

NOVEMBER 2021 CHATTER



Our Mission: *Empowering leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ!*

Our Vision: *Fourth Day Leaders embodying Christ!*

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Jesus came to the world not to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved. Jesus came not for the Intellectual business man, the entrepreneur - He came for everybody.

Where does FOLLOW ME fit into this scenario? He was full of the Holy Spirit, full of His Father's authority, 100% human and 100% eternal God. There was, and is, POWER in everything He said and did. He came to heal, show us the Kingdom; His Name means SALVATION He is the only true home we'll have.

When He called Matthew -FOLLOW ME- Matthew left money and records at his gatepost to follow. Jesus told the dead to bury their dead 'FOLLOW Me. This is a recurring theme all through the gospels.

Even today, it's a call for you. FOLLOW ME - not necessarily a group, not mum's and dad's, but YOU. YOU, singular, has a powerful command to fulfill. How often we quote Jeremiah "God has a plan for your life". Can you marry that to FOLLOW ME. Couples can be called for specific purposes. The Gospel is Jesus" relationship FOR YOU. You have been called to be a blessing.

At Emmaus, we are all volunteers. Jesus was a volunteer. To be knit together is to recognise that each has been called individually. To be like Jesus, is to share who Jesus is in our lives. In Jesus, there is no condemnation, just plain straight JESUS. It's powerful FOLLOW ME - we conduct our individual ministries according to who Jesus is in our lives, and we share.

Heather Couchman





Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering
Saturday, 6th November 2021
@ Burleigh Church of Christ

174 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh QLD 4220

“LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US,
LET THERE BE LOVE...”

ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SHARE IN A MEAL, LET’S ALL GET TOGETHER TO SING SONGS
OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP, TO PRAY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TO SHARE IN
COMMUNION.

GATHERING STARTS AT 2.00PM. COVID restrictions will be in place according to
Government requirements

Join us on Facebook

Are you on our Facebook page?

Gold Coast Emmaus is a private group for Emmaus and
related 4th day participants to keep in touch with the our community and events.

Only members can see the posts

Answer the questions and approval will be certain.

Approval is only given to those who have attended Emmaus and related events e.g.
Chrysalis, Cursillo, Kairos, face to face

Prayer

Prayer is the foundation of our walks

The prayer directors support on site and in the lead up to the walks but the prayer
vigil is special

Please show your support by joining the prayer vigil at <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/>

Links to all community prayer vigils can be found there.

From the Community Lay Director

Blessings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. May the blessings of divine grace and supernatural peace that flow from God our wonderful Father, and our Messiah, the Lord Jesus, be upon your lives.

First, I would like to thank you all for putting your faith and support in me as your Community Lay Director. I will endeavour (with God's help) to lead this community to new and better things. The borders are once again opening, and we will all be able to meet together as one community, once again.

Secondly, I would like to thank Theo for all the work that he has undertaken as CLD for the past 3+ years. Theo, you have done an outstanding job throughout these hard times. You have bought the 2 communities together. Now we are one. You have led us with diligence, with patience, and with love. You shine Jesus to all those around you - you will be a hard act to follow.

I pray that I will be able to lead this community well as we come out of these hard times into an unknown world. This world is going to be different from what we have known, and we will all have to support each other in going forward.

Thirdly, it is with regret that I inform you all that Jill Harris has stepped down as Lay Director for the next ladies walk and that Gloria Higgins has stepped down from the Spiritual Director as well. We wish them both well for the future. I know that God has not finished with them yet and I pray that they will both consider being leaders on a future walk.

At the present time we are endeavouring to find a replacement for both ladies for the upcoming Women's walk. I will let you know when the Lay Director and Spiritual Director have been chosen. I pray that most of the team will stay on board and support the new leaders. I know that it has been a long time since you said YES to being on team, but I believe that the Lord still wants you there. Please prayerfully consider your decision.

The new camp site is looking good - a few of the board went up to the camp on the 21 October to iron out a few things. Every time I see this camp, I get excited. As the hall is an old aircraft hangar, we will be dividing it into several areas. The tents that we will be using for the conference room look great. The layout for the chapel has been planned. We still have a few things to iron out, but we still have time.

There are a few board positions that are now vacant, please prayerfully consider coming on the board. It is only 1 meeting a month. At present we are holding these via zoom on the Friday night before the gathering. Usually, it is on the Saturday morning of the gathering at Burleigh Church of Christ.

Kerry Skee has changed her position on the board and is now the liaison person for Face to Face. Look out for some exciting news from her in the future.

Gatherings will alter from time to time. We have some interesting ideas of how we can alter them, but still stick within the guidelines. You will have to attend to see what we have come up with.

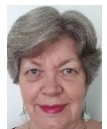
For the November gathering I ask you to wear Holy Spirit Colours - I will leave it up to you to decide what that means. Prizes will be awarded. We will be zooming again for the NSW members who, as yet cannot attend. Details will follow.

Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at the gathering on the 6th November at 2.00pm at the Burleigh Heads Church of Christ. Come early and share fellowship. Tea and coffee will be supplied.

Emmaus CANNOT run walks unless we get the support from the community.

