

Emmaus Community Oracle

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“Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force.”

~~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

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- **Aug. 1:** Chrysalis Board Meets 2:30pm at Open Door Church, Edenton
- **August 8:** 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Evangelical Methodist Church, 820 Okisko Road, Elizabeth City
- **August 14:** Gathering @ Woodland U.M.C., 453 Woodland Church Rd, Hertford, NC
- **Aug. 29:** Chrysalis Board Meets 2:30pm, Open Door Church, Edenton
- **September 11:** 6:30pm Gathering at Mt. Hermon U.M.C., Newland Rd, Creswell, NC
- **September 12:** 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Evangelical Methodist Church, 820 Okisko Road, Elizabeth City
- **Sept. 16~19:** Bertie Kairos Weekend #6; Weekend Leader: Tola Lewis
- **Sept. 30 ~ Oct. 3:** EA #88, Men's Fall Walk, Lay Director: Mike Rowe
- **October 10:** 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Evangelical Methodist Church, 820 Okisko Road, Elizabeth City
- **Oct. 14 ~ 17:** EA #89, Women's Fall Walk, Lay Director: Paula Allen
- **November 4 ~ 7:** Pasquotank Kairos Weekend #22; Leader: Bruce Willis
- **November 13:** DoDU & Gathering, Riverside Baptist, Merry Hill, NC
- **November 14:** 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Evangelical Methodist Church, 820 Okisko Road, Elizabeth City
- **Dec. 30 ~ Jan. 2, 2011:** Tentative Chrysalis Flight #35 Dates
- **January 9, 2011:** 2:30pm Emmaus Board Meeting at Evangelical Methodist Church, 820 Okisko Road, Elizabeth City
- **Jan. 13 ~ 16, 2011:** EA #90 Women's Beach Walk, Lay Director: Mary Stoll
- **March 3 ~ 6, 2011:** EA #91, Men's Spring Walk
- **March 17 ~ 20:** EA #92, Women's Spring Walk
- **Mid-July 2011:** Chrysalis Flight AC #36 at Mid Atlantic Christian University, Elizabeth City
- **Sept. 29 ~ Oct. 2:** EA #93, Men's Fall Walk
- **Oct. 13 ~ 16, 2011:** EA #94, Women's Fall Walk
- **Dec. 29, 2011 ~ Jan. 1, 2012:** Tentative Dates for Chrysalis Flight #37
- **Jan. 12 ~ 15, 2011:** Tentative Dates for EA #95 Women's Beach Walk

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Community Lay Director Comments

I would like to offer a welcome to the newest members of our Emmaus of the Albemarle family, the Butterflies of AC34! Although I was unable to attend closing Sunday, your faces Saturday night at candlelight let us all know you were being bathed in God's awesome love. You were glowing with His Holy Spirit. It is truly exciting to see our youth stepping up, getting out of their comfort zone and actively seeking a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you missed the gathering you missed a blessing, Thank you Brianna Cornelius for sharing your fourth day testimony! This was yet another youth stepping way out of her comfort zone.

We have our fall walks just around the corner and I pray that each of you will put forth the extra effort to attend all of the weekend activities. Before our fall walks we have gatherings August 14th at Woodland U.M.C. on Woodland Church Road in Hertford and at Mt. Hermon UMC on Newland Road in Creswell on September 11th. Please make the effort to come and enjoy a wonderful time of praise, worship and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. As we read in Psalms 100: 2-4 "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord HE is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

Let's gladly come together and praise God for all His wonderful blessings and for who He is, our maker! So many would love to be able to attend a gathering and are not able, let's show Him our thankfulness by setting aside this time to simply thank Him and bless His name.

As your new community lay director I am extremely honored to have this opportunity to serve you and our Lord. Please keep me and the rest of your board in prayer as we seek to do His will here in the Albemarle area.

Vernon Lee

■■■■■■■■■■ AGAPE NOTES ■■■■■■■■■■

In preparation for Emmaus walks #88, 89 & 90 there are a few things that we should remember:

