

# MAY 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

PEACE is an elusive word these days. Meditating quietly, this word speaks of a state of security, a sense of freedom. Whether we attribute the connotations of this word to a settlement regarding ongoing war [a time for war and a time for peace], or a freedom from oppressive thoughts or emotions, we can rest assured that our Heavenly Father will make a way, a Covenant of Peace, in which His blessings will always be bountiful.

Do you remember the words of Jesus, John 14:27, 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you....' In the midst of troubling times, uncertain times, sickness and want, our only hope is in Jesus.'

".....may the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace." God's people need His grace and mercy in a dangerous world. the Hebrew word shalom is not just the absence of conflict or violence; God's peace brings complete well-being, health and wholeness. The priestly blessing invokes the Lord's blessing by repeating His Name in each verse Numbers 6:24-26]. This repetition of God's Name reminds His people of His interest and involvement in their lives. This benediction emphasises the relationship between God and His people. It also helps the people to remember the source of their blessings.

When times are dark, Jesus encouraged us to let our light shine before men. Our attitudes reach out, perhaps with practical assistance, to those around us. There is a time for every activity under heaven. Des Colores, Heather Couchman





# Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

**Saturday, 1st May 2021**

**@ Burleigh Church of Christ**

174 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh QLD 4220

## Gatherings are for Everyone

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

**Everyone is welcome!**

Come early and share a cuppa and bickies,  
And a time of fellowship & prayer before the Gathering

**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

Greetings everyone

God's timing is amazing. The first day in May and here we are, called to Gather. What does the first of May mean to you? A song by the Bee Gees 'First of May' brings back memories:

*'When I was small and Christmas trees were tall,  
We used to love while others used to play,  
Don't ask me why but time has passed us by,  
Someone else moved in from far away'.....*

*But you and I, our love will never die, But guess we'll cry come first of May.*

January '69. How's your memory?

To us, the first of May might mean several things but the one that stands out is,

## **'Our Walks in October are only 6 months away'.**

How can we as a community prepare for these October Walks? Everyone receiving this Chatter has most likely attended a Walk as a pilgrim but 'What does your timeline as a once in a lifetime pilgrim on a Walk to Emmaus look like?

### **My Walk to Emmaus to now.**



**With a high-light pen mark the words you can connect with.**

I was prayed for .....I was given a registration form to pray over.....I was sponsored..... My sponsor forwarded my registration form to the Registrar .....I was offered transport to and from the venue.....I was loved & cared for while on the Walk..... I was so blessed to see my sponsor at one of my meal times.....and at Candle Lighting.....I was given letters collected by my sponsor..... was so blessed to see my sponsor at the Closing.....I am regularly meeting with my sponsor..... I am making agape for the next set of Walks.....I am praying and asking God to lead me to someone to sponsor on the Walk to Emmaus in October.....I am praying to be called to serve on team.....I have served on team..... I continue to attend our monthly Gatherings.....I am interested in finding out about becoming a member of the Board.

At our Gathering on Saturday, 1st of May, you may be asked to share your time-line.

**What do you remember as a pilgrim? Maybe a friend became your sponsor.**

**The person you sponsor is the seed you are sowing for the future of Emmaus and for future Church Leadership.**

## WHAT'S OUR BOARD UP TO?

Gatherings on Saturdays suits most in our community. The Board is excited with the roll up at our Gatherings and we ask the community to continue to support our Saturday Gatherings. Let us all continue to pray for all in our community to remain or get involved in the best way they can. Having our Board meetings and Gatherings on the same day is a real blessing. Covid restrictions are not allowing us to provide a meal or supper but those days are not far away.

**An over night workshop at Mount Tamborine Conference Centre:** yes, this is going to happen and if you are interested you are most welcome to come along. To date, along with our Walk Lay Directors and Walk Spiritual Directors, the entire Board will be attending.

**The workshop will run from 3.00pm Friday 14th May through to lunch on Saturday.**

We have been informed that some from South Brisbane Emmaus Board will also be attending Saturday. Every member in our Gold Coast Emmaus community is asked to pray for those attending the workshop. If you would like to take part in this workshop, please place your name on the list in foyer at Saturday's Gathering. Alternatively, please speak to any of our Board members. More will be mentioned at our Gathering.

**POSITIONS VACANT:** During the past 2 months, three positions have been filled but we are in need of a Secretary. If anyone in our Emmaus community has a Saturday to spare and attend our monthly Board meetings, can take minutes at meetings, use a computer to send and receive emails and deal with some basic paper work, please talk to any of our Board members. Another position needing to be filled is the role of set-up and pack-up after Training Days and Walks. This role can be shared by one or more people. Please chat with Michael Ballinger about this role. **Music:** as our community is growing there must be an increasing number of musos among us. As a muso, you don't need to do it all. Come along to a Gathering and have a chat to Gloria Graham our Music Co-ordinator.

## EXTRA GATHERING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19th AT BALLINA UNITING  
CHURCH, BALLINA, N.S.W. ARRIVE FROM 2.30pm FOR  
3pm START AND ENJOY SOME REFRESHMENTS AND  
FELLOWSHIP.

