

# JUNE 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

John 3:16 is a much quoted scripture. It talks about love, an only Son, belief, death, everlasting life. GRACE. How much the Father loved us to give us His beloved Son. Verse 17 is equally important. Jesus is again mentioned as "being sent", condemnation is now an issue, salvation returns us to a loving Father. Again, GRACE.

On the cross, He willingly, absolutely, and freely GAVE His life that because we believe on His sacrificial act, we are returned to the Father's loving and outstretched arms. We now become the righteousness of God in Christ. Nobody else was qualified to die for us.

And what did Jesus die for? Galatians 5:19-21 chronicles the lifelessness and negatives of our previous existence. In return? Should we have made the decision to follow Jesus, we are a new creation, old things has passed way, behold all things have become new.

We are no longer a slave to our former lives which Jesus died for. We are FREE to live an abundant eternal LIFE and become partakers of the fruit of the Spirit. Nothing but GRACE.

Be blessed as you think on these things.

Des Colores, Heather Couchman





## Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

Saturday, 5th June 2021

@ Burleigh Church of Christ

174 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh QLD 4220

“LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US,

LET THERE BE LOVE...”

LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER TO SHARE IN A MEAL, TO SING SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP, TO PRAY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TO SHARE IN COMMUNION. COME FROM 12.30 AND ENJOY A SELECTION OF DELICIOUS HOT SOUP AND YUMMIE BREADS.

GATHERING STARTS AT 2.00PM.

COVID restrictions will be in place according to Government requirements

### EMMAUS GOLD COAST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5	Jun	<b>Burleigh Gathering</b>
12	Jun	Teams Meet & Greet
19	Jun	<b>Ballina Gathering</b>
26	Jun	Tweed Heads Agape Day
3	Jul	<b>Burleigh Gathering &amp; Team Commissioning</b>
17	July	Tweed Heads Agape day
23 - 25	July	Chrysalis SE Qld
24	Jul	1st Training Day
7	Aug	<b>Burleigh Gathering</b>
14	Aug	Tweed Heads Agape day
21	Aug	2nd Training Day
4	Sept	<b>Burleigh Gathering</b>
18	Sep	3rd Training Day
25	Sept	Tweed Heads Agape day
1	Oct	<b>Burleigh Gathering</b>
21 - 24	Oct	Men's Walk 144
28 - 31	Oct	Womens Walk 145
6	Nov	<b>4th Day BBQ &amp; Gathering</b>

Greetings everyone

**God's Love Never Fails.** CEV. Psalm 136: 23 – 26.

23 God saw the trouble we were in.

**God's Love never fails.**

24 He rescued us from our enemies.

**God's love never fails.**

25 He gives food to all who live.

**God's Love never fails.**

26 Praise God in Heaven.

**God's love never fails.**

God's Love has been what has and continues to keep our community strong and growing. Our Gatherings over the past few months have had various restrictions placed on them. Numbers, food, singing, communion and spacings have all changed the way we use to hold our Gatherings. But God's Love has never failed us.

The month of June is upon us and that also spells winter. I love the seasons – they bring change into our lives: the food we eat and drinks we have, the clothing we wear changes from single layer to more than double, we spend more time inside our homes and tend to rest more. I find wintertime, a time to draw nearer to God. A time to maybe read, study, to listen to music, to pray, to connect with God. A time to thank God for His many provisions.

As CLD, I have found the past couple of months exciting. The Ladies and Men's teams are coming together. Our calendar of events is looking exciting. Our data base is reaching the complete stage. Our finances are in order. Our kitchen and dining room rosters are coming together. Our new venue, MTCC is being prepared for our Walks in October. The Board is alive and well - we are all travelling in the same direction. Maybe not all at the same speed but we are all looking up and ahead and going for what God is showing us.

Please continue to pray for our Board and our community. We have a lot to consider over these next few months.

De Colores Theo Galjaardt CLD GCEC



**EXTRA EMMAUS GATHERING ACROSS THE BORDER**  
**Looking forward to catching up and sharing our journeys.**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**BALLINA UNITING CHURCH,**  
**54 Cherry St. BALLINA, N.S.W.**

Arrive around 2.30 for a time of fellowship, some delicious soup and bread and join in a time of celebration, communion, and our 4<sup>th</sup> day talk.

There's much to talk about: Prayer vigil, making Agape and Sponsoring pilgrims for our Walks in October 2021 are only 3 items on our list.

**Please bring your name badge, neck cross and handbook**

All covid restrictions will apply.



The gift of sponsoring someone on their Emmaus journey is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to a fellow disciple. It is never too early to begin prayerfully seeking who God might be calling you to sponsor.

In Luke 24, the resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples. Christ walks with them, listens to their pain, shares scripture, and breaks bread with them. Christ's identity was finally made known to the disciples and they were transformed, eager to tell others about the experience.

