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“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

— Abraham Cowley

Albemarle Emmaus Community Calendar

- ⊕ **February 9:** 2:30pm Chrysalis DoDU, 4pm Chrysalis Board Meeting, 6:30pm Gathering @ **First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City**, 300 West Main Street, Elizabeth City, NC (252) 338-3904
- ⊕ **February 9: A Chrysalis H O O T** after the Gathering @ **First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City**
- ⊕ **February 28 – March 2:** AE Walk #76; “Act like men, be strong” Buddy Grasty — *Lay Director*
- ⊕ **March 1:** 6:30^{pm} Gathering & AE #76 Candlelight @ **Open Door Baptist Church**, Edenton
- ⊕ **March 13 – 16:** AE Walk #77; JoAnne Jones — *Lay Director*
- ⊕ **March 15:** 6:30^{pm} Gathering & AE #76 Candlelight @ **Open Door Baptist Church**, Edenton
- ⊕ **April 3 – 6:** Kairos #1 at Bertie Correctional Center, Windsor, NC; John “Tony” Hughes — *Leader*
- ⊕ **April 12:** 2:30pm Emmaus DoDU & 6:30pm Gathering @ **New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**, Corner of Snug Harbor Rd. and Pender Rd., Hertford, NC (252) 426-9113
- ⊕ **May 1 – 4:** Kairos #17 at Pasquotank Correctional Inst., Elizabeth City; Billy Barrow — *Leader*
- ⊕ **May 10:** 6:30pm Gathering & Board Elections. Location not yet confirmed

HELP WANTED:

Albemarle Emmaus is still looking for a part time volunteer **AGAPE CHAIRPERSON** to assist in the overall coordination and collection of Agape items for each Albemarle Emmaus weekend. You do not need any experience and **you do not have to create all the AGAPE yourself**. If you are interested in filling this position, or helping serve in any other capacity, we would like to hear from you. Contact Mike Twiddy (252) 330-2091.

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Albemarle Emmaus Spring Walk Weekends

Emmaus Walk #76 Feb. 28 — March 2, 2008

Buddy Grasty –*Lay Director*

AE #76 Team List

Rocky Allen - Holly Neck Church of Christ
S.C. Basnight - Mt. Olivet United Methodist
Tim Brown - Corinth Baptist
Steve Carter - Corinth Baptist Church
Bud Cuthrell - Cabin Swamp Church of Christ
Donald Davenport - Plymouth First Baptist
Olin Davis - Mt. Olivet United Methodist
David Denton - Open Door Baptist
Max Edwards - Evangelical Methodist
Bill Elliott - Open Door Baptist
Al Gesler - Hertford United Methodist
Phil Grasty - Corinth Baptist Church
Gib Harrison - Mt. Olivet United Methodist
Tom Harrison - Plymouth First Baptist
Mike Hendricks - Spring Hill United Methodist
Mike Johnson - Kitty Hawk Baptist
Bernie Jones - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Vernon Lee - Riverside Baptist, Merry Hill
Dan Lilley - Corinth Baptist
Dan Lynam - Corinth Baptist
Bruce Miller - Kitty Hawk United Methodist
Barry Norris - Corinth Baptist
Barry Overman - Evangelical Methodist
Kenny Pekrun - Mt. Olivet United Methodist
Tom Quance - Riverside United Methodist
Howard Simpson - Roper Baptist Church
David Sloan - Lawrence Baptist
Gary Smith - Kitty Hawk Baptist
Andy Stoll - Evangelical Methodist
Darrell Swain - Holly Neck Church of Christ
Don Tears - Kitty Hawk Baptist
Ellis Tynch - Rocky Hock Baptist
Stuart Wescott - Mt. Olivet United Methodist
David Wheeler - Hope Baptist
Bruce Willis - Riverside United Methodist
Wayne Wood - Wesley United Methodist

