

Emmaus Community Oracle

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“There are no failures - just experiences and your reactions to them.”

~~ [Tom Krause](#)

Albemarle Community Calendar

April 1: Chrysalis Summer Flight Team Apps due.

April 4: Easter Sunday.

April 10: 2:30pm **DoDU** & 6:30pm **Gathering**. Roper Baptist Church, 44 Griffin Road, Roper

April 11: 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Open Door Church, Edenton

April 18: Kairos PCI #21 Closing Applications due date

April 29 ~ May 2: Kairos PCI #21, Leader: Randy Haberstumpf

May 8: 3pm Emmaus Board Meeting at New Hope Fellowship in Elizabeth City, NC *** **NOTE: location change for this event** ***

May 8: 6:30pm Gathering & Board Elections, New Hope Fellowship, Elizabeth City, NC *** **NOTE: location change for this event** ***

June 12: Gathering: Blackwell Memorial Baptist, Elizabeth City

July 1: Emmaus Fall Walk Team Applications due.

July 10: Gathering, Cape Colony CoC, Edenton

July 15 ~ 18: Chrysalis Flight AC #34 at Mid Atlantic Christian University, Elizabeth City

August 14: Gathering at Woodland U.M.C., Hertford

September 11: 6:30pm Gathering at Mt. Hermon U.M.C., Newland Road, Creswell

Sept. 30 ~ Oct. 3: EA #88, Men's Fall Walk

October 14 ~ 17: EA #89, Women's Fall Walk

November 4 ~ 7: Kairos PCI #22. Bruce Willis: Leader

November 13: DoDU & Gathering at Riverside Baptist, Merry Hill

December: No Emmaus Board Meeting & No Gathering

December 30 ~ January 2, 2011: Tentative Date for Chrysalis Flight AC #35

January 13 ~ 16, 2011: EA #90 Women's Beach Walk

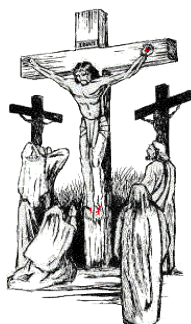
We Welcome the Pilgrims of

[Emmaus Walk #86 & #87 Pilgrims](#)

to our Emmaus of the Albemarle, Inc., Community Family

We are glad that you are a part of the family of God!

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Welcome New Community Members of EA86 and EA87

Wow, It has been a busy few months in the community, with flights, walks, teaming, board meetings, upcoming elections, selection of next Lay Directors, Day light savings time, (I don't get that)...yet life goes on.

My favorite part of the weekend is "Closing"...it brings me back to my weekend and reminds me (again) of the commitment I made to spend time with my Lord. With contagious enthusiasm, as the pilgrims share their testimony...It renews my desire for that sweet time with my Father.

One of the new community members stated that "I am not going to fit God into my schedule; I am going to fit my schedule around God"



I read a survey by Michael Zigarelli, a Charleston Southern professor...which took six years to complete. He found after polling more than 20,000 Christians about busyness of their lives, that almost 60% of Christians feel their hectic schedule prevents them from spending more time with God.

Kerby Anderson stated in a report on "Time and Busyness" that the 1990s was the decade of the time famine. Leisure time, once plentiful and elastic, is now scarce and elusive. Most people will tell you they don't know how they got so busy. In 1967 a testimony before a Senate subcommittee predicted "by 1985, people could be working just 22 hours a week or 27 weeks a year or could retire at 38." Instead we have an expanded work week that has grown to 47 hours per week, and some professions, such as medicine, law, and accounting, an 80-hour week is not uncommon. Are we leading lives or are our lives leading us?

Ephesians 5:15-16 warns us..."Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity..."

In spite of our busyness...God is still God. He has not changed; He is the only constant in our lives. There is great comfort in that. As we are about to celebrate Easter, may we find ourselves renewed in the fact that we serve a risen Savior who desires our company, who calls us friend.

My prayer for our community in these busy times as we pursue our Lord, and the time with Him, is that we will be restored by Him and He will renew our days.

CELEBRATE, HE HAS RISEN...

Love, Jessica Lynam

April Day of Deeper Understanding

After finishing an Emmaus weekend may people soon realize that there are a few things about the weekend that they do not understand. To answer those questions we have scheduled a Day of Deeper Understanding for April 10 at Roper Baptist Church, 44 Griffin Road, Roper.