1. Agape letters should have a Pilgrim's first and last name on the envelope, not your name and not nicknames. There may be more than one Mary or one John and an untold number of "Mama" and "Daddy" Pilgrims on a walk.
2. Any Agape sent to Pilgrims on a weekend should fit in an envelope no larger than a legal size envelope.
3. Candlelight is all about showing and sharing the love of Jesus with all Pilgrims - we want each Pilgrim to see Jesus in each one of us. Given this all important criteria, we are asked to simply carry a single candle (no bright lights or flashing lights) and treat each pilgrim as if we are there just for them. We are asked not to "love on" or touch the pilgrims because we are there to show love to each one equally just as Christ does. Some pilgrims do not have a large family, or large circle of friends and we want them to feel the love of Jesus as well. Besides, think about it, if everyone had to touch and hug their Pilgrim, Candlelight would last until past midnight!
4. **NO GIFTS** - Please. Any wrapped gifts and gift bags will be given back to sponsors at Send-off. Please save any gifts for Pilgrims for their 4th day.
5. Nothing bigger than 4-1/2 X 6 inches will be given to a Pilgrim unless there is one for every Pilgrim. Keep in mind that only letter sized envelopes will fit in the cloth Agape bags.
6. Pilgrims receive personal letters in their cloth bags on Friday, and then receive additional agape Friday and Saturday nights. Please do not include "Friday" or "Saturday" as part of the Agape label. If you want it given at a particular time include it in a bag labeled that way.
7. Separate personal from general Agape - put a "P" in the right hand corner of personal letters or separate them in bags or bundles and make sure they are clearly labeled.
8. Community Agape letters should include a small "P" in the upper right hand corner ONLY if the sponsor asked you to write a personal letter. Even if you know the Pilgrim your letter is not personal unless the sponsor requests it. There are a limited number of personal letters allowed and sending your letter as personal might eliminate one more meaningful to the Pilgrim. If you want to send a personal letter, first contact the Pilgrim's sponsor.
9. Sort Agape **A-L-P-H-A-B-E-T-I-C-A-L-L-Y . . . PLEASE**. What takes a few seconds for you can save many, many minutes if not hours of work for Agape Coordinators as they deal with dozens of Pilgrims.
10. Sponsors should try to limit personal letters to 20 or less; indicate them with a small "P" in the upper right hand corner of the envelope. This in no way limits the amount of letters you can collect for your pilgrim; just think of these 20 as the MOST personal letters. Remember, your pilgrim will have other opportunities to receive letters and they will be every bit as meaningful.
11. Sponsorship money is due upon notification that a pilgrim is going to attend a certain walk. If you re reading this after being notified that your Pilgrim in on a walk and have not paid your account is delinquent.



AC-34 Update #1

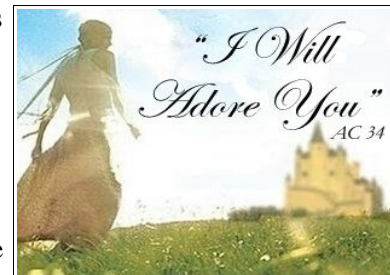
Dear Community,

I want to thank you for your support during this chrysalis weekend. The girls were truly blessed by your letters and prayers. The weekend was amazing, and as a team we could see God working the moment they arrived. These girls came ready to receive God's blessings and they had many questions that they wanted answered. They were not surface girls, meaning they wanted to go deeper with Christ, and were not afraid to express their concerns.

We as a team were willing and ready to hold onto the reigns and allow God to move in a mighty way. God definitely showed up and showed off this weekend. Thank you again for your support as we had this "experimental" weekend, and please continue to pray for the butterflies of AC 34.

FWC,

Sara Biggs , AC-34 Youth Lay Director



AC-34 Update #2

Dear Community,

Our Chrysalis and Emmaus community is now blessed with 12 new members. These beautiful young ladies have so much personality and life to offer our community we know that God had divinely planned this weekend. From the start these girls got along and were eager to make the most of this experience. While it's normal to be shy and reserved on Thursday night these girls participated from the very beginning, and participated with excitement.

God knew exactly who was supposed to be there this weekend — and not just the Caterpillars. He put into place a team that worked well together where neither attitudes nor laziness was even a temptation...even after three days of little sleep. Just as young David was used by God to defeat Goliath; our team mutually feels God used the smallest team ever to accomplish his plan for those precious AC-34 ladies. According to the world, David should not have been able to defeat a giant such as Goliath. It doesn't make sense if his awesome faith in God is not accounted for. In the same way, many of us teamers and those within the Community may have had doubts about breaking from the norm and having an all girl's flight. But this flight was just another opportunity for God to show what He is truly capable of with a little faith in Him. He pulled through for Ac-34 just as he did for David.

We all saw how big our God is. God allowed the past 72 hours to run so smoothly that all our time was spent just soaking Him in and enjoying Christian fellowship. Two things that really just enriched the lives of those 12 girls—and you could see that on their faces as well as in their actions.

Thank you to those that still found the time to support such a small group. It meant so much to those girls to see that people cared enough about them to take a Saturday night just to pass by them twice. In fact, afterwards I had a chance to just sit down and hang out with these girls, and it was then that they chose to share their surprise about the whole Candlelight experience. They kept pointing out how loved it made them feel that people, even if they didn't know them, found them special enough to travel such varied distances just to tell them they were loved, accepted, and worth the time. What an agape lesson! And what was amazing is that they identified that as agape.

It'll be powerful to see how God uses these young ladies in the future. They were able to let go of things that had been holding them back, so as to make it easier to fly! This is where their community now gets to continue to be a blessing to them! Our new butterflies need encouragement to keep that fire, and that can be our active role at this point in serving God after the flight. They have learned the importance this weekend of finding Godly examples to learn from. Such smart young ladies! Let's continue to help feed that intellect with God's help and keep watching them grow!

