

The Rooster Crows



Seaside Emmaus Fall Walk Dates

Men's Walk – #147
9/26/19 thru 9/29/19

Lay Director:
Rob Kayton
Spiritual Director:
Mike Henderson

Women's Walk 148
10/3/19 thru 10/6/19

Lay Director:
Betsy Phillips
Spiritual Director:
Ann Kovan



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR

The Gift of Giving Or The Gift of Commitment

*Good people always lend freely to others and their children are a blessing.
PSALM 37:26*

This particular Psalm is sometimes called the Psalm of David and mentions many gifts. I discovered years ago that giving and commitment often mean the same. When we give, we commit and when we commit, we give, be it time or money.

Giving generously from the heart is extremely satisfying for many reasons—we are helping others, it makes us feel good---but the most important reason is that giving from our heart glorifies God. When we give freely, we are acknowledging the abundant, unreserved generosity God has poured out on us, his children.

*There are many ways to give. Money is often the first thing that comes to mind. But today with our busy, even frantic, schedules, **the gift of time** is often an even greater sacrifice, as is the gift of your talent. No matter how we choose to give, we can always be sure that God is truly pleased and is eager to pour out His grace on you in return.*

God has given us a great deal!!! Let us all ask God to open our hearts and open our hands to share with others.

*Is God tapping you on your shoulder, asking you to give of your **time**? Don't you remember how you felt on your walk? This Emmaus community needs you to use your talents He has given you, to give back and step up and serve on an Emmaus Team.*

DeColores, Jim Witten

Message From the Community Spiritual Director

I hate Asher Wallace. And I think he hates me.

Ash, for those of you who do not know him, is my personal trainer. I stopped by Fitness World Gym in Florence where Lindsey Suto is an award winning trainer. She is also a member of my congregation. I am her pastor. She refused to be my trainer. As she put it, "I do not want to make my pastor hurt." A fine and noble sentiment, I must say. So she assigned Ash to me. Ash, not being a member of my flock, had no compulsion to live by such a high ethic. As a matter of fact, he laughs when I am hurting.

Ash is everything I am not. He is in his mid-20s, has almost no body fat, and is very flexible. I, on the other hand, just entered my later 60's, have incredible amounts of body fat, and while my mind is flexible, my body is not. As the Scripture says, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

I meet with Ash weekly. As I am warming up on the treadmill or elliptical machine, we talk. He asks me how many times I have worked out since we last met. He asks if I am doing my daily walking. He wants to know what I have been eating, and when, and how much. All the time he is doing it, I think he is looking me over to see which part of my body is not currently hurting. He then begins to make me do exercises for those parts. He pushes me until I can go no further. Then he laughs and pushes me just a little more.

Ash really does not really hate me. As a matter of fact, I think he likes me. He wants me to be in the best shape possible. So he finds those areas that need work, and shows me how to work them. He holds me accountable for my daily exercise, and for what I eat. He asks, and I answer, and we keep going. I've got a long way to go, but Ash is helping me get there.

A group reunion, or accountability group, ought to be the same way for us. As people who want to be shaped into the image of Christ, we need a group that will push us, make us go further, and hold us accountable. The truth is, we won't make it on our own. We were not designed to.

Our small group ought to be like our trainer. Occasionally we should walk out from it a little sore, and maybe even disliking them a little. If all our group does is tell us we're okay, if it makes us feel better without actually becoming better, then it is not helping us to become more Christ like. (Unless, of course, you have already attained that level of perfection.)

Ash is my trainer, not my masseuse. And I go to him at the gym, not the spa. And my small group challenges me, pushes me, and holds me accountable.

I don't really hate Ash. Or my small group. After all, they are helping me to be better.

Mike Henderson

From Community Gatherings

I am now scheduling dates for the Emmaus Gatherings in 2020. If anyone would like to host a Gathering, please contact me at 843-251-9792. I know 2020 seems a long way off, but time passes quickly.

Thank you! Nancy Tindall

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We have felt your prayers. Charles is healing very well.
His staples and stitches are out and the next step is a cast made for the prosthetic.
(Hoping that will happen this week.)

His hemoglobin is up to 9.9. So that is getting better. (Supposed to be a 12, was a 7.7)

His kidney function is slow but manageable.
His retinopathy is slowly getting better. He gets shots in his eyes once a month to help with that.

His sugar is under control with medicine

We serve an awesome God! DeColores, Lynn Tyler

Next Gathering June 7, 2019

Nazareth UMC: 220 Park Ave, Olanta, SC 29114

Board Meeting 6:00, Gathering and Fellowship 6:30, Worship 7:30

From Myrtle beach/Conway area: Get on 378 travel towards Sumter. As you get to Lake City you will come to a traffic light. Keep going straight and IGNORE first green sign that points to Olanta (that way involves more turns!). Keep going approx. 6 – miles on HWY 378. You will go through a caution light and about 1 mile past the caution light you will see a second green highway sign that points to Olanta (to the right). Turn right onto Park Ave. just past the sign. The church is on that road. Travel approx 2 to 2 1/2 miles and Nazareth is on the left (white church).

From Florence: Travel HWY 52 to Effingham and turn onto HWY 301. As you come into Olanta go to the signal light. At light turn left and then veer off to the right. This is Park Avenue. Nazareth is about 2 blocks on the right.

From Manning: Stay on HWY 378 through Turbeville, heading for Lake City and make a left onto Park Avenue. There will be a green highway sign also that points where to turn.