

FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

There's an object riding in the trunk of your car that you never think about until you need it – a spare tire. (OK, no jokes, please about each of us carrying a spare tire around our waist, too.) The point is this: it's always there, just in case we have an emergency.

Unfortunately, we too often treat God the same way. He's tucked away nice and neat while we operate our daily lives the way we choose. Then when that emergency crops up, we open the trunk and expect God to fix our flat.

If we're all honest with ourselves, we've done just that all too often. We reach the pit and don't know where to turn. What do you do when there's nothing you can do?

"From inside the fish, Jonah prayed to the Lord his God.... From the depths of the grave I called for help and you listened to my cry." – Jonah 2: 1 & 2

Jonah had definitely reached a place where there was seemingly no way out. But Jonah knew where to finally turn. The pity is how much suffering we put ourselves through because we don't acknowledge God's omnipresence all the time. Jonah sure could have saved himself and his shipmates some anguish had he obeyed God initially.

Admittedly, we can chastise Jonah from afar. We can see the speck in someone else's eye before we admit we have a log in our eye. Praise God that He is there, even in our emergencies. Just don't keep him locked in the trunk and only get Him out occasionally.

My Blessings to each of you,

Don Harris

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

November Gathering

November 10th 6:15pm

Scott Memorial Church of God
1665 Waterhouse St, East Ridge

Dinner: Bring a covered dish. Join the
Community for food, fellowship & worship.

December Gathering

December 8th – Brainerd United
Methodist Church

2008- 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYsalIS/CROSSROADS

Please be in prayer for these Walks and plan to participate!

Girls' Chrysalis: November 6 – 9	Lay Director, Rhonda Keith
Boys' Chrysalis: February, 2009	Lay Director
Men's Walk: Spring 2009	Lay Director, Mark Holland
Women's Walk: Spring 2009	Lay Director, Nancy Graves
Girls' Chrysalis: Fall 2009	Lay Director, Lori Bailey

AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

24 (minimum) bed agape 36 (minimum) conference room agape
60 (minimum) Meal agape

You know how important agape gifts are to the Pilgrims! We have Walks in the Spring and we really need your help to provide the blessing of agape gifts!

MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS TO EMMAUS

GIFTS TO EMMAUS: Your gifts are tax deductible *within the law*. You may send a general contribution or you can honor or memorialize a loved one. She will send an acknowledgement to the family or honoree. Please send to:

Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728

WELCOME NEW PILGRIMS!

Women's Walk #50

Makala Bumgarner, Dasha Coker, Kimberly Fitzsimmons, Rhonda Frye, Kathy Garner, April Gilbreath, Becky Hamill, Karen Hinton, Angie Jordan, Debbie Keith, Kim Kennedy, Nancy Kirby, Nancy Krebs, Tricia Kyser, Kellye Martin, Lori McAllister, Reba McCormack, Diane Meadows, Ginger Petty, Diane Rhodes, Leah Rhodes, Brandy Smartt, Gloria Sweeny, Sue Wallin

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December Gathering information:

It's doubtful that very many new Pilgrims/Butterflies have a complete understanding of our community's history. The same would be true for the Community leaders in the early 1990s not knowing who the new leaders are.

We will detail and honor our history while embracing the future. We have completed 50 Women's Walks, we're well into the 40's with Men's Walks, into the 30's for Chrysalis Flights and just celebrated our 10th Crossroads Journey. That equates to about 3,000 community members.

At the December Gathering (Brainerd United Methodist), we will recognize and honor every former Lay Director from all Emmaus Walks, Chrysalis Flights, Crossroads Journeys and Jail Walks conducted by our Community. We will also hear about the history of our community – how it was formed and by whom – and get a taste of the future. Entertainment will be special. It will be a reunion of believers unlike any we've ever had.

If you are reading this and have served as a Lay Director for this community please mark Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:15 p.m. on your calendar. You will also be receiving a special invitation in the mail (as long as we have a current address) requesting your presence at the Gathering.

Love in Christ, Don

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1. If you're not reading the WalkTalk, let us know that you wish to be removed: by email to Brett Baxendell - bbaxendell@hotmail.com or snail mail your request to the PO Box above.
2. To change from snail to email, please email Brett Baxendell

Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!

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