



Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

Saturday, 6 February 2021

@ Burleigh Church of Christ

174 W Burleigh Rd, Burleigh QLD 4220

This Gathering is for Everyone

**Bring your Friends! Bring your Family! Bring your
Children!**

Everyone is welcome!

**Come from 1pm and enjoy a sausage sizzle, drinks for the kids and
coffee & tea for the adults. Come enjoy a time of Fellowship**

with new and old friends

Then at 2pm we will Gather for

Praise and Worship, 4th Day Talk

Communion, Prayer

God's Love and Joy

If you have a name badge, book, cross and some bling - bring them along



COVID restrictions will be in place according to Government requirements

From our Spiritual Director—

Hello to you all and welcome to 2021. The year is already getting away and I hope and pray you all had a great Christmas. On Saturday we will be meeting for our first gathering for the year and the first time on a Saturday. As we go into a New Year I am reminded of what Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13-14. He said in brief "That he was going to forget the things of the past and press onward toward the High Calling of God." What Paul was saying was that he was not going to carry anything with him that was going to weigh him down.

What a challenge for us as we move into the New Year. What things are you carrying? What negatives? What worries? What thoughts and worries? You see Jesus is wanting to set us completely free. As we move forward let us ask Him {Jesus} to cleanse us afresh. If we need to confess something lets do it so we can move on leaving the past behind and looking into the future knowing that we do not walk alone. Our Lord and Saviour is right there with us.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th at Burleigh Church of Christ at 2.00 pm for the Gathering. Pastor Neil {Community Spiritual Director}



PRAYERS POINTS

Please pray for each of us to receive joy from the Lord in this 2021. May the board and the leadership have wisdom in organising all of our events this year and acceptance of change ie moving the Gathering to Saturdays.

Pray we know that God is in control in whatever circumstances.

Please understand we are forgiven if we ask for his mercy and forgiveness.

Pray for those of us who need His healing hand upon our bodies and minds. Declare that Jesus is Lord over our bodies and minds and that every cancer, virus, bacteria and any other enemy of our bodies will be gone. Give us patience and perseverance also.

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

Greetings everyone.

Well here we are, a brand new year, 2021. We have never passed this way before, never been here before and every day behind us is one we will not see again, but what's ahead for us? God Knows. My daily devotion—Word for Today on the 4th of January summed it up for me. May it do so for us all.

Deuteronomy 11:12 NKJV

'A land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end'. Thank you Jesus.

The Board has met several times in the latter days of 2020 and dealt with several matters. Here are some outcomes.

Our new venue for 2021, MTCC.

The Board has visited and we believe we can make it work.

Our planned Walks for May this year have been deferred to October 2021.

Due to the uncertain road ahead and Covid19, we have deferred both May Walks.

Our first Board meeting for 2021 will be held on the Saturday morning before our Gathering.

This move will reduce night time travel for Board members & save some dollars as we don't need to book the Burleigh CoC for a Monday night's meeting.

Our first Gathering (and many more) for 2021 is planned for Saturday 6th of February.

The change to holding Gatherings on a Saturday afternoon will allow families to attend, yes, children will be welcome. The move also allows those who cannot travel at night to attend.

Please see details in this edition for our first Saturday Gathering. De colores. Theo Galjaardt CLD.



News from the Gold Coast Board. (a little more detailed)

Based on feedback from members in our Gold Coast Emmaus Community and the many discussions had, the Board has made the following decisions:

Both Walks scheduled for May 2021 have been moved to October 2021.

The following dates are in place:

Walk #144 Thursday Oct. 21st through to Sunday 24th &

Walk #145 Thursday Oct. 28th through to Sunday 31st.

Deposits paid for our May Walks have been moved to October, no cost for this move was incurred.

Both Walks will be held at the new venue on Mount Tamborine — Mount Tamborine Conference Centre.

Our first Gathering for 2021 will be held on the First Saturday of every month. Our initial plan is to go with this new arrangement for the remainder of day light saving.

As Easter Saturday is the first Saturday in April and daylight saving ends on Easter Sunday, our Gathering planned for April will fall on the 2nd Saturday, being the 10th.

Our first Board meeting for 2021 will be held at the Burleigh CoC on Saturday February 6th. Holding our Board meeting on the same day as our Gathering removes the need to book the Burleigh CoC on another day of the month and it will also remove the night driving.

Please check out our latest Gold Coast Board members list.

News from the National Board

The Emmaus Ministries Australia National Conference has been postponed from mid April 2021 until 17th—19th September 2021. The venue will be the Glennie School in Toowoomba, Queensland.

The National Board is proposing to convene one or more Zoom meetings of CLDs and CSDs as a means of keeping in touch and to deal with any urgent matters.



God's Special Time

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Hi, my name is Mieke Bell, and I attended a Emmaus walk in Ballina, in 1990, and what a life changing experience that was, as I am sure you will all agree!!

Sometime later I joined the Chrysalis Committee and had the joy of seeing young people's lives impacted by the love of Jesus. Then fast forward a few more years and became involved in the Kairos Ministry, both Kairos Inside for Men, in the Grafton jail, and then Kairos Outside for Women, a ministry that supports women who have had family members in jail.