Emmaus Walk #77 March 13 — 16, 2008

JoAnne Jones –*Lay Director*

AE #77 Team List

Faye Abner - New Bethel Missionary Baptist
Mary Baker - Moyock United Meth. Church
Brenda Bishop - Open Door Baptist
Greg Brinson* - Albemarle Baptist
Myrtie Britton - St. John's Baptist
Karen Byrne - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Joanne Caddy - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Phyllis Copeland - St. John's Baptist
Ann Duncan - Evangelical Methodist
Jenneal Harrell - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Katherine Hopkins - Mt Olivet United Meth. Church
Danielle Hortelano - Plymouth Church of Christ
Elaine Hughes - Cape Colony Church of Christ
Steph Humbles - Covenant United Meth. Church
Jo Anne Jones - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Kathy Jones - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Melody Leonard - New Hope Christian Fellowship
Valerie Miller - Open Door Baptist
Jackie Mumma - Spring Branch Community Church
Shirley Newby - Mt. Herman United Meth. Church
Jerri O'Shell - Kitty Hawk Baptist
Laurel Patrick - Faith Christian Fellowship
Thomas Patrick* - Faith Christian Fellowship
Clarissa Perry - Woodland United Meth. Church
Cheryl Sawyer - New Hope Christian Fellowship
David Sawyer* - Church of Currituck
Sandra Sawyer - Mt. Olivet United Meth. Church
Terri Sawyer - Church of Currituck
Jill Tears - Kitty Hawk Baptist
Maria VanDeWalker - Evangelical Methodist
Carolyn Ward - Warwick Baptist
Volanda Watts - Amen Ministries, Inc.
Ramona Wescott - Mt. Olivet United Meth. Church
Joanne White - Evangelical Methodist
Angie Willis - Riverside United Meth. Church

* *Spiritual Director*

Good Sponsorship is Vital to Emmaus

While most church related functions take a “Y’all come!” approach to participation, Emmaus relies on a method which is more consistent with the message of the Walk...Sponsorship. The personal character of sponsorship underlines the personal care and commitment of God to each Pilgrim. The fact that the Emmaus experience is passed on from person to person reflects the relational nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through other people. Sponsorship is integral to some of the unique features and strengths of the Emmaus experience...a discerning approach to recruitment, personal agape and prayer for the pilgrims, sponsor’s presence at Candlelights and Closings, and throughout the Fourth Day.

Sponsorship is an important reason why Emmaus Walks are rarely cancelled for lack of participants. Emmaus Pilgrims want to share the gift of those three days they experienced with others. God’s gift of grace continues to be passed on through the Emmaus Movement weekend after weekend. Sponsors help make Emmaus an act of “sacrificial love” from beginning to end...something more than the usual retreat or religious educational function. **(Continued on page 3)**

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When sponsorship is taken for granted it is assumed everyone knows the how and why of Sponsorship. Again it is the most important job in any Emmaus community. It is far more than simply "signing people up." The importance of our community being educated on the importance of good and responsible sponsorship cannot be over emphasized. The quality of sponsorship influences the Pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the local churches.

Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose...the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. Sponsorship is like being a godparent. The responsibility of the godparent isn't just to stand with a person in front of the church but to see them grow in the spiritual life, to offer help and guidance throughout their entire life.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community, and for the Church. It is an outward and demonstrative act of pure Agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace. It's far more than writing a letter and stroking a check.

Hey Delores!

Dear Delores:

I spoke with someone who thought that there might be some openings on the next walk. Please inform . . .

Potential Sponsor



Dear Potential:

When less than 36 names are listed in our newsletter it does look like there may be room on a walk weekend.

Pilgrim applications are accepted and selected in the order received. When a Pilgrim who has been accepted for a weekend cannot go, we look at any applications on hand to fill that Pilgrim's place.

The process ends, however, once that weekend's team has started team meetings. Once team meetings begin we no longer add Pilgrims to that walk. Any applications on hand and any other applications received after team meetings start go toward the next walk.

After all, we cannot honestly tell a pilgrim they have been covered in prayer for several weeks if they were added to a walk one day or even one week before the walk started.

I suggest you send an application once a Pilgrim has been qualified and confirmed that they will go because a Pilgrim cannot go without an application.

It's all in God's hands. If a person is meant to be on a walk it is God, not the team or Pilgrim selection committee, who will work out the details.

KAIROS

Most of us already know that Kairos is a spiritually powerful weekend for both men and women correctional institutions much like the Emmaus Walk. Kairos has been operating in North Carolina since the mid 1990s and many Christians in the Emmaus Community have volunteered on Kairos Weekends in Pasquotank County and will soon be doing the same in Bertie County. Kairos enjoys a solid reputation, both nationally and internationally, among correctional officials and the clergy because it creates positive changes in the lives of inmates. The call to this prison ministry is rooted in Matthew 25: 31-46 with the Lord's admonition to visit those who are in prison, as part of the "least of these."

Here are a few notes to remind you of upcoming Kairos events in our community.

