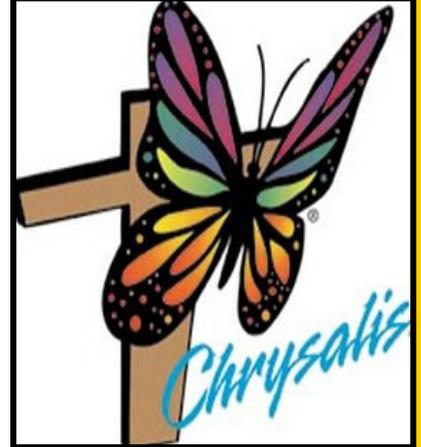


The Rooster Crows



Seaside Emmaus Spring Walks
Men's Walk – 149
2/27/19 thru 3/1/19
Lay Director: Rob Kayton
Spiritual Director: Mike Henderson
Women's Walk – 150
3/5/19 thru 3/8/19
Lay Director: Betsy Phillips
Spiritual Director: Ann Kovan



Chrysalis Spring Flights:
Girls Flight 56 March 21 – 23 Lay Director Hailey Melton
Boys Flight 56 March 28 – 30 Lay Director Brent Richardson

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January 2020

Message from Community Lay Director
REMINDER THE NEXT GATHERING IS JANUARY 10, 2020

I was reading some devotions and I would like to share one with you.

Rejoice in This Day

The alarm clock buzzer breaks the stillness of my sleep and shatters the dreams I long to keep. Many of us rue the coming of morning. Alarm clocks are so harsh as they wake us up. A new day brings another opportunity to get frustrated with the kids as they poke along and make us late. Traffic is a nightmare getting to work. There is no possible way we can get everything the boss wants us to accomplish done today. What! You want us to go where tonight? All we want to do is get home, go to bed, and sleep. Tomorrow's another day.

Tomorrow is another day, but this is the day the Lord has made. There is often so little to rejoice about in our day, isn't there? But the alarm clock did wake me up on time; that's something, isn't it? And I'm sure glad the kids are all feeling well and able to go to school. I really enjoy my commute. It gives me a chance to pray and relax with some good music. Boy! I'm really going to earn my salary today ... Lord, give me one opportunity to share about You with someone at work today. It will be nice to get home and spend some time with the family. And yes, sleep is such a blessing!

We do need a reason to rejoice, if only that God has given us a new day! A new day to share the love that we have in Christ, a new day to call on Jesus to get us through. On my desk, I placed a sign to greet me every morning. It says, "Obstacles become opportunities with God." Rejoice, for He has given us new opportunities, and maybe we can also find a kinder, gentler alarm clock.

Gracious Lord, help me to be the witness that You want me to be. I praise You for Your creation and for a new day. Amen. DeColores, Jim Witten

From the Community Spiritual Director

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

“It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look further than you can see.” Winston Churchill said that, and it still rings true. For the past 5 weeks I’ve been dealing with some fairly debilitating health issues, most of which are still undiagnosed. My energy level has dropped considerably, and I hurt in places I did not know I could hurt. My GP, neurosurgeon, urologist, and endocrinologist are all involved in helping me make decisions. After looking at the immediate future, and measuring what I can do versus what I want to do, I am having to leave some of my current responsibilities. Which include being Spiritual Director of the Seaside Emmaus Community. We’ve all heard the talk about Priorities (some of us many times). I’ve had to look at mine and make decisions based upon what is most important. I am not dropping out of Emmaus, though my level of activity may be limited. And I pray that this is temporary. Until then, I ask that you pray for me, and pray for the Emmaus Community.

I leave you with this one last gift- a poem/prayer I wrote years ago while opening a new calendar. I believe it is still good and hope you will use it for your own beginning-of-the-year prayer.

A New Calendar Prayer

I open a new calendar, Lord.

It lies flat, clean, crisp, pristine on my desk.

The days are numbered, and, as yet, have no markings in them. Each blank space an opportunity, something that can be filled.

Fill them with your grace, O Lord.

Let me see each one become a place, a time, where your love, your peace, your joy, your righteousness, your justice is made real in this New Year.

Remind me to intentionally leave some blank, so that my days do not become so full that I have no time to reflect, no time to rest, no time just to be. Keep me from so much busyness, and allow me to commit, from time to time, the sin of the assembly line wasted time.

As the year progresses, Lord this calendar will become creased, marred, torn, stained with coffee-mug rings. Let those things bring character not only to the calendar, but to this year, and to me.

Finally, when I put this calendar away 365 days from now, let me do so with love and gratitude for all you have done through the year.

This I pray in the name of the One who is beyond time, yet created time, even Jesus. Amen.

DeColores, Mike Henderson

Housing

I would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all in the Seaside Emmaus community. Let's make 2020 a banner year for our community. It's time for a come-back. Recent years have been slack for one reason or another and because of that, we have had to go to one walk a year.

One final note. Let us all have our prayers go out for Mike Henderson and his family. DeColores, Bob Elwood

MUSIC

The words of Silent Night were written by a Priest called Father Joseph Mohr in Mariapfarr, Austria, in 1816 and the music was added in 1818, by his school teacher friend Franz Xavier Gruber, for the Christmas service at St. Nicholas church in Oberndorf, Austria.

Silent Night, Holy Night
Bethlehem sleeps, yet what light,
Floats around the heavenly pair,
Songs of angels fills the air,
Strains of heavenly peace.

What beautiful words. It was translated into English in 1863 by John Freeman Young. The carol was sung during the Christmas Truce in the First World War in December 1914 as it was a song that soldiers on both sides knew. God's heavenly music about His Son united enemies in a war. So let's sing out loud and strong the songs that tell of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Lynn Tyler (Music Board Rep.)

KITCHEN

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Emmaus Kitchen Team.

As the walks grow 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 volunteers at \$16.00 per night. Please bring your own overnight kits to sleep in the dorm! Sign in will be in the Kitchen! 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

I know several have said they will show up without signing up or notification. I have some of the volunteers on the signup sheet already. There is no such thing as too many volunteers, we have many tasks to accomplish on a daily basis all hands will be utilized! Thank you for helping to make this a wonderful journey for our pilgrims. DeColores, DelAnn Treat

Next Gathering January 10, 2020

Andrews Chapel UMC, 1090 Hickman Road NW, Calabash, NC 28467

Phone # 910-287-5800

Board Meeting 6:00 PM Refreshments and Fellowship 6:30 Worship 7:30

From Conway: Take 501 to Highway 31 North. Take the Highway 9 exit toward Longs/Loris. Turn right at the first light onto Hwy 57N. Travel approximately 6.5 miles. Andrews Chapel is located on the right just past the intersection of Hickman Road (Hwy 57) and Calabash Road at Hickman's Crossroads.

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