

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings,

June. Graduations. Weddings. Endings and new beginnings. I dare say that most of us have been or currently are directly or indirectly involved in these events at this time of year. These can be exciting and scary at the same time. New graduates and brides and grooms can be overwhelmed by the prospects that their new journeys in life present. Now would be a good time to pass along some life instructions as well as review them yourself. One of my favorites is "My goal in life is to be the person my dog thinks I am". Here are some others:

- Count your blessings, not your troubles.
- Decisions are too important to leave to chance. Nothing wastes more energy than worrying.
- The longer one carries a problem the heavier it gets.
- Do not take things too seriously.
- Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.
- A little love goes a long way. A lot goes on forever.
- Friendship is a wise investment.
- Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.
- Don't be afraid to learn. Knowledge is weightless, a treasure you can always carry easily.
- You are richer today if you have laughed, given or forgiven.
- You don't have to attend every argument you're invited to.
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- A good example is the best sermon.
- Love is understanding, acceptance, and tenderness. If it tries to strangle and possess, it is not love.
- Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

June Gathering

June 8th 6:15pm

Burks United Methodist
6428 Hixson Pike

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

July Gathering

July 13th – FAMILY PICNIC

2009 EMMAUS/CHRYsalIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

Crossroads: September 10-13 2009	LD's, Connie Bowman and Tony Parker
Men's Walk: September 24-27 2009	Lay Director, Damon Riggs
Women's Walk: October 22-25 2009	Lay Director, Penny Hynes
Girls' Chrysalis: November 5-7 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

WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT!! PLEASE BRING AGAPE TO GATHERINGS

MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS TO EMMAUS

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Send to: Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

After sharing your own experience, make sure the person knows that your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend. The three days are just a part of a whole new way of life. You should carefully explain the group reunion, community gatherings, team membership and formation, and renewed interest in serving one's church. Help the person to understand that with God's love and grace, every aspect of life will change for the better. Explain the basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go.

Have a blank registration form with you. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form.

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- Everyone needs to be loved...especially when they do not deserve it.
- If we worry, we probably didn't pray. If we pray, we probably don't worry.
- As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
- It's important for parents to live the same things they teach.
- If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you have no today to be thankful for.
- Happy memories never wear out.... relive them as often as you want.
- Home is the place where we grumble the most, but are often treated the best.
- If anyone speaks badly of you, live so none will believe it.
- Harsh words break no bones but they do break hearts.
- We take for granted the things that we should be giving thanks for.
- Happiness is enhanced by others but does not depend upon others.
- Do what you can, for whom you can, with what you have, and where you are.

No list of life instructions would be complete without a quote from Dr. Suess: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

In closing, here is a simple yet profound statement from John Wesley: "Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God". DeColores, Steve

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ANSWER: BY RECEIVING THE WALKTALK BY EMAIL!!

SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO BRETT BAXENDELL AT bbaxendell@hotmail.com

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

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