Kairos Inside for Men ran the last Short Course for Men in the old Grafton jail in September 2019, and now the new Clarence Correctional Centre in Grafton is asking the Committee to run Short Courses for both men and women in the new jail. God is opening the doors very wide, and as a Kairos Committee in Grafton, we are very excited!! What a great opportunity to share Gods Love, Grace and Forgiveness with the inmates, many of whom have never been told that GOD LOVES them.

I believe that God uses our experience and training at Emmaus to prepare us for ministries such as Kairos. Kairos Inside for Men and Women is Life Transforming, paving the way for the transforming Love of Jesus to impact the lives of the men and women in green.

IS GOD CALLING YOU to be on Kairos team for the Men's and Women's Short Course in Clarence Correctional Centre??

Our first short Course for Women is planned for June this year (2021).

CHRYSLIS people we need you too!! If you would like more information, please contact Mieke on 0407 789528 DE COLORES

NEW IDEAS / OLD TRUTHS

We **PLAY** at our **WORSHIP**

We **WORSHIP** our **WORK**

We **WORK** at our **PLAY**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If we were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict us?

Virtual Emmaus Test Session

Saturday 7th January 2021 the first test session for a virtual Emmaus Walk was held via Zoom, I along with Olga Kucsak, were participants in the session, along with 23 others from Communities all over Australia, and from Nashville, Texas, and North Carolina just to name a few places.

A little of the background, this option for Emmaus has been in development for the past 3 to 4 months. This session was the first of two being held over the course of the weekend, the second session was held at approx. 3am AEDT Sunday morning, and would involve Communities again from the USA, Europe and Africa.

The session began at 9am Daylight Savings time and lasted about 3 hours, it consisted of two elements, the first being a talk, which for this session was Life of Piety, followed by a reflection by the Spiritual Director for the event. For the first part of the session, the speaker for the talk, lit a candle which was visible throughout her talk. In the discussion we had post this session, it was suggested that perhaps a separate window, which would allow it to be shown throughout the sessions when this form becomes live.

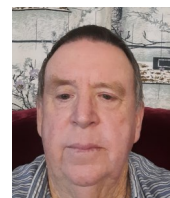
At the completion of the talk, we were broken off into break out rooms, each of these rooms were allocated a table name, as per the Walks, ours was the Table of Mark. There was as we do, the discussion and reflection and review. There is no posters nor would, there be a poster party at the end of each day. When we were brought back to the main screen, we had an comments were favourable.

An inquiry as to how it was proposed this type of Walk would proceed, we were told it is envisioned that the Walk would be held on a Friday night/Saturday morning over a 4 week period. It was also revealed that the Pilgrims would be given something, they did not want to call it homework, to keep them engaged between sessions. The question of agape was also raised, with the response being that agape would still be an important part of the experience, as to how this would work, was still being looked into, however it was felt the sponsors would be involved in delivering this. Sponsorship would remain the same as it is for the current Walks. The only difference would be the Pilgrims would have a pre Walk session to ensure they were up to date and capable of using Zoom.

As to materials the Pilgrims are normally given on the Walks, these would either be given electronically, which means the Pilgrims would have to download and print the material if they wanted hard copies, the alternative, again would involve the Sponsor, who would deliver the hard copy of the Worship book and other material to the Pilgrim.

The second part of the session, was the Friday morning communion, This was presented as a no element communion, this was then followed by another prayer that divided the participants as to the relevance of it and some felt the lack of elements detracted from the act of communion. The service followed the Worship book from page 26 to the top of Page 29. The act of receiving was the following prayer shared by all:

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Blessed Jesus though we cannot meet around your table, and receive You in bread and juice, we believe that You are with us here and now in this place. Come into our hearts and enlighten our inner darkness as, by Your grace, we unite to You. Open our eyes to Your wonderful presence in creation, in the redemption of Your children, and in Your sustaining of the world. Remind each one of us gathered here today that we are united as members of Your body. Help us grow together in richer and fuller communion. And, as we offer ourselves to You, may we share in Your risen life which renews the whole of creation.

Amen

This was followed by the Lord's Prayer then the following short prayer

Lord Jesus be with each participant in this event. Dwell in us. Be our wisdom. Be our guide. Conform us in word and in action to your image, You who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign for evermore.

Amen.

This was then followed by the Body Prayer. (this is the prayer that divided opinion).

Overall this was an interesting experience that does have potential, for not only the Walk to Emmaus, also other areas within our communities. It will be interesting to see how this develops and what the future holds.

I would be willing to discuss anything from this session with anyone of you who may like to know more.

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Peter Osborn

(Board Prayer Director)



Amusing church signs



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Our Kitchen Co-Ordinator, Valerie Caldwell will be coordinating our sausage sizzle at our first Gathering on the 6th Feb. Valerie would like to hear from anyone interested in helping out at our first and future monthly Gatherings. Please call Valerie on 0408160148 if you can help.

As we get closer to Walks, we will have lists available at each Gathering for kitchen helpers and dining room servers to register. Your precious commitment will bless the Walks abundantly.

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