



Albemarle Emmaus Newsletter

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“You must be the change you want to see in the world.” ~~~ Mahatma Gandhi

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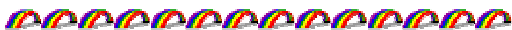
Calendar

- **April 8:** 2:30pm DoDU, 3:30pm Chrysalis Board Meeting, 6:30pm Gathering @ **New Hope United Methodist Church**
- **May 4 — 7:** Kairos PCI #13 — Andy Stoll, *Leader*
- **May 13:** 6:30 PM Gathering & **Board Elections** @ Open Door Baptist, 1255 Haughton Road Edenton, NC
- **June 10:** 6:30 PM Gathering @ EC Church of Christ
- **July 8:** 6:30 PM Gathering @ Beula Baptist Church, 967 US Highway 158 East, Sunbury
- **July 13 — 16:** Albemarle Chrysalis Flight #27 “Here I Am, Send Me” @ Chowan College, Murfreesboro, NC
Youth Lay Directors: Buffy White & Barret Gibson
Adult Lay Directors: Bonnie Strawser & Mike Rowe

- **July 15:** AC #27 “Here I Am, Send Me” Candlelight @ Chowan College
- **Aug. 12:** Gathering or Family Day Picnic
- **Sept. 9:** Gathering or Family Day Picnic
- **Oct. 5 — 8:** Fall Men's Walk AE #68
- **Oct. 19 — 22:** Fall Women's Walk AE #69
- **November 2 — 5:** Kairos PCI #14 — Wallace Nelson, *Leader*
- **November 11:** Gathering at a location TBA



Albemarle Emmaus Community welcomes all new pilgrims of AE66 & AE67. May your 4th day be blessed and full of joy!



