



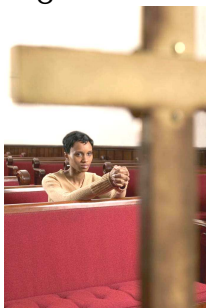
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Thoughts on God's Grace...

I have always had difficulty with the concept of God's Grace. The past couple of months God's Grace has been frequently on my mind. Paul refers to this Grace in Ephesians when he writes, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves." So, what is grace? Grace is a participation in the very life of God. Grace is the unseen action God is extending to us to help to move our lives in a better direction. Grace is the LIFE of God working directly upon us. Grace is what saves us. Grace is God's gift of Himself. Grace draws us into an even greater union with Him.



When we are not in the state of grace, we forget that God has chosen us and adopted us as a son or daughter; we forget who we are and that God, who is love, loves us directly and personally. We lose our desire to be holy and without blemish before Him. Having forgotten who really we are, we choose paths in life that diminish the possibility of living up to our potential, and miss completely what it means for God to have lavished His grace upon us.

On a Walk Weekend, we hear much about Grace; Prevenient Grace, Justifying Grace, Means of Grace, Sanctifying Grace, and Obstacles to Grace. Emmaus is saturated in God's abundant Grace. God awaits our free response. God will never force anyone to do as He commands. God will not force His grace upon us. But once His Saving Grace is accepted, God immediately and directly touches our heart, and begins to fill the void that every human being knows, the void within the human heart that only God can fill. When that void is filled, there is oneness with God; we are in perfect unity with our Creator.

Grace not only gives us a life in God, Grace also enables us to collaborate in the salvation of others. It allows us to help grow the Body of Christ, the Church. As we walk in His Grace, let's pray for, and seek pilgrims for the upcoming Walks. Let's pray that those that are teaming come as empty vessels filled only with His Amazing Grace. And, as members of the Emmaus Community, may we show God's Grace to one another, to the church, and to the un-church. ***Remember Christ is counting on us!***

In Christ's amazing grace,
Pat Krukowski
Community Lay Director

REMEMBERING KENNY

By Alex Joyner

Recently we had the opportunity to celebrate the life and witness of Kenny Arnold, one of the first leaders of the Emmaus movement on the Eastern Shore. Kenny was a well-known man in our community. He served in public office as the Commissioner of the Revenue and as Clerk of the Court. He was a barber. Everybody had some experience of Kenny and the whole community felt it when, seven years ago, he had a brain aneurysm. On August 19 he got to make the final journey into God's care.

His funeral was an amazing gathering. Our church was full to overflowing. As many as 600 people were in attendance. The Spirit of God was surely in that place.

Of all the things that we remembered about Kenny, the most important was his love for God. When Kenny finally "got it" that God loved him, he began a whole new phase of life.

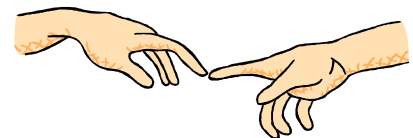
As a public servant, Kenny didn't feel that he could be ostentatious in his display of his religion, but he always wore a small cross on his lapel so that if anyone asked he could tell them about what Jesus had messed up his life in all the right ways. He knew he had to spread the joy.



One of the ways he did that was through Emmaus. I like to think of Emmaus as a movement to help people who know Jesus to love Jesus more and to understand what that love can do. When Kenny went on his Emmaus walk in 1990 he said, "I nailed my trash to the cross today and left it with you, [God]...This has changed my whole life. Thank you, [God,] for showing me what true unconditional love is."

Kenny and his wife, Pat, sponsored 42 people to go on their own Emmaus walks. He just wanted them to know what he had experienced. And I have heard so many people testify to how his encouragement and sponsorship helped to turn their lives around.

Last year when we were getting ready for the fall men's walk, we invited Kenny to come and be part of one of the teaming nights. Kenny always believed he could still be part of an Emmaus team and this was one way that we recognized how much he still meant to the community. We gathered around him and sang, "Somebody Touched Me," and it was a powerful moment.



God's servants come in many shapes and sizes. I'm always grateful for witnesses like Kenny. They remind me of what God is still doing in this world!

Chrysalis News

Labor Day

Labor Day is the first Monday in September. This year it is September 7, 2009. More than 100 years have come and gone and there is still a conflict about the originator.



Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor was the founder. He is quoted in suggesting a day to honor the laborers “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.” Many believe the

holiday was founded by Matthew McGuire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire.

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. This was done in the plans of the Central Labor Union. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday to celebrate. The Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example led by New York to celebrate a “workingmen’s holiday” on that date. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday of workers. June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.



Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as **Labor Sunday** and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Quotations for Labor Day:

**God sells us all things at the price of labor. ~Leonardo da Vinci

**Without labor nothing prospers. ~Sophocles

**Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased. ~Adam Smith

**Take a rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop. ~Ovid

**A mind always employed is always happy. This is the true secret, the grand recipe, for felicity. ~Thomas Jefferson

**Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil. ~Henry van Dyke

**Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day.

It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken.

~Bill Dodds

Fly With Christ

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

James Armentrout

Chrysalis Flight #20

Remember the Chrysalis Flight #20 scheduled for November 5th - 8th!
Please consider sending in your application to team! The deadline for teaming applications is August 31st. Teaming begins September 18th / 19th.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Caterpillar! (Of course the sooner we have them the better!) Caterpillar applications are welcome anytime from now until the deadline of October 16th. The fees have increased for the upcoming flight but don't let that be cause for hesitation in sponsorship...there are some scholarship funds available!



AGAPE Outreach Connie Conway

This month please include these Emmaus Communities and their Walks in your prayers:

September 2009

10th - 13th

Men's Walk #68 Dayspring SE Georgia
Mens Casar NC

17th - 20th

Mens #71 Southside VA
Womens #69 Dayspring SE Georgia

24th - 27th

Womens #150 National Capital Area
Mens Wilmington DE
Mens MidOhio Valley
Womens #32 SW OH
Womaens Casar NC
Mens#125 SE Texas

DeColores!!!

Board Elections to be Held in November

It may seem too early to begin thinking about our November elections, but we all know how quickly time can slip by! Elections for the 2010-2012 class of the Board of Directors will be held at the November Gathering. We will be electing one clergyperson, two laywomen, and two laymen for three-year terms beginning January 2010 and extending through December 2012.

Nominees must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for election to the Board:

- 1) have attended a Day of Deeper Understanding or other similar training
- 2) have served on at least one Emmaus team
- 3) have been an active member of the Emmaus community for at least two years
- 4) must be an active member of his or her local church.

Anyone who has previously served on the Board may be nominated if at least two years have passed since their prior service.

The nominations form is down-loadable from the web site www.esemmaus.org or may be obtained from me. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination petition should give it to me no later than the **first Saturday in October**, in order to allow names to be published and read for the record at the October Gathering as required in our By-laws. Contact information is below.

As usual, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November Gathering. If you are nominating someone from the floor, it is imperative that you have allowed him or her an opportunity to carefully consider the commitment required for Board Service and secured permission to nominate them. Anyone nominated from the floor **must** be present on the night of the election. Please prayerfully consider whether you might serve our Community by putting your own name in nomination or by nominating someone else for the position.

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Team of ES #72
"Spirit of Gentleness"

Keith Allen
Donnie Brady
Charlie Brooks
John Chubb
Ed Deans
Rick Deans
Barry Downing
Bob Fiehn
Bob Fitzgerald
Tom Gonzalez
Dave Hackett
Walt Hopkins
Paul Horning
Wayne Johnson
Bruce Jones
Ron Lanman
Rob LeMoyne
Sam Long
Dennis McMonigle
Pete Orbovich
Jim Petro
John Pinney
Jack Pruitt
John Sutton
Mike Steelman
Glenn Tolbert
Gene Ward
Gordon Ward
Bill Webb
Sam Whipps
David Wright

Team of ES #73
"His Saving Grace"

Kendy Allen
Betty Armstrong
Skeeter Armstrong
Marge Blankley
Marie Brady
Connie Conway
Jan Coulbourne
Gail Deans
Susan Gibb
Denise Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Jackie Kelley
Pat Krukowski
Jeanne Livingston
Janice Marshall
Lorraine Martin
Brenda Parks
Sue Petro
Carlotta Pinney
Beth Rice
Charlotte Selby
Melinda Dawn Thornton
Jennifer Tolbert
Bunk Tull
Sandra Walters
Michelle Webb
Sandy Whipps
Crystal Willing
Jon Woodburn
Donna Wright
Linda Zieger

PRAY.....

THIS 'N THAT

- † The September Emmaus Board meeting will be at Woodberry United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 28, 2009.**
- † **Deadline for Pilgrim applications** is 6 weeks prior to the Walk! August 20th for ES 72 – the men’s walk and September 3rd for ES 73 - the women’s walk. Applications can be accepted up to two weeks prior to the walks! Pray about who God would like you to sponsor! Let’s get the Pilgrim list full for **BOTH** walks!!!
- † ES Chrysalis Board meeting is scheduled at Mears Memorial United Methodist Church on September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- † **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering** – Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, September 19, 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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Gatherings

September 12, 2009 – Painter-Garrison UMC
17300 Main Street, Painter, VA 23420

October 10, 2009 – Melfa UMC
19444 Main Street, Melfa, VA 23410

5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Supper



6:30 p.m. – Music and Worship

