

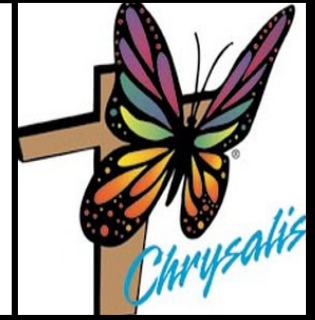
# The Rooster Crows



## 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



## Fall 2019 Chrysalis flights:

Girls Flight 55 October 12-14 Lay Director Haley King Boys Flight 55 October 19-21 Lay Director Bryan Boyd  
Questions, registration, Big House please contact Registrar, Adrienne Anderson 843-421-6863,  
adriannenanderson@gmail.com Thank you! Adrienne Anderson

Seaside Emmaus Community [www.seasideemmaus.com](http://www.seasideemmaus.com)  
September 2019

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

### DRY LAND AGAIN

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5*

Walking onto the ark was an act of faith for Noah. If gopher wood is anything like the animal from which it gets its name, it does not inspire confidence. *Will the roof on the third deck be watertight? Can I handle months afloat with these folks? What if God forgets us?* Noah had to walk away from self-doubt and onto the ark in faith.

Walking off the ark was an equally bold act of faith.

Each step required Noah to walk in faith. *Are those storm clouds on the horizon? What if God forgets his promise never again to flood the earth? When will these new trees bear edible fruit?*

Walking by faith means walking onto the boat, trusting that God's plan will float. Walking by faith means walking off the boat, trusting that God will provide.

Walking with God by faith is not always comfortable. You will have to confront your own self-doubts. At times you will wonder if you are heading toward dry ground or right into the mud. You will look around and question if anything you are doing will ever bear fruit.

When the waters of self-doubt are rising all around, resist the temptation to retreat into trusting your own abilities. Instead, trust in the Lord. He is the One who has proven his love and power in Christ Jesus, your Savior.

The empty tomb demonstrates once and for all that God's plan will never end up stuck in the mud. No matter how high the waters rise, you can trust your Lord to lead you to dry ground.

DeColores, Jim Witten

## Message From the Community Spiritual Director

The weekend walks are just...well...weeks away. I encourage you to pray for them.

Notice that I did not say "I want you to say you will pray for them." There is a difference between saying we will pray and actually praying. The first is intent. The second is action.

In the book of Matthew, in chapter 21, between Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and his crucifixion on Good Friday, Jesus tells us the story of a man with two sons. He asks the first to go out and work in the vineyard, to which the son says "No," but later goes ahead and does the work. The man asks his second son, who immediately said "Yes," but did not do the work. Jesus asks the question of the hearers of the story- "Which one did what the father wanted?" The answer, obviously, is the one who did it.

Many say they will pray, and have great intent to do so. But find that things just push prayer to the side. There is a solution. I recently heard a church leader speak who said he did not keep a To-Do list. Instead, he just kept his calendar. He said. "Everything on my To Do list takes time, so I just go ahead and put it on my calendar. That way, I know I'm going to do whatever I put there at that particular time. If I have to change things, then I am very intentional about it."

For the last several months I have stopped keeping a to-do list. I put it on my calendar. Sometimes things get changed, but most often, I do what I have scheduled on the calendar.

So...is prayer on your calendar? De Colores, Mike Henderson

## From Community Kitchen

Good day everyone, as the walks grows near, we have a lot to be thankful for!

We have found out that the Dorms are available this year, we have one for men and one for women at \$16.00 per night. Send me an email confirmation to reserve your place in the dorms.

DelAnn.Treat@iCloud.com .. Subject Dorm Reservation.

Volunteers are still needed for the Kitchen and Dining Room: calling all cooks, servers, set-up and clean-up.

Breakfast - 4 volunteers to be there at 6am —Lunch - 5 volunteers per day at 10am

Dinner - 10 volunteers per day at 2pm

We could also use people who are willing to haul garbage, wash linens and rags during the weekend too!

Please let me know if you can help with these items too!

I could also use help for picking up supplies and kitchen move in on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

I can be reached at 336.684.4846 call/text or via email: DelAnn.Treat@icloud.com.

Please include the day, meal and how you would like to serve.

Please help us make the kitchen and dining room service a success again!