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Prayer Concerns

- ♥ **AC #27** (Leadership Team Selection)
- ♥ **Accident Victims Seth McDonald, Tom Murphy & Jordan Harris** (in critical condition)
- ♥ **Dick Adams** (Brain Surgery 3/28/06)
- ♥ **Mark Atwater**
- ♥ **Collette Bador**
- ♥ **Claudine Bailey**
- ♥ **Bandon Chapel** (Growing Pains)
- ♥ **Pastor Johnnie Barnes**
- ♥ **David & Lynn Barnhill** (Tests)
- ♥ **Belhaven Missionary Baptist Church**
- ♥ **Ty Benson** (Cancer)
- ♥ **Gene Biggs** (Bladder CA)
- ♥ **Ricky Bishop**
- ♥ **Brother Steve Walker**
- ♥ **Leonard Brown**
- ♥ **Thelma Bullis**
- ♥ **Betty Bundy** (Cancer Treatments)
- ♥ **Butcher family**
- ♥ **Charlie Cahoon family** (Young Child Death)
- ♥ **Kitchawa Chavis**
- ♥ **Churches**
- ♥ **Jessica Combs** (Dermatomyositis)
- ♥ **Corinth Baptist Church** (Senior Pastor & Music Director Search Committees)
- ♥ **Cousin Going to Boot Camp**
- ♥ **Linda Criswell**
- ♥ **Amanda Cuthrell**
- ♥ **Employees**
- ♥ **Fred Ergle** (Recovering from Surgery)
- ♥ **Families in Crisis**
- ♥ **Family**
- ♥ **Family & Unsaved Friends**
- ♥ **Ed Ferebee Family**
- ♥ **Doug Fiedler** (Salvation)
- ♥ **First Baptist Church, Tarboro**
- ♥ **Debby Futrell**
- ♥ **Family of Junior Herman Garrett** (Junior {AE18} Died in Va. Hospital 3/17/06)
- ♥ **Nancy Gmitter** (Muscle Condition)
- ♥ **Grandchildren**
- ♥ **Friend's Grandfather** (has Cancer)
- ♥ **Both Grandfathers have cancer**
- ♥ **Grandmother** (Eye Surgery)
- ♥ **Donna Gray** (CA)
- ♥ **Glenn Gray**
- ♥ **Sterling Gregory**
- ♥ **Danny Harrell**
- ♥ **Don Holman** (Cancer)
- ♥ **Hope For The Hopeless**
- ♥ **Tom Hupp** (Medical / Health Problems)
- ♥ **Tom Hupp & family**
- ♥ **Cassie & J.T. Hurdle** (pre-mature twins of Jana & J.W. Hurdle)
- ♥ **Rev. Jimmy Jarrell & Family**
- ♥ **Johnson Family**
- ♥ **Terry Jones & wife Tonie** (Terry's Health & Tonie as Caregiver)
- ♥ **Daisy Jordan**
- ♥ **George Keller** (CA)
- ♥ **Kimberly Kinyie**
- ♥ **Susan Le Kander**
- ♥ **Jackson, Patrick, and Sherri Leonard**
- ♥ **Melody & Jake Leonard** (For a Child (baby))
- ♥ **Leroy Ling**
- ♥ **Adam March** (ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- ♥ **Jon Marie March** (Caregiver of Adam March)
- ♥ **Darla Matthews** (Auto Accident)
- ♥ **May AE Board Elections**
- ♥ **Miles McCall**
- ♥ **Ina McGowan** (Unsaved)
- ♥ **Franky Mennitt**
- ♥ **C. Miller**
- ♥ **Mission Trip to Alaska**
- ♥ **Mission Trip to Mississippi (X2)**
- ♥ **Mother And Daughter Relationships**
- ♥ **Danny Musses** (Diabetes)
- ♥ **New Hope United Methodist Church**
- ♥ **Our Nation & Troops on Foreign Land**
- ♥ **Ann Owens** (Severe Arthritis)
- ♥ **Jackie Owens and Family**
- ♥ **Beth Parrisher family**
- ♥ **Nina Paul** (Cancer)
- ♥ **Melissa Pekrun**
- ♥ **Tereasa Peterson and her marriage**
- ♥ **Yvonne Phelps** (Cancer)
- ♥ **Prayer for the Nation & Our Leaders**
- ♥ **Fay Proctor**
- ♥ **Heather Putnam**
- ♥ **Kay Rose** (Melanoma)
- ♥ **Patty Rossnagel**
- ♥ **Pat Ruckle** (Swollen Knee)
- ♥ **Susan S.**
- ♥ **Marle Saunders** (Lung Cancer)
- ♥ **Keith Sawyer**
- ♥ **Sandra Sawyer** (Knee Replacement 3/28/06)
- ♥ **Dallas Sawyer family**
- ♥ **The Spence Family**
- ♥ **Dianne Sruff**
- ♥ **Stella** (Brain Tumor)
- ♥ **Myron Sykes** (Car Accident)
- ♥ **Mary Tallry**
- ♥ **Teenagers & Relationships**
- ♥ **Allen & Ray Temple**
- ♥ **Connie Tirpock**
- ♥ **Margaret Tolbert**
- ♥ **Kristin Tomlin**
- ♥ **Family of Ann Trueblood** (Killed in Car Accident)
- ♥ **George E. Trueblood**
- ♥ **Eldon Tuttle** (Cancer)
- ♥ **U.S. Military Everywhere**
- ♥ **Unsaved Children**
- ♥ **Unspoken**
- ♥ **Unspoken** (Friend With Cancer)
- ♥ **Unspoken** (Family Not With Our Lord)
- ♥ **Joe Walker Family**
- ♥ **Kenneth Wallace and Family** (Graduation in 6 Weeks and Looking for a Church)
- ♥ **Tommy Ward**
- ♥ **Stephanie Waters**
- ♥ **Brad Watkins**
- ♥ **Ruth Weailew** (Family)
- ♥ **Goldie Ann Wells**
- ♥ **Displaced Weyerhaeuser Workers**
- ♥ **Carolyn White** (Cancer)
- ♥ **Beth Whitehurst** (Son Died in Car Crash 1 Year Ago)
- ♥ **Jean & Donnie Whitehurst and Family**
- ♥ **Carter Whitt & family**
- ♥ **Paul Young** (Cancer)

AGAPE NEEDED!

