



Walk Way

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A Message from the Community Lay Director

Spring is such a glorious time of the year, a time of **renewal and of new beginnings**. This is quite evident in nature, trees are starting to bud, and flowers and even weeds are **beginning** to sprout from the earth. The dormant time of winter is coming to an end.



There are times when we as Christians go through a dormant period, and we need to be **renewed**. In 2 Corinthians 4:16 we read, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being **renewed** day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our

eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." What wonderful words from Paul. The resurrection power of Christ allows a **new beginning** for us each day!

Our Spring Walks are about to **begin**...another opportunity for **renewal** for the pilgrims as well as members of both teams and community. Please bathe this time in prayer. As the Prayer Vigil is passed throughout the Sanctuary at the next Gathering, take a moment to fill one of the time slots. And prayerfully consider being a part of a Walk Weekend. Consider sending agape, attending a special event, or volunteering for kitchen duty; yes, there can even be **renewal** in the dishwasher!

Yes, this is truly a time of **renewal and new beginnings**, many of the special events on the Walk Weekends will be held in the new Worship Center, another new **beginning!** Thanks to all who have gifted their time and talents to make this possible!



In closing, I am again going to quote Paul, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind, Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Blessings to all,
Pat
CLD



Greetings one and all!

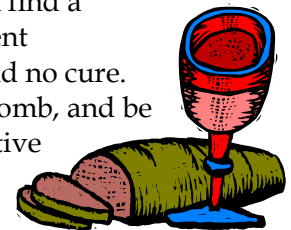
It's that wonderful time again when you get to read one of my inspiring thoughts and clean great understanding for all my wisdom. WOW! What humility.

Today I want us to think about one of the center pieces of our fellowship. The blessed Communion Table. With that in mind I want to share a story, 'Have you ever been so sick that you thought you'd have to get better to die? Bruce Cummins of Bullhead City, Arizona, had just the opposite problem; he had to die in order to get better.

When Bruce checked into the hospital complaining of a severe headache, the doctors discovered a cherry-sized aneurism bulging near the base of his brain. An aneurism is sort of a bubble in an artery. Eventually, that bubble ruptures. In Bruce's case, because the circulatory time bomb was so large and close to the think tank, its grenade-like effect would have meant instant dead!

After consultation, the doctors opted for a radical procedure; they killed the patient - temporarily, of course. They chilled his body temperature from its normal 98.6 degrees to about 62, stopping heart and brain activity. For ten minutes or so, Bruce Cummins lay legally dead on an operating table. The aneurism was snipped off, doctors jump-started his heart, and Cummins was brought back to life - and health. (Doug Jackson)

I think as we approach the Lord's Table, or Holy Communion, we can find a definite parallel in the story. You and I have a sin problem of which the evident headaches are only symptoms. The aspirin of religion provides little relief and no cure. We have only one live option - to cease our struggles, lie beside Jesus in the tomb, and be declared dead. Only when we lie passive does the blood of Christ become active and raise us to eternal life. The symptoms of sin may linger for a while, but the source has been removed.



Praise the Lord!!!!
Pastor Charles Peterson
Spiritual Director



Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice. Death on the cross was to me a rude interruption of the wonderful ministry of a great teacher. Jesus chose to take the punishment for our sins because he knew that there was no other way for us to approach a Holy God. The fact was that Jesus knew what awaited Him at the cross makes His journey to earth even more amazing. Christ's terrible death on the cross reveals the depth of our sins-it was a punishment that we deserved. It also demonstrates God's overwhelming love for us; our sin drove in the nails, but His love for us kept Him on the cross. If there had been any other way for us to be forgiven, Jesus surely would have found it. But Jesus was willing to suffer this agonizing death for our salvation.

I am ever so thankful and grateful that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and arose again the 3rd day. He did this for me and for you so that we may have eternal life everlasting!! May you have a joyous Easter.



Fly With Christ,
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
James Armentrout



PILGRIMS

The Pilgrim selection committee met and phone calls have been made...
Here are the Pilgrims for ES #70 and ES #71:



ES #70

“ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY”

Chris Bowden	Zach Freistat	Richard Payne
Jack Byrd	James Hall	Rob Savage, Jr.
Lee Charnock	Scott Harding	Earl Spady
Vince Conroy	Stephen Harding	Don Valentine
Matt DeLoach	Wesley Insley	Ben Willis
Chris Ellis	Wayne Johnson	

ES #71

“BROKEN BREAD POURED OUT WINE”

Claudia Conroy	Hannah Hume	Caroline Selby
Terrie Crockett	Suzannah James	Sherry Sharpe
*Nicole Hamm DeLoach	Amy Leah	Lori Smith
Donna Drew	Debi Meeks	Pamela Summers
Shannon Dunham	Julie Parker	Hosanna Watkins
Holly Evans	Erika Peterson	Gillian Willis
Melissa Freistat	Shelly Renas	Anne Wing
Lena Gonzalez	Jane Riffin	Anna Womble
*Angela Hall	Amy Rodriguez	
Claire Hawkins	Linda Salverson	

NOTE: Continue to check the website (www.esemmaus.org) for updated Pilgrim Listings. There may be changes to the above lists! (Newly added are in **BOLD**)

Help!

