

New Covenant Notes Newsletter of the New Covenant Emmaus Community

September 2008



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Want to be a part of the Team?

Become a team member. You have been on your walk and you want to return to the community some of the love you received. Fill out the online volunteer form by going to:

www.newcovenantemmaus.com

Click on "Team Experience and Volunteer Database" on the home page

Click to fill out form for New Online Database

Enter your current information

Click Submit

OR

Print out a volunteer form and turn it into a Board Member.

That's how easy it is! Be sure to update your experience after you work a walk!



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Information for YOU, About Team Formation

You may have seen some changes in our team formation and are wondering, "What's Going On?" or "Why the Change?"

The NCEC Board of Directors is striving to follow the Emmaus manual. This decision is not just about compliance, but understanding the wisdom of this plan.

This article is intended to communicate some of these changes of Team Formation to you the Community.

Selection of Team:

First off, team selection utilizes Progressive Servanthood. The purpose of progression of responsibilities for Emmaus Community members is twofold: leadership training and spiritual development. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles such as agape, worship, meal service, etc. and then moves into the conference room. It is ideal to have served in more than one support team role before progressing to the Conference Room.

Entry positions in the conference room are Table Leader or Assistant Table Leader. The first Conference Room role is that of Table Leader. After serving as Table Leader, progression is made to Assistant Table Leader. The role of Assistant Table Leader calls for that person to give a talk. Experience in both of these is necessary before becoming an Assistant Lay Director. When a person has served in the role of Assistant Lay Director twice, they are now qualified to become a Lay Director.

The Lay Director is chosen by the Holy Spirit and the New Covenant Board of Directors.

The Walk Lay Director puts together a team selection worksheet, praying about each selection. Each team position is filled by an invitation of the Lay Director and the NCEC Board of Directors through leadership of the Holy Spirit. In order to serve on an Emmaus Walk, you should submit a Volunteer Form and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the team selection. The Walk Lay Director offers the invitation to serve on the team to the Conference Room Team. Please do not ask a Lay Director to serve in a particular position on a team. A member of the Board of Directors makes the calls, on behalf of the Walk Lay Director, to the Support Team. The selection process is based on prayer and spiritual discernment, not on personal preferences or need for recognition.

Team Meetings:

The Walk Lay Director is responsible for the team members who serve inside the Conference Room and this group typically has four team meetings. It is the responsibility of the Conference Room Team to listen to and critique the talks in these meetings.

Those members who serve outside as support for the conference room will be under the leadership and direction of a Support Coordinator. The Support Team has a minimum of two team meetings, but has the option of meeting more times if needed. The Support Team is trained and plans the support activities in these meetings.

There are several reasons that team meetings are being organized in this manner. First, the Conference Room Team is able to hear all talks and make valuable suggestions to speakers. Talks are confidential because speakers often share very personal, intimate things. This provides an environment that they are able to open

up with same gender and share what the Holy Spirit puts on their heart. The Conference Room team is able to bond and draw close together during this time.

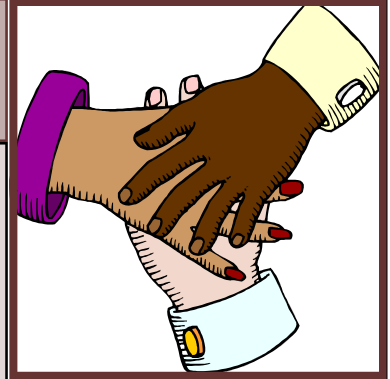
At the same time, the Support Team is able to spend more time preparing and planning for their part in the weekend. They also are able to bond and spend time in prayer for the Pilgrims and get to know each other. We know every one has very busy schedules and this provides an avenue for people to work a walk, but not have to commit as many hours in team meetings if they are in a support role, versus a conference room role.

Under this procedure, it appears that we are two separate teams. However, nothing could be farther from the truth. We are ONE body and every member is just as important as any other.

