

Save the Dates for Walk 43

All events to take place at Ventura United Methodist Church

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June 26, 2010

Emmaus Team building #1

July 29-August 1, 2010

Emmaus Men's Flight #43

July 10, 2010

Emmaus Team building #2

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Emmaus Women's Flight #43

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Emmaus Team Building #3

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Emmaus Reunion Walk #43

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From the Community Director:

De Colores! Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!" Lamentations 3:22-23

Welcome to our new community members. A new season of life has begun for all of you who completed your Emmaus experience on Walk #42. I can guarantee that exciting things await you in the service of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that God's mercies are new every morning. This unchanging, always faithful, unceasingly steady God provides new mercies every morning. Why? Because He created us. He wrote the owner's manual. He knows we get bored. He knows we get distracted. He knows we get set in our ways.

But, because of this new experience that you have all completed, you can now bring a renewed heart of service to the Lord in your homes, workplaces, and churches. My prayer is that throughout your Fourth Days God will equip you and set you on a path of going places you haven't been and doing things no one else has done before.

Our next Walk to Emmaus is already in the planning stages and the Lay Directors for Walk #43 are listening to God for guidance in regards to whom 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.

I would also ask you to please consider an individual or couple that you know who might benefit from an experience like the Walk to Emmaus. Whose name has God placed on

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From Our Walk 42 Lay Directors

No other words can describe what it's like to come off a weekend, other than to say it's a true blessing. God clearly brought these men together for a reason. I believe it is said at closing that this team will never work together again. It was a perfect recipe of personalities in positions that affected the pilgrims in the way it did. As many Ex-LD's can attest, putting the team together can at times be exhausting but at the same time a blessing to see how men are able to step up into leadership and say, "Yes!" to the calling. My prayer is for the health of this community to continue to grow and flourish in ways unimaginable. I know that through being involved in this community I have seen myself and friends grow in their leadership and bring that to their church. That's the real goal of this community: to grow leaders and allow the churches to benefit from the blessing of confidence and ability to lead other men and women of the church by allowing God to work through them in Christian love. Men and women, don't forget to stay focused as you've been taught through the talks; to stay involved in small groups, to study the Word, and to stay in constant contact with our Lord. It's so easy to get distracted by the outside world and

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Dear Emmaus Community:

The Potter's hand touched each of the team while they served our Lord on Glory Walk 42. As we were put on the Potter's wheel, He molded and shaped us according to His will, watering the clay with His Holy Spirit and stretching us in new directions. He lovingly made us into the vessels of honor we so desired to be, so we could pour out His love and grace on the Pilgrims.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

Having our box lunch at Serra Cross Thursday noon, taking in the ocean view, and circling up

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Sponsorship

Welcome new Pilgrims to this Christian community. The walks were truly a blessing from God. Many of you are still on a "high." Many of you want to share this blessing with friends. Great! However, I encourage you to pray about whom you might want to sponsor. The obligation of being a sponsor is not to be taken lightly. Check your "Fourth Day Packet" and read the enclosed booklet on Sponsorship, and talk to your sponsor.

The Walk to Emmaus is a Christian renewal weekend intended to build church leaders who will further the Kingdom of God. It is not for people who are looking for another high, a quick fix, or a counseling service. One should never sponsor without carefully praying and listening to the Lord. He will direct you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. I'm here to assist you.

DeColores,

Carolyn DeVore
Sponsorship Chair

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an amazing family!

And most of all, seeing the Pilgrims bond, open up, and express the talks they heard. Then hearing testimonies from 19 beautiful women who met the Potter on the Glory Walk, each in a different place, each in a different way, but all changed by His presence!

I thank you, Emmaus Community, for raising me up to lead Walk 42. I will never forget all the sweet moments God offered throughout the weekend!

Your Sister-Servant,

Linda (Willow)

Gatherings

Hello to all and a special welcome to the new community members from the Channel Islands Emmaus Community's Walk #42! It is such a blessing to have you with us and I look forward to a long and fruitful relationship in this community. We have several upcoming events to look forward to and I invite each of you to put them on your calendars. Community participation in these events is vital to the overall well-being of a strong, vibrant community such as we continue to strive to be.

First of all, we have the CIE Walk #42 reunion scheduled for March 20, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church of Ventura (the same place the walks were held.) The reunion gives each of us an opportunity to get to know one another, and gives the new community members a chance to learn more about the Channel Islands Emmaus Community and what we are about. Please bring your nametag (baloney) and some finger foods to share and we'll celebrate with God! The reunion will start at 1:00 p.m.

and run until 3:45 p.m. or thereabouts. I look forward to seeing each of you there!

Another date to set aside is **May 8, 2010**. We will gather together at Lemon Park in Simi Valley for a BBQ and chance to again, celebrate God's love and the new friends that He has brought into each of our lives. Please plan on joining together with us for a time of food, fellowship, and fun! We will furnish the drinks, charcoal, plates, napkins, etc. I invite you to bring your baloney (nametag,) and potluck dish to share and meat to throw on the grill. The time is still a bit up in the air, though I would expect that we'll start at either 12:00 or 1:00 p.m. and go for two or three hours after that. I'll be sure to let you know the exact starting time, and the location at the reunion in March.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 937-5190 or at bwade@hancockcollege.edu.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you as we gather together in community fellowship this spring!

Bruce Wade
Gathering Coordinator

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to pray around the foot of the cross.

Worshipping with our whole beings. The music was awesome as Heidi and the music team rocked the talk room and Polly led us using sign language – what a blessing it was to sing praises and give God the glory all weekend!

Serving the Pilgrims at foot washing, with agape, with scrumptious food, and in so many other ways.

Serenading the Pilgrims each night and waking them with flowers on Sunday!

Walking into Trotter Hall for Saturday night's dinner. It was breath-taking as Jimmy and Heidi played the piano, Barbara played the violin and harp, Sandi and Barbara sang, and Jenny danced to the glory of God, while Renata showed graphics on the wall that touched our hearts, and the delightful cooks served a wonderful meal in the "Potter's House Restaurant."

Taking in the Emmaus Community's love at Candlelight and Closing – you are

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track.

In closing I want to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to Lead Walk #42 but more importantly, I am asking the Lord to put people in my life to help me take that experience and be able to bless others with His love.

De Colores.,

Andy Thompson

Community Director - continued

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 please take the time to share your experience and ask if they're ready for a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

If you have not filled out a team application yet, 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