

# THE MESSENGER

Winter 2010 Lynchburg/Central Virginia Emmaus

## UPCOMING

### Gatherings:

January: 9th

February: 13th

March: 13th

\*April: 10th

Pot Luck Social at 6:00 pm

Worship Celebration at 7:00 pm

Heritage UMC

\*Eagle Eyrie Cafeteria (no potluck)



## Spring Walks 2010:

### Men's Walk #63

April 8 - 11

John Seaquist, LD

### Women's Walk #65

May 13 - 16

Teresa Moss, LD

## Keeping the Journey

The "Walk to Emmaus" is not just another Christian event.

What is the walk to Emmaus? Its the beginning of a life long journey! We all share that the "Walk to Emmaus" is an unparalleled mountain top experience! To be experienced only once!

The challenge following this mountain top experience, is that no matter how exhilarating the climb, how matchless the view, one cannot remain there. The valley awaits!

When God touched your sponsor's heart, God knew that you would meet for three days with an apparent group of strangers and yet by the end of the seventy-two hours these "strangers" would end up being your closest friends for life, as you experienced Gods love like never before!

Now the test of our mountain top experience and commitment is not the climb up, so much as the climb down. As Christ met you on the mountain top, he always meets us in the valleys!

That's why the reunion group is so important. That's where we grow. The 4th day sustains Christ's spirit and moves "Walk" from a wonderful Christian event to a life long shared journey with your new found companions in Christ.

Whether you "Group" in a church program or at an Emmaus 4th day group, we can still find victory in the valley and sustain the "spirit" as he still walks with us on the Emmaus road!

Stay the Journey!

You can always count on Christ and Christ is still counting on you!

De Colores,  
Rev. John P. Whittemore

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?  
—Luke 24:32

## Virginia Spring 2010 Walks to Keep in Prayer

March 4-7: Dan River Men's Walk  
March 18-21: Dan River Women's Walk  
March 18-21: Fredericksburg Men's Walk  
March 18-21: Peninsula Rainbow Men's Walk  
April 8-11: Eastern Shore Men's Walk  
April 8-11: New River Valley Men's Walk  
April 8-11: Peninsula Rainbow Women's Walk  
April 8-11: Southside Emmaus Men's Walk  
April 15-18: Shenandoah Valley Men's Walk  
April 15-18: Tidewater Emmaus Men's Walk  
April 22-25: Eastern Shore Women's Walk

April 22-25: Loudoun Valley Men's Walk  
April 22-25: New River Valley Women's Walk  
April 22-25: Shenandoah Valley Women's Walk  
April 29-May 2: Fredericksburg Women's Walk  
April 29-May 2: Loudoun Valley Women's Walk  
April 29-May 2: Richmond Men's Walk  
April 29-May 2: Tidewater Emmaus Women's Walk  
May 20-23: Southside Emmaus Women's Walk  
June 3-6: Richmond Women's Walk  
July 8-11: Highlands of VA Men's Walk  
July 15-18: Highlands of VA Women's Walk



### I'm Here Lord My Emmaus Journey

I'm here Lord.

Is this where you want me to be? You have cleared the way  
And led me to the beginning of my journey that starts today.

I'm here Lord. Can you hear me in the silence? Are you aware of my longing for you?  
In the quiet darkness around me, Is it truly me you pursue?

I'm here Lord. Are you speaking to my heart? I'm listening for your whisper to me.  
Are you wooing me Lord? Is it your face I am beginning to see?

I'm here Lord.

With all my fear and pain in hand; All my doubt that separated us.  
This wall I have built around myself beginning to crumble to dust.

I'm here Lord.

Oh, the grace raining down; Circling me, healing my soul.  
Take this burden from me Lord. Take me over; take control

I'm here Lord.

My hands raised to you; in praise of you; Peace and Joy flowing like a river.  
I feel your hand touching mine. Sweet release; full surrender.

I'm here Lord.

Overflowing with this gift of salvation, here is where my fourth day begins  
Taking You with me in my journey; Divine Grace; Holy Spirit;  
Love that never ends!

**Poem by Gail Harris**



**Walk # 63 Team:**

John Sequist	Lay Director
Wimpy Martin	Spiritual Director
Danny Crance	Music Director
Jeff Davenport	Board Representative
Garland Harper	Lay Director Resource
Ivan Johnson	Assistant Lay Director
Whitt Eberhardt	Assistant Lay Director
Allan Burks	Assistant Lay Director
Joyce Maddox	Assistant Spiritual Director
Willie Butler	Assistant Spiritual Director
Dwayne Martin	Assistant Spiritual Director
Bob Fetherston	Assistant Musical Director
Terry Brennen	Table Leader
Haywood Blevin	Table Leader
Brian Hartsell	Table Leader
Ray Maddox	Table Leader
Bob Skillman	Table Leader
Randy Campbell	Assistant Table Leader
Bob Ingram	Assistant Table Leader
Tim Osborne	Assistant Table Leader
Rhonnie Smith	Assistant Table Leader
Frank Lake	Assistant Table Leader

**Walk #63 Pilgrims**

Bob Auxier  
 Kelvin Brown  
 David Cheatham  
 Skip Giles  
 John Hancock  
 Kenny Proffitt  
 Jeremy Shifflett  
 Jeff Smith  
 Rich Zeitler

*If you have sponsored a Pilgrim and their name is not shown above, please contact Garland Harper [GRHarper@aol.com](mailto:GRHarper@aol.com) to verify receipt of the application and payment.*

**Walk #65 Team:**

Teresa Smith-Moss      Lay Director

*The women's team is currently under God's construction. Once Teresa has been led by the Spirit to ask members of the community, and once the Spirit works in the hearts of those asked, then the names will be posted in the next newsletter and online.*

**Walk #65 Pilgrims:**

Susan Smith

*Remember to get those applications in as soon as possible; the weekends will be here before you know it.*





Treasurer's Report  
Total Balance: \$1,668.65  
Jessie Askew Fund: \$121.00  
General Funds: \$1,547.65

To Mail Scholarship or General Donations:  
L/CVA Emmaus (or Chrysalis)  
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Lynchburg, VA 24506-1942



### **Did You Know?**

The Spanish term “De Colores” translates as “of colors” or “all in colors”. Essentially, we use this term to describe the “many colors of God’s love”, which is also the main point of the Spanish song of the same name.

The popularity of the song originated from a group of people in Spain who were riding on a bus on the way back from a spiritual retreat weekend. The bus broke down, which forced these people to have to walk 20 miles to the nearest town. While on this long walk, they sang to pass the time. De Colores was a popular Spanish folk song, and they sang it over and over again as they went along. There are over 100 verses that are now known to exist today.



**Please visit our updated web site at:**

**<http://lynchburgemmaus.com/>**

**The website has had a ‘facelift’ this past month. We hope you think it is easier to navigate while still keeping the theme, style and purpose intact.**

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