DeColores, DelAnn Treat

## From Community Registrar

HELP!!! We need pilgrims for the Men's Walk AND Women's Walk. Do you have someone in mind? Is there someone you work with? Someone in your Sunday School Class? Someone? Anyone? There may be someone in a Bible study that has been inquisitive.

Please pray and seek God's guidance. Remember your Emmaus experience...remember your struggles, your victories, your new brothers/sisters. Someone you know needs to experience Emmaus for themselves.

Someone may be waiting/hoping you will ask them.

If you have questions about sponsorship, any board member can answer your questions. Please feel free to call me at 843-251-9792. If I can't answer your questions, I will find someone who can.

DeColores! Nancy Tindall, Registrar

## Community Gatherings

We are currently scheduling hosts for 2020 Emmaus Gatherings. If your church would host a Gathering, please call me at 843-251-9792 or email me at RNTDTINDALL@AOL.COM. Thank you! Nancy Tindall

## From Community Music Director

Hi Everyone, Have you ever thought, "What can I do to help Seaside Emmaus?"

Well I have an excellent answer for that question. You can help by serving on a team in the area of music, or maybe playing the piano for our candlelight services and celebrations. Perhaps you could help to lead our community in singing. Where are you? Who are you?

If you would like to help in any area of music (playing or leading) please email me at marylynntyler@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you. DeColores, Lynn Tyler

## Next Gathering September 6, 2019

**Brown Swamp UMC- 4725 Hwy 501 W, Conway, SC Phone: (843) 365-3205**

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

From Florence: Go toward Conway on 501 and the church is on the right about a mile and a half from where 22 intersects with 501

From North Myrtle, Little River area: Take 90 south to 22 towards Conway to 501 east. The church is about a mile and a half on the right.

From Myrtle Beach: 501 through Conway toward Aynor. Church is about 2 miles past Tractor Supply on the left. Look for Dollar General.

From the South: Take 544 to 501 then the same directions from Myrtle Beach.

From Manning: Take I 95 to Exit 135, US 378. Follow 378 to 501 in Conway then follow directions above.

There is a Dollar General store on the opposite corner from the church so you will likely see the big yellow sign before you see the church.

## WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP

### **SPONSORSHIP IS:**

Sponsorship is the act of revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person who God has laid on your heart.

Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through. It is a dynamic partnership between you and God.

### **GUIDELINES FOR GOOD SPONSORSHIP**

PRAY ABOUT IT! God decides who we should sponsor and when. We simply need to remain attentive to God's leading and patiently "wait on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Do not sponsor persons who are not attending a church.

Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone.

### **QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE SPONSORING**

Is the Walk to Emmaus right for this person at this time? Is this person going through any emotional distress that would distract them during the weekend?

Is this person right for the Walk to Emmaus experience?

Would this person be physically able to sit in the conference room for long periods of time and participate comfortably in all the weekend activities?

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR – ALL ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT!**

Pray about who you should sponsor.

Meet with the potential pilgrim(s). See the Equal Commitment Rule steps below.

Apply for the Walk. Include a letter if one spouse doesn't want to attend. The letter should include:

A note that the waiting period has occurred and that both spouses have been included in all discussions.

Why one spouse does not want to attend.

Why the other spouse thinks it is okay to attend alone.

Collect agape letters and make agape gifts.

Be in touch with the pilgrim as the Walk approaches. Discuss dinner plans. If you are not taking the pilgrim to dinner before the Walk, remind them to eat dinner before Send-off.

Attend Walk weekend events.

Candlelight is on Saturday night at 8 PM

Send-Off is on Thursday night at 6:45 PM. Following Send-Off, you will need to attend Sponsor's Hour to pray for your pilgrim.

Closing is on Sunday at 4:30 PM. Plan to be there by 4:00 PM in order to pick up your pilgrim's luggage and get their extra agape letters.

Sign-up for the kitchen, set up and clean up.

Sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil.

Help your pilgrim get into a Reunion Group.

Follow up with your pilgrim. Make plans to attend Potluck, the Follow Up meeting and the Gatherings.

### **EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE STEPS**

Meet with both husband/wife together – even if one doesn't want/plan to attend.

If one partner chooses not to attend, suggest that the couple think/pray about the decision until the next set of Walks.