We desperately need your help for the upcoming Men's and Women's walk!! Since I will be on the men's and Pat will be on the women's (I will be doing the Community lay stuff), I will need volunteers for both walks to move the luggage and clean and put back in order the Lynch Building. If you can help please contact me and 442-3874 or 710-7352

Thanks and God Bless!
Mickey Merritt

“ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY”
TEAM OF ES#70

I AM
George Annon
Donnie Brady
Charlie Brooks
David Chew, Jr.
Ed Deans
Rick Deans
Barry Downing, Jr.
Bob Fiehn
Bob Fitzgerald
Doug Godbey

Tom Gonzalez
Melvin Higgs
Walt Hopkins
Smith James
Wayne Johnson
Alex Joyner
Jon Kilmon
Rex Mayfield
Ray McGarr
Dennis McMonigle
Mickey Merritt

Pete Orbovich
Chip Peterson
Jim Petro
John Pinney
Dave Richardson
John Sutton
Gene Ward
Gordon Ward, Jr.
Sam Whipps
Tom Zieger

“BROKEN BREAD POURED OUT WINE”
TEAM OF ES #71

I AM
Rhonda Annon
Judy Apthorp
Barbara Bowden
Ive Chubb
Connie Conway
Jane Deans
Debby DeLoach
Travis DeLoach
Pam Fitchett

Susan Gibb
Nancy Gonzalez
Denise Johnson
Pat Krukowski
Janice Marshall
Cheryl Mayfield
Jane Merrill
Laura Neal
Shelly Newsom
Carlotta Pinney

Christy Spurlock
Maggie Stodghill
Gail Troutman
Mary Volz
Anne Ward
Tabi Webb
Madonna Wessells
Sandy Whipps
Mary Grace Woodburn
Jon Woodburn
Linda Zieger

“LOVE NOTES”

I would like to thank all who have volunteered for the agape bags and warm fuzzies. I am still going to ask for help in these because I want to stay ahead. If you would like to do this, just let me know. I am now asking for help with coloring placemats. I have sets for both walks that need coloring. If you or someone you know would like to do this, please let me know. My phone number is 757-678-7172. The Emmaus Community is awesome and no matter what is asked, there is always people who will help. Again, I would thank you for everything you have done.

Your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Ward Jr.
Community Agape Chair

Outreach

Remember seeing all those letters from around the country and around the world of other Emmaus, Kairos, and Chrysalis Communities who were praying for you on your weekend? Well, we have a great opportunity to do the same for other communities! I send greetings from our community to other communities so they know we are praying for them. Each month I will be sharing with you the names of the Emmaus communities around the country and around the world who will be praying for our upcoming Walks. This month please include these Emmaus Communities and their Walks in your prayers.

~ Connie Conway, Outreach Coordinator

APRIL

2nd – 5th Mens Walk Cape Fear, North Carolina

16 – 19th Mens Walk #casar, North Carolina
Mens Walk NW, Oklahoma
Womens Walk Raleigh, NC

23rd - 26th Men’s Walk #26 SW, Ohio
Women’s Walk, Cape Fear, NC
Women’s Walk, NW, Oklahoma

30th – May 3rd Women’s Walk Casar, North Carolina
Women’s Walk #36 Darke County, Ohio
Women’s Walk #59 SE, Virginia

THIS 'N THAT

- ‡ The April Emmaus Board meeting will be at Woodberry United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 27, 2009.**
- ‡ The April Chrysalis Board meeting will be held at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m.
- ‡ **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering** – Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, April 18, 2009**, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
- ‡ If you have noticed errors in the current **roster**, please contact Mary Grace Woodburn, send an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com, **or** send a note to P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA 23354. Please send ANY updated information you may have such as addresses, marriages, or deaths. It is important to the community to keep the information as up to date as possible. Thank you!!!!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A WALK WAY SUBSCRIPTION?

The monthly Eastern Shore Emmaus newsletter will be posted to the web site, **www.esemmaus.org**, but if you would like a copy of the newsletter sent to your home via regular mail, clip the coupon and follow the directions. **(OR if your name or address has changed!!!)**

You may have noticed that the rates have increased substantially for a subscription to “The Walk Way” effective January 2009. All current subscriptions will be honored.

If you would like to have the newsletter sent to you via e-mail you may do so at no charge! Just print, fill out and send in the “coupon” and you will be included in the distribution list.

If you have questions, contact Mary Grace Woodburn or email: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com.

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GO YOUR HONOR!!!!

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"



The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."



The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools' Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God..' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!



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Gatherings

April 11, 2009—Cheriton Baptist Church

21291 S. Bayside Road, Cheriton, VA 23316

May 9, 2009 – Christ UMC

6253 Church Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336

5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Supper



6:30 p.m. – Music and Worship