It's been a while since we gathered, let's do it.

De colores

Have you picked up a registration form for the one you are sponsoring? Forms are available at our Gathering. Check out the table in the foyer.

Are you receiving our monthly Chatter? It comes out about a week before each Gathering. If you would like to receive a copy, please give your details to the welcomers at the door. Are you attending a Reunion Group? If you are interested in joining a group, please have a chat to Luz Osborn.

Extract from Hope for Each Day by Billy Graham

*“ God is a Spirit—infinite, eternal and unchangeable.*

*Those words beautifully describe God.*

*He is infinite—not body bound. Eternal—He has no beginning and no ending. He is unchangeable—never changing, never capricious, never unreliable.*

*As the Bible says, with God “there is no variation or shadow of turning “*

*James`1: 17.*

*People change , fashions change, conditions and circumstances change,  
but God never changes.*

*His holiness never changes. His purpose never changes. His glory never changes. Can you think of a reason not to trust Him?*

Extract from Vision 180 Magazine.

An old preacher pointed out “ If you don’t come face to face with the devil sometimes, you must be going in the same direction he is. “

**PRAYERS POINTS**

**Praise God for a successful hip replacement for Wayne Bryan and his quick recovery.**

**Pray for the community who are in need of treatment that they will be comforted during their wait.**

**Please pray for healing for any in the community who are in great need of this.**

**Help us to stay faithful in whatever situation we find ourselves.**

**Thank you for the deep peace you have given us.**

**Pray that God will reveal the purpose He has for you and your ability to act in His plan.**

**Pray for extra closeness to the Lord.**

**Please give us the quiet reassurance that He is the truth and the way and He loves us.**

**If you would like to share your prayer requests, please email Rhonda on [rjoys55@bigpond.com](mailto:rjoys55@bigpond.com)**

## Walk 144 Team Update

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe a month has passed, since I gave you the last update on what was happening, as we move towards the Walks in October. It has been a busy month for me, not only with my normal work, also working towards completing the team for the Walk.

I can now report that the Team for Walk 144 is complete, with the last couple of positions being filled over this past weekend.

I have also, received confirmation for the dates we had selected for the Team meet and greet and training days, and I have communicated these dates to the team. I am looking forward to catching up with the team at the meet and greet in early June.

You may have heard, the Board, will be heading to Camp Panorama for an overnight stay, in a couple of weeks. Any interested member of the community have been invited to attend this, as we will be looking at the facilities and how we can make the best use of these to make the Walks a success. If you are interested in attending, get in touch with a board member, and discuss the details with them.

I also hear that some members of our community will be getting together for one or more “Mega Agape Day” to ensure that both of these Walks will be blessed with agape. Again if you are interested in finding out more about this, contact our Agape Co-ordinator, Kerry Skee – 0402047016.

In closing I would ask you to continue to pray for the Team members for both the Men’s and Women’s Walks and for the Pilgrims who will be attending both of these enlightening events.

I heard something at a church leaders meeting recently, that is worth sharing, “This is not about the individuals or the community, it is about a man called Jesus”.

De Colores,

Peter Osborn

WLD Walk 144



We would like you to consider writing a small testimony contribution to the Chatter. If you have something you would like to share please send to the Editor’s address on the last page and it will be used along with others in the coming months. Thank you. De Colores—Rhonda



## LOVE

By Luz Osborn

Love is only a four letter word but its power is tremendous. It requires commitment and dedication. It connects us to one another. To love someone is to accept them just the way they are.

Love can change the individual or to the whole extent, the whole world. As it creates a personal bond, the other person is feeling nurtured and supported.

Humans are sociable beings. It means, we may need each other. There is no problem in loving the lovable people around us. But how about the unlovable? Those whose ideas and views may not be the same as ours? We have to remember that God had commanded us to love one another. He set Himself as a good example for us to follow. Our Heavenly Father had sent His Only Son, The Lord Jesus Christ to die in our stead. It was a great sacrifice! God's love brought salvation to all mankind. Sadly, not all people do acknowledge Him. Not all humans can ever comprehend how deep the love of God is for us. God's love is so amazing. And He commanded those who belong to Him to love one another. And we should obey. Some may deny that love to others, but it is best to always remember what God has said. Since we love God, we ought to obey Him without any complaint. If it seems not easy to do, we should pray that our attitudes will be pleasing to Him all the time. When we cling to God's love, it helps us mature in our faith and improve in our dealings with the people around us.

How could we show to the world that we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ? It is through loving one another. The world is watching on Christians how we conduct our lives. By the Grace of God, we are able to rise above and beyond the true meaning of love. There must be no expectation from others that they would love us the way we showed love to them. Frustrations will set in if we do. And it is not encouraging at all. That is not what God expects us to do. Just give love to everyone.

God's love is perfect. And His love has no limit. Many times, we let God down but He remains faithful to each one of us. Lord Jesus, please help us not to judge others. Christians can show love to others by encouraging them, listening to them, showing compassion, be there when needed if we can, among other things.

May we remain true in our faith as we are serving while waiting for His coming.

I Corinthians 16:14 says, "Let All That You Do Be Done With Love". Amen!