De Colores

Jill Ballinger CLD



Peter Osborn is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

Meeting ID: 946 1845 3092

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Join Zoom Meeting - click on link below

<https://zoom.us/j/94618453092?pwd=cUg3VTIzS1Q2elh1R210L2w2MDVkZz09>



PRAYER POINTS

If you would like to share your prayer requests, please email Rhonda on rjoys55@bigpond.com

Please pray for the Board as they take us through a new chapter of Emmaus and what that means for us.

Pray that the borders will be opened soon so Qld can welcome our NSW Community again.

Please pray for those of us who are struggling with all the restrictions and lifestyle changes from COVID.

Pray for all in the Community who have health problems and need our Lord's healing along with medical treatments.

Please let us allot a special time to have in prayer and reading Your Word each day.

Let us remember that We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Pray we will find a replacement Lay Director for the Women's Walk in May.

Help us to negotiate this new normal and still lean on the hope and peace that we have in Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

May we become closer each day to our perfect, precious and powerful Saviour.

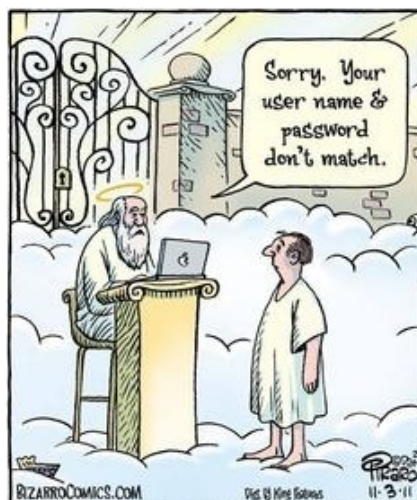
HOW ARE YOU COMING ACROSS

An excerpt from The Word for Today by Vision Christian Media

The Chinese Christian leader Watchman Nee devoted a chapter in his book The Normal Christian Worker to watching what you say and how you say it.

“Because of unrestrained speech, the usefulness of many Christian workers is seriously curtailed. Instead of being powerful instruments in the Lord’s service, their ministry makes little impact on account of the constant leakage of power through their careless talk.” Paul writes, “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt.” that means when you speak, make sure it’s in good taste. And the look on your face and the tone of your voice can determine whether a person receives or resents what you’re saying. The Living Bible translates Paul’s words this way: “ Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible so then you will have the right answer for everyone.” Again Paul writes, “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” (Ephesians 4:29 NLT) So before you speak, check your attitude and ask yourself, “What frame of mind am I in right now?” And don’t stop with that question. Ask yourself also, “Will what I’m about to say help or hurt, clarify or confuse, make me feel better or the other person feel better?” Acknowledging his propensity to say the wrong thing, David prayed, “Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips. Don’t let me drift towards evil.” (Psalm 141 3-4 Nlt) It’s not enough to be talented in life; to succeed, you must speak wisely.

Editor’s comment: “I really have needed to hear these words recently. Thank the Lord for His reminder. “ Blessings Rhonda



MY STORY

Hi everyone, I was born at a very early age and was the 6th child in the Warner family. We lived at Capalaba which of course has changed a lot since then. I attended the Capalaba State School which only had a single teacher at first. I went to the Wynnum State High School for a couple of years. Due to our home situation, I finished my schooling at Grade 9. I held down a few jobs and then did an apprenticeship as a jeweller.

I then went into Bible College for two years and in my second year did 5 external subjects so I could go out with the then Methodist Church as a Lay Pastor. My first church was out west at a small town, Injune north of Roma. I married and because my wife could not have children we put in for adoption. 3 years later we became the proud parent of a beautiful 2-week-old baby girl. We called her Renee but when she was only 6 weeks old, we discovered there were serious problems. Renee had a very rare syndrome which affected her brain and muscles. She was severely handicapped and would not be able to walk or talk.

Because of her we decided to come back to Brisbane and commenced work with a division of the church that specialised with both the handicap and the Prisons. It was called "Special Caring Services Division". My wife and I became house parents to 4 other handicap children. I also became a Prison Chaplain for South East Queensland. This included 5 prisons and Farms. Brisbane, Wacol, Woodford, Numinbah and Palen Creek. We did this for 5 years and then I transferred back into Church Ministry.

I went to Capalaba Uniting, then came down here to the Gold Coast and went to Paradise Point. While at Paradise Point my wife died. Encouraged by the church to become Ordained I commenced studies to become an Ordained Minister. Two years later I had the privilege of marrying Judy. When I was ordained the church sent us up to Logan Central Uniting {Woodridge} After being there for 3 years we left the ministry and I went into the Funeral Industry. I became a Government Funeral Director which meant part of our work load was to work with Police in taking the deceased from accidents and suicides and crimes, to the morgue.

After 5 years the Church of Christ Burleigh asked if I would become their Minister which I did and was there for 12 years. I tried to retire from there but have also been working with the Uniting Church and I am part time at Tallebudgera Uniting Church.

I became involved with Emmaus way back in 1992 and my Walk number was 14. It was when Gold Coast and Brisbane South were one. I have been involved over 29 years and just about every year have had the privilege of being on team. I thank the Lord for His constant care and guidance. What a God we have.

Rev. Neil Warner



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Please note -Tim Chan is willing to change to the Treasurer Position, but we will need someone to take over the Secretary Position if he does this.




Emmaus Community

*Keep up to date, please go to Facebook page and search Gold Coast Walk to Emmaus
https://www.facebook.com/groups/gcemmaus/?ref=group_cover*

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