Do you sew? If you can say yes WE NEED YOU!

We just need about 10 people who will volunteer to make 42 Cloth agape bags. An Agape Bag pattern is on the Albemarle Emmaus web site and Marcia Danchise has plenty of fun fabric for those who will answer the call and willing to make the bags. Marcia can be reached during the day at 800.638.8464 or in the evenings at 252.473.2656 or if it is more convenient to Email her send your message to:

FVHANDFUL@aol.com

You simply say the word and she will send you the cloth and the drawstring! Being involved - it's a great way to serve the Lord and help the community.

DAY OF DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

You do not want to miss the next Day of Deeper Understanding, also called DoDU, at **New Hope United Methodist Church** Saturday, April 8, 2006. **Please note that this is a different place** from the previously scheduled location.

As usual the Day of Deeper will begin promptly at 2:30pm so please plan to allow yourself some extra time to sign in when you arrive.

A Day of Deeper Understanding is provided for all Pilgrims and Caterpillars who attended a Walk to Emmaus or a Chrysalis Flight. This is designed to give a deeper understanding of the purpose and structure of the Walk to Emmaus Movement. At a DoDU you will learn more about Sponsorship, Teaming and many different forms of Agape you can be involved with.

However, the session is not limited to new members of the community. Anyone can attend and even long-time members might learn something new or re-learn things forgotten. Some of the information has been updated and there's always something everyone can learn by attending.

So, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend . . . even if you attended a DoDU many moons ago. Please remember; 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 Pilgrims to the Emmaus community and look forward to seeing a big crowd on April 8.

SPONSORSHIP

Here is an interesting thought regarding sponsorship. Sponsorship is one of the most important, if not THE most important, responsibilities we have as Emmaus community members. **Good sponsorship cannot be stressed too much.** Sponsors should know their pilgrims and be totally committed to **all** responsibilities that come with sponsorship.

Above all else, **PRAYER** should be at the center of any sponsorship decision. Emmaus is not for everyone and it is certainly not a means to "fix" anyone. Here is a SPONSORSHIP "TEST" from the April 2005 issue of the Cape Fear Emmaus newsletter. **Can you pass this test?** (only YOU know the answers)

1. Have I prayed, prayed, and prayed again for guidance?
2. Is this person just a casual acquaintance? Or do I know them well enough to know they are truly a good candidate for a Walk to Emmaus weekend?
3. Is this person an active member of a church?
4. Am I of the opinion that this person needs to "get fixed"?
5. Have I fully explained the weekend to my pilgrim (15 talks, daily communion, special worship services, etc.) and not been too secretive by saying "I can't tell you anything" or "just wait and see"?
6. Am I prepared to gather 10-12 agape letters for my pilgrim?
7. Am I prepared to attend ALL activities related to the walk (send-off, candlelight, closing, follow-up meeting and family needs). Am I also prepared to assist my pilgrim in getting to gatherings and getting established in a reunion group?
8. If something happens that I am unable to fulfill my duties as sponsor for my pilgrim, have I considered who would be a good co-sponsor?

If you have any questions about sponsorship or the answers to these questions please feel free to contact any board member.