After that time, talk to both of them again. If one is still not interested, then sponsor the one who wants to attend – being assured that the other partner agrees.

Wisely and prayerfully sponsored pilgrims return to their family, churches and communities renewed in their commitment to be effective disciples for Jesus Christ!

## Agape and Reunion Groups

### Agape

As we prepare for the upcoming walks, we are offered the opportunity to show our love via agape. Many of us just think of it as the small gifts to be given to the pilgrims during the walk, however, it can be in various ways, such as:

General Agape is a means to show your love via prayer, letters, attending a worship services or praying in the chapel during the weekend.

Chapel Agape is the expression of love via prayer in the chapel during the talks for the opening of the hearts of the pilgrims to receive the message God has for each of them, and also prayers for the speakers, that God's love will clearly be visible in them.

Kitchen Agape is helping in the kitchen expressing God's love.

Send-Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and Closing - these are vital times in the lives of those making their Walk to Emmaus. The support of the entire community not just those sponsoring a pilgrim, but all to show the love of God through the many members of our community.

Personal Agape is the letters given to the pilgrims which are priceless to them. There are those who are requested to provide letters, their sponsors, their spouse or significant other, other family members, and close friends. As members of the community, we are also encouraged to write letters. Get the list of the pilgrims at Send-off and bring back the letters at Candlelight.

Snack Agape is edible items for the snack table such as cookies, chips, fruit, vegetables, and other items to be provided for the pilgrims and conference team members during the breaks.

Table Agape is the endless variety of gifts that appears on the dining tables beginning with Fridays evening meal for the pilgrims and the conference team members. These may be provided by individuals as well as reunion or accountability groups as a symbol of God's continuing love, and in many cases, serves as a reminder of the Emmaus weekend long after the pilgrims have returned to their homes. If food is used for this type of agape, it is encouraged to be prepackaged items for food safety reasons.

### Reunion Groups

At the completion of the weekend, each pilgrim receives a packet of information which includes reunion group information. In order for that information to be provided to them, please provide your reunion group information to Nancy Howell at [rtfire562@aol.com](mailto:rtfire562@aol.com). This information should include the town, name of the group, contact name with phone and email contact information, type of reunion group (men only or mixed, for example), when (day and time) and the location. If your reunion group is closed, please provide the information and indicate that it is closed, as you may be a resource to help form new groups.

## From Community Housing

The Fall walks are coming up soon. That means we will need some help unloading from storage and setting up in Garden City. The date is planned for 9/23/2019. The storage unit is located right next to Socastee Hardware on 544. Just over the bridge heading to Surfside on the left. We usually meet at 9 AM. We can always use some pick-up trucks, but someone with a trailer would be better. The more help we get the sooner we finish. The same will be true for taking down, the Monday 10/7/2019 after the women's walk. (9 AM At Garden City) Thank for your consideration.

Also, note I will be out of town during the women's weekend. Ralph will need all the help he can get for send-off. Please don't let him down. A good opportunity to practice servanthood for Jesus.

DeColores, Bob Elwood/ Ralph Brashear

## DIRECTIONS TO GARDEN CITY CHAPEL

The street address for Garden City Chapel  
**316 Dogwood Drive North, Murrells Inlet, SC**

**From Mt. Pleasant / Georgetown,** take Highway 17 and continue on 17 business (not bypass). Turn right onto Atlantic Avenue, at a stop light. Go almost a mile, and turn left onto Dogwood Dr N. Garden City Chapel will be on the right.

**From points west and south,** take Highway 17 bypass and turn left onto the Garden City Connector. At the end of the GC Connector, at the stop light, turn right onto 17 business. Turn left onto Atlantic Avenue at the stoplight. Go almost a mile, and turn left onto Dogwood Dr. N. Garden City Chapel will be on the right.

Drop your Pilgrim off first at the check-in location next to the chapel. Luggage can then be dropped off under the middle dorm. Parking is not allowed under the dorms, so drive your car back to the parking lot across from the chapel.



## AGAPE

Please finalize your agape items for the September walks. You will need 65 total items for each set of walks. Please bring them to send-off on Thursday night. If they are specifically for the men or the women, please be sure to mark them as so. Also, please bring your food agape items at the same time. We thank you in advance for providing these expressions of love for the pilgrims and teams.

May God bless you,