A Day of Deeper Understanding (also called DoDU) is designed to give Pilgrims and Butterflies a deeper understanding of the purpose and structure of the Walk to Emmaus and the Chrysalis Movement. At a DoDU information is presented about Sponsorship, Teaming, the many different forms of Agape and how you can be involved within Emmaus or Chrysalis. DoDU sessions are not limited to new community members. Anyone can attend and even long-time members might learn something new or re-learn something forgotten. DoDU information is always being updated, so there's always something to learn by attending.

As usual, this Day of Deeper will begin promptly at 2:30 pm, so please plan to arrive early enough to sign in and still have time for fellowship with old and new friends. There is no fee; the sign-in is simply to keep track of everyone attending.

Please note that attending a DoDU is required prior to the date that team or sponsor applications are due . . . not just prior to when teaming sessions begin. This Day of Deeper Understanding is early enough to allow everyone ample time to meet the fall Emmaus Walk teaming deadline of July 1. God can use you if you are willing to be used.

Keep in mind that an Emmaus DoDU is geared toward Emmaus Pilgrims and a Chrysalis DoDU is geared for Chrysalis Butterflies. Everyone should attend the one designed for their group. This DoDU will be geared toward Emmaus participants.

However, you must attend one or the other in order to sponsor someone, or to team on a weekend.

So, mark your calendars now for the 2:30 pm April 10th DoDU . . . even if you have previously attended a DoDU some time in the distant past. As we said before, in order to sponsor someone in the future, or team on a walk, you must have attended a Day of Deeper Understanding. We welcome all new EA #86 & 87 Pilgrims to the Albemarle community and look forward to seeing a big crowd April 10th in Roper.

Pray for Kairos weekend PCI #21, April 29 ~ May 2

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is the parent organization of a body of ministries addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, their families and to those who work in the prison environment. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from various movements. Although a separate ministry, Kairos has received the blessing and encouragement of several 4th Day movements including The Upper Room's Walk To Emmaus and is a ministry rather than a movement.

As a ministry of the church, Kairos helps establish strong Christian communities within correctional institutions populations through the impact of small, 3-to-5 person share & prayer groups of the institutions resident leaders. The Kairos objective is to impact the correctional environment through the action of resident leaders, as apostles of Jesus Christ, in all areas of human activity in the prison. Meeting weekly, members share their lives on a deep spiritual level and pray for one another, for other residents, and the institution's staff. Kairos is a ministry of the church and called the best example of the early church in existence today.

Kairos communities are well organized and well trained volunteer teams of men and women drawn from the communities surrounding an institution present an introductory 3-day weekend described as a short course in Christianity. This inter-denominational team of volunteers -- both clergy and laypersons-- work in cooperation with the Chaplain who carefully selects up to 42 inmate leaders to attend A well-organized follow up program is an essential part of this ministry.

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation chartered in the State of Florida and has become known as Kairos Prison Ministry.

Please pray for these Kairos PCI-21 Team Members:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faye L. Abner ~ Elizabeth City ● James Antonacci ~ Elizabeth City ● Mary Antonacci ~ Elizabeth City ● Betty Bailey ~ Elizabeth City ● Bill Bailey ~ Elizabeth City ● Laura Barnes ~ Elizabeth City ● Dave Berry ~ Shiloh ● Lesia Berry ~ Shiloh ● Bruce Blanchard ~ Belvidere ● Ruby Blanchard ~ Belvidere ● Syble Blount ~ Manteo ● Barbara L. Bunch ~ Merry Hill ● Robert Lee Clinkscales ~ Hertford ● Sheri Dennis ~ Elizabeth City ● Fred Ellinwood ~ Elizabeth City ● Hellen Ellinwood ~ Elizabeth City ● Janna Ellinwood ~ Elizabeth City ● Fred Ervin ~ Creswell ● Magling Familiar ~ Gatesville ● Mark S. Futrell ~ Hertford ● John Gard ~ Edenton ● Chris Guthrie ~ Manteo ● Randy Haberstumpf ~ Manteo ● Martha Haberstumpf ~ Manteo ● Randall Hall ~ Elizabeth City ● Rick Hanks ~ Elizabeth City ● Phyllis Harris ~ Elizabeth City ● Jeff Haskett ~ Elizabeth City ● Brandon Hatcher ~ Elizabeth City ● Issac House ~ Roduco ● Kathy Howard ~ Hertford ● Randy Jordan ~ Edenton ● Tom Kilian ~ Columbia ● Paul Leone ~ Moyock ● Richard Lichtenwalner ~ Edenton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelton Manning ~ Hertford ● Gary McDaniel ~ Camden ● Amber McPherson ~ Elizabeth City ● Gus McPherson III ~ Shiloh ● Chelsea McReynolds ~ Hertford ● Rex McReynolds ~ Hertford ● Barbara Miller ~ Hertford ● John Miller ~ Hertford ● Matthew Milot ~ Hertford ● Wallace Edgar Nelson ~ Hertford ● Nancy Pritchard ~ Hertford ● Christi Quance ~ Elizabeth City ● Tom Quance ~ Elizabeth City ● Tom Quarg ~ Barco ● Lonny Rasmussen ~ Elizabeth City ● Myrtle Rivers ~ Elizabeth City ● Pat Ruckle ~ Manteo ● Philip S. Ruckle Jr. ~ Manteo ● Aaron Seamanchik ~ Hertford ● Bea Spaeth ~ Elizabeth City ● Doug Spaeth ~ Elizabeth City ● Andrew Carl Stoll Jr. ~ Elizabeth City ● Gilbert Story ~ Edenton ● Phyllis Story ~ Edenton ● Charlie Ullom ~ Edenton ● Pat Ullom ~ Edenton ● Jack Vincent ~ Hertford ● Lee Ann Vincent ~ Hertford ● Carolyn Ward ~ Tyner ● Jimmy Ward ~ Tyner ● Christy Wells ~ Elizabeth City ● Angie Willis ~ Elizabeth City ● Bruce Willis ~ Elizabeth City ● Christopher Young ~ Elizabeth City |
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Kairos weekend PCI #21 is **April 29 ~ May 2**