The NCEC Board asks you to pray for our Community. Pray that we will have wisdom and direction from the Holy Spirit. Remember, the walk is about the Pilgrims, not the team. Remember some of the lines from our Emmaus Team Canon?

- *I am a member of an Emmaus team; therefore, I am only one part of a complete being.*
- *I will remember that the Pilgrims are the main reason for my presence and my prayers.*
- *I am only a servant, but God can use me more powerfully in this role than in any other role I might choose.*

I hope that you have a clearer picture and understanding of how team formation works. This is a huge job and commitment. It cannot succeed without lots of



constant prayer. As all of you know, an Emmaus walk is led by the Holy Spirit and bathed in prayer. May we always keep that in mind and remember the fact that as we are doing this for the Pilgrims, we are honoring, praising, and glorifying God!

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**New Covenant Emmaus
Community Board of
Directors**

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Schedule of Events

- 9/4/08—Cut off Men’s walk application
- 9/11/08—Cut off Women’s walk application
- 9/18/08-9/21/08 –Men’s Walk 56
- 9/18/08 - Send Off 7:00 PM
- 9/20/08 - Candlelight 8:00 PM
- 9/21/08 - Closing 5:00 PM
- 9/25/08-9/28/08 –Women’s Walk 57
- 9/25/08 –Send Off 7:00 PM
- 9/27/08 –Candlelight 8:00 PM
- 9/28/08 –Closing 5:00 PM
- 9/22/08 –Board Meeting
- 10/17/08 –Follow Up Gathering

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Walk’s 56 & 57 Are Here!!!!!!




Walk #56 Candlelight:
Sat., Sept. 20, 8:00 PM
Crystal Springs Camp

Walk #57 Candlelight:
Sat. Sept. 27, 8:00 PM
Crystal Springs Camp






Best Rooster Joke Ever?

Sally calls her boyfriend, Sam, and says, "Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Sam asks, "What's it supposed to be when it's finished?"

Sally replies, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Sam decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "Sally, first of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

At her saddened expression, he takes her hand in his and says, "Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." he said with a deep sigh...

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back into the box."

Group Reunion

The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to six persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meetings consist of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ, during the past week.

Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, and support of one's stated discipline and plans.

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The Sponsor's Role in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis

The Walk to Emmaus has a different way of recruiting participants than is customary in most church programs. People who have been on the Walk invite other people to attend and become their sponsors. Sponsors determine who among the active members of a church would be interested in attending a Walk, would benefit from it, and would extend those benefits to the congregation.

The sponsor's initial role is to explain to a potential pilgrim the purpose and format of the Walk so that he or she can make an informed decision about attending. The sponsor supports the pilgrim before the Walk and afterwards as the pilgrim integrates the Walk to Emmaus into his or her life.

The sponsor helps to involve the pilgrim in a Fourth Day Reunion Group, takes him or her to a Community Gathering, and guides him or her in the process of returning to the congregation. The Walk to Emmaus is an intense experience, and the pilgrim makes a commitment to be fully involved in the experience; the sponsor is expected to help with the pilgrim's concerns at home, such as child care or church responsibilities. In our Community, some sponsors also pay the pilgrim's deposit, or expenses, as an act of agape. This is an individual sponsor's choice.

Sponsorship is perhaps the major reason for the Walk's success. It has done more than anything to create informed participation. Pilgrims know what they are doing, and pastors and denominational leaders can support the Walk with confidence. Because of their sponsors, pilgrims are able to sustain discipleship after the weekend.