Rita Cornelius,

AC-34 Adult Lay Director

HELP SAVE EMMAUS OF THE ALBEMARLE TIME & MONEY

We now send more than 940 newsletters to the Albemarle Community each month. Every newsletter must be folded, an address label attached, sorted by zip code and counted. You can help save us TIME & MONEY by printing this exact same newsletter from the pdf version on the web site and having your name removed from the Snail Mail list. Contact newsletter editor, Philip Ruckle, at (252) 473-1301 or send an E-mail to emmaus@albemarlemmaus.org to have your name removed from the Snail

Pilgrim & Caterpillar Applications

As Community Lay Director Vernon Lee pointed out during Saturday's gathering, deadlines posted for Pilgrim & Caterpillar application due dates are not the end of the application process. Those dates are just for first consideration into the next weekend walk or flight. So don't wait until the last minute, keep working on those applications. We accept them all year long.

Community Praises & Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for BCI#5 Kairos
- PRAISE that GOD IS FAITHFUL!!! De Colores!!
- Chrysalis Flight AC#35 – Start praying now
- Pray for Upcoming Emmaus Walks #88 & 89
- Pray for Bertie Kairos weekend #6 Sept. 16 ~ 19
- Pray for Resident & Team for Pasquotank Kairos weekend #22; November 4 ~ 7
- Sharon Ruckle's marriage to Tony Bryant
- Reba Cowan's Mom
- Reba Cowan- her brother David and sister Angie need salvation
- Sybil Blount
- Tom Harrison - his dad passed away
- Warwick Church
- Rebob Boyd
- Prayer for a Grandson
- Prayer for a Personal Problem
- Unspoken
- Upcoming Surgery for Cindy Lynch
- PRAISE for healing Amanda Lynch's leg
- Prayer for Miles Harris
- 14-year-old Grandson Matt – Gates of Hell Shall not Prevail!
- Aunt Nell – For Cancer Prognosis to be Negative
- Pray for a Daughter in Los Angeles
- Pray for Our Family
- Pray for a Son's New Music Ministry that he is Starting
- Doug Fiedler & his salvation
- Pray for Our Community – Remind Each Other of the Joy Received During our Weekend & Replug into Emmaus.

Emmaus/Chrysalis Sponsor Tips

If you are not sure what a sponsor does, you may want to review these Sponsorship Tips:

- (1) Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship . . . not for how to get them on a walk.
- (2) Make an appointment to visit with the person or couple to discuss the possibility of them attending a walk.
- (3) Extend an invitation. Invite them to attend a weekend for a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ . . . an Emmaus Weekend is not just a weekend retreat or getaway.
- (4) Share YOUR faith and explain the basic elements of a walk . . . its purpose and how it helps us live in a life of 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.
- (5) Answer questions honestly . . . Emmaus is not a secret organization. You do not have to explain everything, but you do want to explain about what they want to know.
- (6) Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the application form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- (7) Continue to pray . . . and when they agree to go, and are accepted for a weekend, prepare agape letters and enlist support of their pastor and family to collect personal agape letters.
- (8) Remember, if you have to talk them into attending a weekend you can expect to have to talk them into everything else as well.

KAIROS WEEKENDS

Bertie Kairos Weekend #6, Windsor

The next local Kairos weekend is scheduled for Sept. 16 ~ 19, 2010, at Bertie Correctional Institute, 218 Cooper Hill Road, Windsor, NC. Tola Lewis is the weekend Lay Leader. Team meetings begin 6:30 pm Friday, August 6 and continue 6:30pm each Friday of August 13, September 3 and 10, and one Saturday team session from 8am to 2pm August 21st. The first two team meetings are at Open Door Church and remaining meetings will be at Edenton United Methodist Church. Team fee is \$75. Team [applications are available](http://www.albemarleemmaus.org) on our web site: <http://www.albemarleemmaus.org>

For more information you may contact: Tony Hughes (252) 331-3622, Rod Mumma (252) 337-4120 or Tola Lewis (252) 335-1026.

Pasquotank Kairos Weekend #22, Elizabeth City

God continues to work inside the Elizabeth City prison as He assembles a team of volunteers for Pasquotank Correctional Institute weekend #22 set for November 4 ~ 7, 2010. Lay Leader Bruce Willis is asking everyone to prayerfully consider joining this endeavor for Christ by serving as a PCI-22 team member. You need only a clear schedule and a willing spirit. Prior experience is helpful but not necessary. Team meetings are at Riverside United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City with five Friday evening meetings beginning 6pm Sept. 24 followed by October 1, 15, 22 and 29. The only Saturday team meeting is 9am October 9, also at Riverside. The Pasquotank team will stage out of Berea Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, during the Kairos weekend.

[Team applications are available](http://www.albemarleemmaus.org) on our web site: <http://www.albemarleemmaus.org>

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