KAIROS COOKIE AGAPE

It's easier than you think to be a part of this important movement. Just bake some cookies. Cookies are distributed to every resident and staff member during each three-day weekend. These homemade cookies are a tangible and vital expression of Christ's love and witness from the outside Christian community. Kairos Weekend #21 at Pasquotank Correctional Institute in Elizabeth City will need up to 2,000 dozen cookies for the weekend. You can give your cookies to any Kairos team member listed on page 3, or direct your cookie question to Faye Abner (252) 338-6266.

Important Cookie Instructions

1. Bake only sturdy chocolate chip cookies.
2. Do not add fruit, nuts or coatings of any kind. Make only PLAIN chocolate chip cookies.
3. Please size the finished cookies to be about 2 1/2 inches in diameter.
4. Bag cookies in freezer bags. One dozen cookies per bag. One quart freezer bags are the best size to use.
5. Allow cookies to cool completely before bagging. Warm cookies stick together & can not be used.
6. Pack bagged cookies in a sturdy box, such as a shoe box or a copy paper box so they will safely make the trip to Pasquotank Correctional Institution.
7. Cookies may be given to any Kairos team member listed on page 3.

Mathew 25:36. . . I was in prison and you came to me.

KAIROS CHILDREN'S AGAPE

Agape refers to unconditional love - the kind of love that God has for us. Agape items put a real face on the Body of Christ. Within the Kairos Prison Ministry movement we offer an opportunity for some of the resident of Pasquotank Correctional Center, perhaps for the first time ever, to see the reality of the family of God. Evidence that somebody really does care. Even though they probably will never meet, someone has taken the time and effort to share an expression of God's love. Children's agape is greatly valued by prison residents.

The impact of a love letter from an innocent child on these men is mind boggling! A simple crayon or marker drawing on a folded piece of construction paper is priceless. Many of these men have children of their own whom they rarely see or receive letters from. Many have families that have totally disowned them, their children are prevented from contacting them, and they realize how much time has passed by in their lives and how much they have missed.

These small tokens of agape have a huge influence on the hearts that have been emotionally locked away. This agape also teaches the children about the love of God for all people, not just those they see in church every Sunday. It shows children in a real way that God's love doesn't end when we make mistakes. It will give an opening for discussion with the children about God's love for us all.

Sometimes it takes another believer to actually 'show' these men that His love is everlasting.

Here are a few additional rules that must be followed for all children's agape:

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| 1. Use construction paper folded with hand drawn pictures and notes or Bible verses | 3. No glue, | 8. Nothing in a sealed envelope |
| 2. Crayon, markers or colored pencils are GREAT to use. | 4. No tape, | 9. Unlike adult agape, children's letters do not need to be alike or be in groups of 42 |
| | 5. No stickers, | |
| | 6. No staples | |
| | 7. No glitter | |

Please remember that children may **USE ONLY FIRST NAME, AGE and/or grade ONLY**. Otherwise it is not allowed and must be discarded.

*** DO NOT use the child's last name.

*** DO NOT use the child's hometown.

*** DO NOT put the child's church name

*** There should be no way a child may be traced or contacted.

All letters must be left open to be checked by prison staff. Explain these guidelines to Sunday School teachers so their classes may take part.