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NCEC Walk 56 Pilgrims (tentative)

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Church Name</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
TONY	ORTIZ	FBC (HSV)	BILL MARRERO
ROSS	ARMSTRONG	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC	FRED & BEVERLY HEDDENS
TED	PARMENTER	CROSSWINDS UMC	JENNIFER PARMENTER
GEORGE	FARKAS	TRINITY BAPTIST	BILLY & MARGARET CARTER
TIM	CREWS	FRIENDSHIP UMC	BRIAN & CINDY HANEY
RICKEY	SMITH	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST	STEVE FARROW
JERRY	PEARCE	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST	BUFORD BATES
MICHAEL	MCGAHEY	Looking for a Church	PHILLIP & REGINA MCGAHEY
JONATHAN	MCGAHEY	AMAZING GRACE FAMILY	PHILLIP & REGINA MCGAHEY
DENNIS	PRINE	FRIENDSHIP UMC	MICHAEL UNDERHILL
BEN	HARRISON	FAITH CHURCH	BILLY & MARGARET CARTER
MAX	EDDY	CROSSWINDS UMC	TRACY ALEXANDER
GORDON	ARTENO	FBC (FAYETTEVILLE)	DAVID MILLER
CHAD	HOLLINGSWORTH	FRIENDSHIP UMC	DR. JIM GIRDLEY
MIKE	COLE	PARKER CHAPEL UMC	DAVE BAILEY
CARL	IVEY	GRACE UMC	KYNN KROME
DAVE	CRIPPS	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC	JACK & KERRY LAWRENCE
MICHAEL	PORTER	THE MASTER'S WAY UMC	KATY & KEVIN KNUPP
TONY	WALLINGSFORD	RANDALL'S CHAPEL UMC	SUE RUSSELLS SS CLASS
TONY	BISCHOFF	CROSSWINDS UMC	MICHAEL & SUZANNE KATTSCHKE
SCOTT	HILL	FRIENDSHIP UMC	PAUL THEN
LLOYD	HAYES	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZERENE	RANDY BURBANK
AREL DELEON	ORTIZ	CALVARY ASSEMBLY	GREG EDWARDS
KEITH	TAYLOR	FRIENDSHIP UMC	DEBORAH TAYLOR
REAPER	RISTAU	FRIENDSHIP UMC	JOHN BEATTY
SCOTT	KNAPP	MASTER'S WAY UMC	JACK & KERRY LAWRENCE

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CANDACE	MCGAHEY	Looking for a Church	PHILLIP & REGINA MCGAHEY
ELLEN	ROZELL	NEW HOPE UMC	MARILYN MORROW
JULIE	SHELTON	FRIENDSHIP UMC	BILLY CALDWELL
KIM	FARKAS	TRINITY BAPTIST	BILLY & MARGARET CARTER
MARYSIA	MCFANN	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST	BELINDA KIRK
BARB	WILSON	CROSSWINDS UMC	AMANDA GILMORE
BETH	HARRISON	FAITH CHURCH	BILLY & MARGARET CARTER
BECKY	SMITH	FRIENDSHIP UMC	TEDDY WOLCOTT
MICHELLE	REDDING	CENTER STAR UMC	RANDY & DEBBIE BURBANK
KRISTIN	HOLLINGSWORTH	FRIENDSHIP UMC	RITA BROCK
VICKI	RISNER	FBC (PULASKI)	CAROLYN & TOM RAINS
BETTY	DUBOIS	FBC (ATHENS)	MARY BYRD
SARAH	ARMSTRONG	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC	BEVERLY & FRED HEDDINS
JOYCE	MARTIN	CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN	LISA WOLANZYK
DEBBIE	KITCHENMASTER	IMPACT	MISSY SHOEMAKE
PAULA	FINLEY	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC	KIM DUGAN
SONYA	GORDON	FRIENDSHIP UMC	JESSICA CROWE
ANN	CRIPPS	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC	JACK & KERRY LAWRENCE
KRISTI	MCCUNE	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST	ANNETTE STRICKLAND
MARIA	CABEY	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST	ANNETTE STRICKLAND
SANDRA	AYERS	GRANT BIBLE CHURCH	RANDY BURBANK
JULIE	PEARCE	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST	STEVE & ALICE FARROW
KATHY	KNAPP	MASTER'S WAY UMC	JACK & KERRY LAWRENCE

GATHERINGS

Your Board invites you to attend monthly gatherings to see, hear and experience the LOVE & JOY of Emmaus. May our hearts burn within us as we experience Him. Come & experience what our Community L.D. has planned. Gatherings are held the third Friday night of each month at Friendship Church, Athens, Al. Eat at 6:30 pm and Worship at 7:30 pm.