Are you eager to share the Emmaus experience with someone?

Pray about your role as a sponsor

Check with your local community about upcoming sponsorship training

Begin sharing about your transformation through the Emmaus family of ministries

Pray about the right time to extend an invitation

Set a time to meet with the potential pilgrim

Keep praying



A fantastic team effort by a beautiful group of people from Gold Coast and Sth Brisbane Emmaus communities.



**Above:** 'Our think tank made up of members from both the South Brisbane and Gold Coast communities. So many good ideas from people who love 'Walk to Emmaus'

**Left :** Thomas from South Brisbane Community and Graeme from Gold Coast Community. 'You keep talking and I'll put on my photo face'

**Below:** Gold Coast team walking from the Conference room to the Youth Shed. That's a down hill run..



## **Agape making days!**

Join us in Tweed Heads for agape making! Materials supplied, inspiration welcome!

Come for a while or stay all day

Share lunch and fellowship.

10am to 4pm

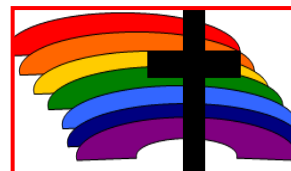
Contact Tracey Carlson on 0427 441 003 for address.

Sat June 26

Sat July 17

Sat August 14

Sat September 25



If you can't make one of our days start your own for your area.

Better still think about forming a reunion group in your area so you can support each other in your 4th days

## **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.



My name is Tim Chan from Walk 54 Neranwood (1997) and Table of Matthew.

I migrated from Malaysia in October 1989 and settle on the Gold Coast as my brother and his family was already here. I have not had to move to any other Australia states to live. Guess it could my Chinese heritage where we always stay close to our family.

I work for the family business as accountant and administrator.

I became a Christian in 1977 through ISCF (Inter School Christian Fellowship). My faith journey has its ups and downs especially in my early years as my family was non-believers. But later they accepted me and started changing things to accommodate my beliefs for example like not offering food to idols so I can eat the food. I feel that God is changing their outlook about Christianity. I am still praying for my sibling's salvation that one day God will open their eyes and heart to our Lord and Saviour.

I am currently attending Burleigh Church of Christ. I just started attending this church in January 2021, still trying to find my way in the church.

I have been involved in the Emmaus for many years. I have been on team many times doing ATL, TL, ALD, PD, ASD, Dining Room Coordinator, Special Agape and serving tables at meals time.

Every walk is different, and I learn new things about God through the talks given by the team members. It is good to get involved with the walk as we meet new and old friends that we have not seen at our monthly gathering. As you are aware, we are having two walks in October 2021, maybe you might like to get involved in serving the pilgrims. It brings back memory of my walk.

I am on the Gold Coast Emmaus Board and oversee the Special Agape and the newly appointed Secretary for the Gold Coast Emmaus. God has taken me out of my comfort zone to make me rely on His strength to get things done.

It would be great if we can have a team of Special Agape people to be involved in the walk. Special Agape on the walk is getting the morning and afternoon tea goodies for the walk. We just need to provide and bring it up to the campsite for the dining room coordinator.

“But Jesus looked at them and said With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19: 26

In closing I would like to say that I do serve a Risen Saviour and He lives within my heart and helping me all time.

DeColores

Tim Chan





## WAYS YOU CAN BLESS PILGRIMS

- ♥ Give financial donations to cover Special Agape items—a donations box will be at the next Gathering or can be deposited directly.
- ♥ Make personal agape—need 50 items for each walk. These need to be with 2 weeks prior to the Men's Walk . Contact Kerry Skee for more details. MP: 0402047016 EM:skeeker@hotmail.com
- ♥ Make some delicious food (slices, biscuits, cakes, savouries) for morning and afternoon teas. Please let Tim Chan (tchan48@hotmail.com) know what you intend to give and when you can get it there by.
- ♥ Prayer—Obtain prayer's names from your church to put on the prayer vigil sheet and send through to Jill Ballinger.
- ♥ Attend Candlelighting
- ♥ Attend Closing

Extract from Vision 180 Magazine.

Back in the nineteenth century, Louisa Stead and her family were enjoying a seaside trip when she noticed a youngster struggling in the surf. When her husband rushed into help, he was pulled under and drowned. A time of grief and dire poverty followed. One day when she had no money or food, Louisa went out and found a basket on her doorstep with both food and money inside. Putting pen to paper, she wrote a hymn: "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus said the Lord". I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Saviour, friend, and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end."

Louisa leaned to trust Jesus so much, she went twice as a missionary to Africa, where she served the Lord for twenty years.

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. "  
Nahum 1:17.

## PRAYERS POINTS

Please pray for the teams as they train and prepare for the October Walks.

Pray for the board and other members attending the campsite at Tamborine to make decisions about the Walks and how the new facilities will be used.

Please thank God for Wayne's new hip but also pray for Wayne who is facing some other health issues now.