Albemarle Emmaus/Chrysalis Application Due Dates

	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pilgrim/Caterpillar</u>
<u>Chrysalis</u> Winter Flight (near New Year's)	September 1	October 1
Emmaus Women's Winter Walk (mid January)	October 1st	November 1
Emmaus Men's Spring Walk (early March)	December 1st	January 1
Emmaus Women's Spring Walk (mid March)	December 1st	January 1
<u>Chrysalis</u> Summer Flight (mid July)	April 1	May 1
Emmaus Men's Fall Walk (early October)	July 1st	August 1
Emmaus Women's Fall Walk (mid October)	July 1st	August 1



Emmaus applications must be mailed to:
Albemarle Emmaus
Post Office Box 1198
Edenton, NC 27932

Chrysalis applications must be mailed to:
Albemarle Chrysalis
Post Office Box 2707
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Editor Note: *This address update Email came with a powerful testimony we're reprinting with permission.*

From: "Joni Chin"
 To: Albemarle Emmaus
 Subject: Ned Thurston/snail mail list
 Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2006 02:00:00 -1000

Please remove Ned Thurston from your snail mail list. I'm not sure if you heard about this or not but my father went home to be with the Lord in Jan 23, 2003. My mother has been getting the newsletters but she doesn't really read but I occasionally read it ... though I don't know any of you! (I just know about Emmaus walk because my Dad used to talk about it.) I noticed that there was a notation by the address label about getting the newsletter online so I thought I better contact you to get my Dad's name removed from the list to save you postage/printing costs. (address listed at the end of this email) I'm sorry I didn't notice this sooner!

Anyway, I will save the website address and check in from time to time.

Just wanted to let you folks know that I think it's a great thing you are doing there.

And I believe you were a blessing to my Dad too.

In the end, my Dad's faith really got him through. He passed away from mesothelioma, a rare form of lung cancer. It was a short 22 months from diagnosis to death. We all prayed the Lord would heal him, but in the end, He just took him home.

Even though the Lord did not heal him, other prayers were answered! He was able to stay with us at home until he passed, in his sleep. Many of my mothers relatives were here visiting at the time, (almost all who are not Christians) they got to hear about Christ, and saw that we need not fear death. One even became a Christian partly because of this. (this truly was an answer to my Dad's daily prayers!!)

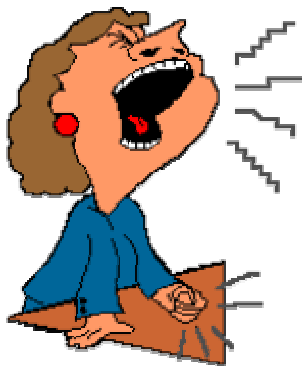
It made me understand why the Lord chose not to heal him, but took him home instead. And the timing couldn't have been any better--God is truly amazing!

We do miss him, but we take comfort and assurance that we will be able to see him again someday!

Aloha,

Joni Chin (daughter of Ned Thurston)

Hey Delores !!!



Hey Delores!!

I signed the prayer vigil at the last gathering but my name is not anywhere on the web site vigil. Am I not allowed to pray, or **WHAT?**

- Left Out

Dear Out:

The main reasons a name is not where you signed up include:

1. Operator error. We goofed and your name was just plain left off. With 144 prayer times to get on the board there are times when a name slips through the cracks & does not make it onto the list. We apologize for that and try to correct that when possible.
2. Another problem, which does not apply in your case, is that Email requests are sometimes deleted in error. Between Albemarle Emmaus and your editor's personal Email accounts there are from 10 to as many as 30 junk Email messages coming in every day. Junk Email is trashed without being read.
3. Another reason, and for hand written requests the most frequent reason, names fail to make it to the Prayer Vigil (as well as for other prayer

requests) is that we cannot read what people write. At just about every gathering people write stuff we simply cannot read. We once tried to get a team of Cryptographers to break the codes, but the cost was more than Albemarle Emmaus could handle. People that block print (like we did back in second grade) prayer requests and names on the prayer vigil stand a much greater chance of getting what they enter on the vigil as they entered it. Including your walk or flight number with your name helps us figure out names we cannot read.

If you do find an error or omission we want to correct it, so please notify Albemarle Emmaus by snail mail at:

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 Post Office Box 1198
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Or send an Email to our newsletter editor:
philip.ruckle@albemarleemmaus.org

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