Notice: No Gathering in September due to walks. Don't miss follow-up on

October 17, 2008!!!

Remember:

Cut off for Pilgrim Applications is 2 weeks prior to the walk.

Cut off for Men's Walk is Thursday, 9/4/08.

Cut off for Women's Walk is Thursday, 9/11/08.

Men's Walk # 56

Women's Walk # 57

Team Leader	Holy Spirit
Lay Director	Bob Druzynski
Observing Lay Director	Charlie Hall
Board Representative	Steve Farrow
Spiritual Director	David Tubbs
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Dick Cantrell
	Randy Burbank
Asst. Lay Directors	Jimmy Romine
	John Beatty
	David Arrington
	Joe Dugan
Musicians	Jack Lawrence
	Chris Reeks
	Zack Maples
Table Leader	Jim Collins
	Russ Lakin
	Randy Yergert
	Billy Caldwell
	Ron Cary
Asst. Table Leader	David Gardner
	Scott Hagood
	Billy Carter
	Russ Spiess
	Frank Garcia
	Bill Marrero
Agape	Fred Heddens
	Jeanine Gernert
	Keith Gernert
	Laura Beth Thiele
	Laura Then
Logistics (chair)	Gloria Brown
	Steve McCurry
	Bryan Ahern
	Elbert Balch
	John Johnson
Meal Service	Becky Warren
	Henri Burson
	Tom Burson
	Jim McFarlen
Photographer	Art Foster
Prayer Chapel	Shelley Underhill
Chair	Megan Lawrence
Refreshments Chair)	Jerome Daniels
	Kim Dugan
	Jennifer Parmeter
	Kim Tubb
	Paul Hauser
Housing & Registration	Jerry Wolcott
	David Smith
	Carrie Smith
Sponsor's Hour & Candlelight & Closing	Kevin Fillingame
	David Martin
	Merribeth Bass
	Jeff Bass
	David Hannah
	Kevin Givens
	Mona Arteno
Worship	Angela McCurry
	Carolyne George
	Teresa Martin
72 Hour Prayer Vigil	Christine Yergert
	Carolyn Cantrell
Entertainment	Good Shepherd Praise Band
Clean Up	
Humble Servant	Andy Warren

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Team Leader	Holy Spirit
Lay Director	Sandy Grooms
Observing Lay Director	Nanette Ausley
Board Representative	Kay Hannah
Spiritual Director	Suzanne Katschke
Asst. Spiritual Directors	Rickey Wade
	Dave Bailey
	Holly Potts
	Mike Stenson
Asst. Lay Directors	Pam Berzett
	Janet Saczawa
	Carolyn Rains
	Karen Stenson
Musicians	Gaye Hardy
	Courtney Hendricks
	Susan Hood
	Anne Parris
Media	Debbie Hagood
Table Leader	Cindy Haney
	Melody Arrington
	Janice Hewitt
	Sheree Robinson
Asst. Table Leader	Wanda Nelson
	Gracie Crouch
	Kim Henderson
	Teddy Wolcott
	Becky Wade
	Dee Schultz
Agape	Debra Snyder
	Jan Morris
	Christy Newman
	Jane Lusk
	Lisa Wolanzyk
Logistics (chair)	Ralph Saczawa
	Tracy Alexander
	James Bilbrey
	Rob Suggs
Meal Service	Wayne White
	Lyn Bayne
	Jim Bayne
	Nickee Reynolds
	Sharon Bailey
Photographer	Bob Clem
Prayer Chapel	Sherry Belew
Chair	Cindy West
Refreshments Chair)	Joan Orman
	Kate Messick
	Vicky Alexander
	Paul Then
	Heather Jones
Housing & Registration	Sandra Parrish
	Leslie Stockbridge
	Lucy Ennis
	Ruth Ingram
Sponsor's Hour & Candlelight & Closing	Changela Vickers
	Roger Nelson
	Rick VanderWal
	Sharon VanderWal
	Garth Newman
Chair	Margaret Carter
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	Kim Bischoff
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	Sara Henry
	Carrie Smith
Clean Up	Tom Rains
Humble Servant	Ed Grooms



What do you know about Chrysalis?