- ◆ Kairos Covered Dish Dinner.....Hertford UMC...6:30...Sat. Jan. 26. come , enjoy the food and fellowship
- ◆ Pasquotank Correctional Inst. One-day Retreat - Saturday, Feb. 2. Please contact Billy Barrow if you are interested in serving on that retreat. His phone number is 482 - 4019. We know he would appreciate your help. Remember that your commitment to Kairos doesn't end after the closing service.
- ◆ We are in need of team applications for the 2 upcoming weekends. Please give serious thought and prayer to serving on at least one of them.
 - **Bertie CI #1: April 3 - 6**, Leader John "Tony" Hughes Phone 482 - 2663
 - **Pasquotank CI #17: May 1 - 4**, Leader Billy Barrow Phone 482 - 4019
- ◆ Initial plans are underway to introduce Kairos into the Hyde County Correctional Institution located just west of Mattamuskeet Lake and about five miles from Swan Quarter (off Lake Road, between Fairfield and Hwy 264). Prison officials have given preliminary approval for the formation of a Kairos team with a tentative Kairos weekend set for August 7 - 10, 2008. More information will follow along with a specific request for your participation. Please reserve time on your calendar and prayerfully consider volunteering for this new ministry in Hyde County and watch the miracles that the Lord will provide through your service.



Community Praises & Prayer Requests

- **AE Weekends #76 & 77**
- **AE #76 Team & Pilgrims**
- **Steven Baten** — Bacteria Infection & Unspoken Request
- **Louanna & Decatur Beacham** — Cancer
- **Blackwell Memorial Baptist, Elizabeth City** — Pastor Search
- **Pray for Carol Bulluck** — Heart Surgery Scheduled Jan. 22nd & Husband Lee to have Kidney Transplant Soon From Their Son Who is Donating a Kidney
- **PRAISE for Steven cousin of Julie Sordi (AE70)** — Successful Kidney Transplant with Amazing Recovery
- **Rana Dillon (AE74)** — Gall Bladder Surgery Jan. 24th at O.B. Hospital
- **Prayer & PRAISE for niece Michelle Edwards** — Brain Tumor Surgery & Recovery
- **Emmaus Music Director** — Praise God
- **Everyone on AE Walks**
- **Debby Futrell**
- **Pray for Glen Gray** — to become a Christian
- **Meg Gregory** — Care Taker
- **Steve & Debbie Gwaltney** — Marriage
- **Kenny Haddock** — Continued Alzheimer Improvement
- **Coolie Harrell's mother** — Death of Mother
- **Jay Hensen Family** — Sister Passed Away & Daughter in Accident
- **Bert Hoggard**
- **Ed Johnson** — Battling Stomach Cancer
- **Pastor Rick Lawrenson's family**
- **Joy Maas Family** — Death of Husband
- **John Miller** — Health
- **Lynn Partin** — Chemo/Radiation
- **Keith Sawyer**
- **Jan Shirley** — Stroke
- **Jason Taylor** — To Come to The Lord
- **Unsaved Family & Loved Ones**
- **Bruce Willis' sister & family**
- **Bruce Willis' sister Kathy**
- **Pray for Ella Wood** — Cancer
- **Be a Better Christian**
- **Bubba's mom**
- **Daughter - in - Law Carolyn** — Having Surgery Jan. 25th
- **Bertie Correctional Kairos Weekend #1** — April 3–6
- **KAIROS at Pasquotank Correctional Inst. Weekend #17** — May 1–4
- **Military Families & Troops**
- **Monica** — Health & Tests
- **Pray for all Singles** — to stay Pure
- **Pray for Unsaved**
- **Prayer Request for a Granddaughter & Her Children**
- **Pray for French Students from AC - 30**
- **Sarah in NYC** — Prayer for Healing
- **Today's Youth**



Lay Director Comments



AE Community

In Mathew 21: 18 - 21, Jesus uses the fig tree to tell us the importance of having faith and not doubting the power of God. In verse 22 he tells us: "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Our Community continuously needs prayers from every person that has ever been on an AE walk. There are over 70 blank spots on the Prayer Vigils for the upcoming spring walks, AE-76 and AE-77. We need those filled as soon as possible. These Teams are beginning their teaming sessions which includes time spent praying for the Pilgrims.

What an opportunity for you to become part of these two walks. The Teams are working on Agape, golf carts and talks. What they need is help praying for the Team and the Pilgrims. Be part of one of those smiling faces of a Pilgrim at Candlelight and know you helped a heart get changed through your Prayer support of the Team and the Pilgrims.

You can sign up to be on the Prayer Vigil at the AE website. www.albemarleemmaus.com

Now is the time to begin getting these Walks – "Good and Prayed Up!"

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Michael & the Albemarle Emmaus Leadership Team

Don't forget that team applications for Albemarle Emmaus Fall Walks are due July 1st