Pray we will be faithful beyond our own understanding to line up with God's faithfulness.

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



## Walk Update

Greetings to all,

As I type this, I have just finished a two hour zoom meeting with the Emmaus Australian National Board. It was exciting to hear how many Communities across Australia are holding Walks this year. August looks like, in the words of the National Spiritual Director, to be a Walk month. Let us all lift those Communities in prayer that are holding Walks before ours.

After I gave you the news last month that we only had one position to fill on the men's team, we unfortunately had a member drop out, fortunately our prayers have been answered and not only has that member of the team been replaced, it looks like the last ASD position has also been filled. Praise God.

The Board and both Jill and myself as well as other Community members, attended MTC, Camp Panorama on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, to assess what we needed to do and how best to use the facilities for the Walks. We had some great feedback on the day and it will give us plenty of food for thought as we approach the Walks. I am sure all will work out to ensure the safety of the Teams and Pilgrims, and the success of the Walks.

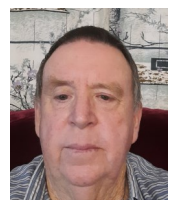
On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be holding the Team meet and greet at the Church of Christ Burleigh, from 10am to 12pm, it will be good to meet up with those team members we have only had the chance to chat with over the phone or via email, on the past few months. Let the Team bonding begin.

Again, I would encourage you as a Community to lift both Teams for the Walks and for the Pilgrims who will be attending those Walks in prayer, and also for the Teams as they get together for the meet and greet.

De Colores,

Peter Osborn

WLD Walk 144



A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said "You know, Dad, I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair too." His father responded "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere?"

Hi Emmaus Community family, my name is Rhonda Bryan Walk 90 in 2006 at Bornhoffen.



Since my Walk, I have been on team once as a table assistant. I thought my Walk was a confirmation of my Walk with God.

Wayne, my husband and I always visit one of the Walk's candle-lighting and the closing ceremonies. We love seeing the transformation of some of our brothers and sisters. It would be wonderful if our churches saw such excitement.

I started editing the Chatter about 5 years ago and have enjoyed using my skills to do that. I love it when people send me their testimonies because I think they can be very inspiring.

My husband, Wayne is a worship leader and he encouraged me to sing with him even though it was something out of my comfort zone. I figured God knows I am trying my best.

We have also started doing RI (Religious Instructions) to Year 2's at the school across the road from our house. That is very rewarding seeing these little ones listen to Bible stories. Some ask quite amazing questions.

Another ministry we have is collecting bread from a local bakery and then bagging it and delivering it to our church for the needy. We also take the excess to a local retirement village and a local vet to give away for free.

In the past, I have written Christian lyrics to secular songs just as a hobby. I have also written some children's story books.

Last year I was forcibly retired because of Covid.

Once a week, I volunteer at a local op shop which I enjoy. In my Baptist church, I am part of our pastoral care team. I also attend our local school Chaplaincy Committee where we try to support our two chaplains with fundraising ideas.

Every day, I ring my 93 year old Mum who still lives by herself and visit once a week or take her to her appointments. I also check in on my terminally ill sister every evening.

I have been supporting Wayne for a number of years while he has been waiting for his hip replacement which has now been done and it was very successful. Of late, Wayne has had some other health issues so I am doing my best to see to his needs.

I think we have a mighty God and prayer is very powerful and the main focus in our lives.

So all in all, I'm pretty busy.

May you all be blessed abundantly by our Lord and Saviour.

Rhonda Bryan.

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<http://www.westernmtwalk.com/documents/walkprayer.pdf>

Hello from Adelaide,

Firstly, I would like to say how much we are missing our Gold Coast community, you have all been wonderful friends and a source of strength to both Marty and I over the years that we have been involved with you all. We thank God for you and the community that you are.

We have been in Adelaide now for almost 3 months having felt the call from God to move here, both to look after Marty's Mum, and to continue my study in ministry. Since we have been here we have been so blessed by God. We have a new church home in Journey Uniting Church, so much so that we are already on the welcome team here and have been blessed to be a part of church and social groups through the church. There is also a member of an Adelaide Emmaus community at our Church so we pray that our Emmaus journey will continue here too.

Marty has transferred into a position with her company down here as well in what we can only describe as a God thing too, even the office she works in has other strong Christians and a wonderful group of people to work with.

We have seen some wonderful sights here too. The glory of God is on display in the autumn colours, and even something as simple as seeing the sun set over the water, (I had never seen it before), and the amazing colours give testament to a loving, caring God that knows us and goes with us wherever we go.

The doors are opening and God is faithful. I believe He orders the footsteps of those who trust in Him, and blesses them small and big.

We look forward to seeing you all again in the future and sharing life with you all, but in the meantime we pray that God will bless you all.

Our love and prayers go with you all.

Justin and Marty Gutteridge.



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