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. (Sounds a little like an Emmaus Walk, huh?) The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams.



Listen! Is the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear the name of a young lady? Someone ready to spend three days growing closer to Him?



Well then hear this!! **New Covenant Community**

Chrysalis Flight #28 (girls)

will be held at Crystal Springs Camp,
October 10-12, 2008

High school girls at least 15 years old are invited, as well as college-age girls up to 21 years old. Applications can be obtained on-line at the NCEC web site and must be received by the registrar no later than two weeks before the flight, so don't dawdle!

For more info, contact:

Susie Brown, Flight #28 Lay Director, at Susie_Brown@dysstaffing.com, or

Kerry Lawrence, Chrysalis CLD, at (256) 830-6830, jkplawrence@bellsouth.net

Fly with Christ!



INFORMATION PLEASE

Have you moved? Has your email address changed? If your correct information is not in the database, we will not be able to contact you for service on conference room, support team, or other events. If any of your information has changed (mailing address, telephone number, email, etc.) or if you know someone who is not receiving the newsletter either by email or post, please let us know by contacting Jan Morris, email lpmorris@pclnet.net. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Communication with our members is important and that cannot be done if the database is not current. Thanks and

DeColores! Jan Morris

NCEC Picnic



Blessing Pilgrims With Agape.....Start Now!

Do you remember all the different forms of agape that you were blessed with on your walk? Following is a list of such agape along with the Emmaus guidelines.

Pilgrims are supported by several forms of agape given by the local and international Emmaus communities as signs of God's loving presence.

General Agape may include letters addressed to the pilgrims as a group from other Emmaus and Cursillo communities and banners made on the pilgrims' behalf. General agape is first introduced on Friday afternoon after the Justifying Grace talk.

Table Agape is the endless variety of gifts that appears on the dining tables, and conference room tables at each person's place throughout the weekend. Some table agape may come from other communities, but most of it will come from the members and Reunion Groups of the local Emmaus community. Table agape is a wonderful sign of God's inexhaustible love for each one of the pilgrims. Table agape is an expression of unconditional love; therefore personal names are NOT attached, although Reunion Group or church names are acceptable. (bring 65 pieces of each)

Snack Agape is the fruit, cookies, and refreshments that are made available throughout the weekend for the pilgrims beginning with the send-off on Thursday evening.

Personal Agape comes in the form of personal letters to the pilgrims written by family members, friends, and members of the Emmaus community. Personal agape letters are powerful evidence to each pilgrim that he or she is personally loved by those who know the pilgrim best and has the greatest impact of the Walk to Emmaus. Each sponsor quietly collects at least 12 letters for his or her pilgrim and makes sure they are at the campsite by Saturday night. A meaningful time for team members to write the pilgrims is after the Walk as it lets the pilgrims know that the friendships they developed did not stop at the end of the three days, and it supports them in their Fourth Day.

Personal agape should NOT include personal gift items or bouquets of flowers that are given to one pilgrim and not to all. Such agape will be returned to the sponsor for delivery after the walk. These individual gifts are appropriate **AFTER** the walk, and given in privacy with the pilgrim as a Fourth Day gift. The candle held during candlelight for the pilgrim or notebooks for Love Letters are examples of this agape.

Hopefully this gets you excited about providing agape for the upcoming walks.

Thanks and love to all!

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Jan Morris, NCEC Agape Coordinator