually reassured that the talk room, table, chapels, and dying moments are places where they can share their burdens and receive healing from the Holy Spirit. Breaches in confidentiality will eventually cause a decline in weekend attendance and a stigma will be attached to "The Walk To Emmaus". So let's all remember: what happens on the weekends stays on the weekends.

Another of my goals for the Walks is to increase the theological "wiggle room" of the weekend. One of the strengths of our Community is the wide diversity of theological postures of folks who come together for the common purpose of enabling a weekend in which God's Love can pour forth and touch lives, changing and empowering them. The weekend is NOT a place to attempt to impose one particular theological position on the pilgrims, but to give them permission and a safe environment in which to explore their own relationship with our loving and saving Christ. The walk is about celebrating the things that unite us, and not to point up any differences. I pray that we will all be sensitive to the spiritual fragility sometimes present in our pilgrims, and not allow our theological differences to "muddy the waters" on their Walk.

Praise God for His blessings on the Walk to Emmaus! I look forward to serving in this new capacity.

Pastor Lew Fry

From the Community Director cont'd

ence like the Walk to Emmaus. Whose name has God placed on your heart to share it with? As you know now, it is a gift of love. And not just a one-time gift, but a gift that will continue to give generation after generation through the strengthening of marriages, families, and individual lives. So take the time to share your experience and ask if they're ready for a closer walk with Jesus Christ. God will use your faith to truly change the world; one life at a time.

If you have not yet filled out a team application, please prayerfully consider adjusting your schedule to join Christ and others for this God-given opportunity to serve. I bid you peace, health, and a power that only He can provide. May God bless you and yours richly.

Strength & Honor,

Kevin Ferguson, Community Director



Thoughts From Our Board Members

Message from the Board Treasurer

We have just completed Walk 40 and this time we had 41 Pilgrims who drew near to God as He used us as vessels to pour out His love. I admit that I keep coming back for a "booster shot" of God's love and grace! What a privilege to see God working in action. And, I love having a front row seat!

Building leaders is what the Walk is all about and serving on the Board has certainly stretched me in this area. As I've taken over the Church Council Chair position at my church I find myself also the one in charge of moving a new Discipleship Pathway along while developing ways to minister to folks at each stage of their faith, bringing new ones into the Body, helping develop covenant small groups, and opening doors of service—without this leadership training I would not be able or confident to take on such a role. But, God is in charge—not me!

Reunion attendees had the opportunity to donate to future Walks and I would like to give each of you the same opportunity. What better investment than to give to the Channel Islands Emmaus Community so that future Pilgrims can experience the 'awe' of a weekend designed to cradle them in the arms of Jesus for 72 hours. My term as Board Treasurer is up

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Serving On the Board

It has been an honor & a blessing to serve on the C. I. E. Board. It has also been a wonderful experience which I will always cherish. I would encourage anyone who has an interest to serve the Lord to check into serving on the Board. I thank everyone who I served with me for their love & support and their dedication to their position.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dave Pierce

Sponsorship

Walk #40 is over and now we are looking forward to Walk #41 to be held in August. This is the time to start praying about serving on the team for Walk # 41 and about sponsoring someone for this walk. Remember how you were blessed on your weekend? Would you like family or friends to experience the same blessing? Check the notebook or envelope you received as you left your walk and you will find a booklet on Sponsoring. Read the booklet, pray and see if God puts someone on your heart.

As Sponsorship Chairman, I am available to help you. Please feel free to call or email me at (805)658-3938 or ctdvt@roadrunner.com

DeColores,

Carolyn DeVore

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and I'm handing off the duties to the very capable hands of our brother-in-Christ, Charles Laing. I feel blessed to have been able to serve as your treasurer and as I said at the Reunion—your donations are truly a 'treasure'—handled with care and stored for God's future work.

Future donations should be mailed to:

Charles Laing

CIE Board Treasurer

4212 Park Lido

Calabasas, CA 91302

Joyfully in His Service,

Linda French

Men's Walk #41 continued . . .

working this walk and sponsoring those that God may put on your heart.

If you have any questions, please call me so that we can talk.

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