

# JULY 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

**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE**

God will never leave us or forsake us. Joshua 1 reminds us that our Father will never allow us to sink or fail.

**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE.** We need to rely on God's strength and wisdom, and not our own.

This is paramount in our daily walk. We need to allow God's abiding presence to give us courage.

**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE.** We need to know Jesus' promise will be always with us, which will keep us from terror and discouragement.

**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE** is a recurring theme in Joshua 1. This indicates that simply knowing God's Word is not enough. We must know God's Word well enough to apply it to life's situations. God promises that this kind of faithfulness to His Word will result in us being successful and prosperous.

**MEDITATE** is a Hebrew word which tells us to be active, and is a re-speaking of God's Word.

**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE.**

Des Colores, Heather Couchman





## Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

**Saturday, 3rd July 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

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>

## From the Community Lay Director

Greetings everyone. **The month of June** will be remembered for different reasons. Yes, it's the first month of winter. Last month I shared that winter is a good season to draw nearer to God: a hot cuppa, a warm place to read and meditate and a time to reflect and count our many blessings. I can add that the beauty in our garden in winter continues to be a reminder that God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As CLD and Chair of the Board I can say that this time of year continues to be a very exciting time for us all. Our Dining Room co-ordinator, our Secretary, our new mail out system, our new data base and our new venue all add up to grow our Gold Coast community. Thank you for your many supporting prayers and generosity.

In June, our 2 teams met at the Meet & Greet on Saturday, 12th. A beautiful Gathering of God's chosen ones for the team that will spend 72 hours with God's chosen pilgrims. Wow, what a privilege to be there to welcome and pray over them. For me this was a high light of our on – going journey with Christ. Check out more news about that day in this edition.

Our Board meeting in June focussed on matters concerning our new venue, MTCC. We made a good start into the many points we need to discuss. I hope to bring you more news from our July Board meeting at our July Gathering.

Extra Gathering held at Ballina on Saturday 19th June was one of those events where the smiles of many warmed the hearts of every one. The soup and bread warmed us as well. A huge thank you to all who came from Qld and those who travelled from Casino, Kyogle and surrounding areas. Your generosity and prayer support are sure to make our future Walks a certainty. We thank the Gold Coast community & Board for their support to holding extra Gatherings during each year. I note with a great interest the number of prayer vigils and registration forms that were asked for on the day. To encourage on going support from our Far North Coast Emmaus members, our Board will no doubt consider future Gatherings to be held at different venues.

Our Gathering in July will also be our Commissioning of both teams. It will also be a time to give thanks and recognise our community as the support team. Please come and support those on team on Saturday, July 3.

The month of July also tells me that it is time to get involved in the many activities leading up to our Walks in October. It is also time to prepare for our AGM. At this point in time the AGM may take place in November or December. How might we all be able to help make our AGM a rewarding event? My call to each one in our community is to pray for people to take up a position on the Board. Similar to sponsoring, ask God to show you who to go to and talk with, about being on the Board. One of the roles that needs to be filled will be the role of CLD. I took up the role of CLD in the latter part of 2018. This means I have completed more than my allotted term of 3 years. With Covid 19 in full swing last year, I didn't think it was the right time to step down. Is there someone you know who has been a Walk Lay director and has been a Board member who you believe will take the Gold Coast Emmaus community to the next set of steps in our Walk with Jesus?

De colores, Theo Galjaardt CLD. Gold Coast Emmaus Community.



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The Sunday following the Meet & Greet we heard of the news that Graeme Barr had had an accident. It was declared that Graeme Barr died in his back yard where he was cutting limbs from a tree. Graeme & Jane said yes to being the prayer directors and both had attended the Meet & Greet as team members on the next Ladies Walk. It would have been Graeme's first time as Prayer Director in the prayer room. On that Sunday, 13th June, I searched to find words to gain strength & peace and for Delma and I to spend time with Jane.

*Words of Samuel Rutherford (Christian Scottish Pastor and author from the 18th century) came forth;*

***“After winter comes the summer. After night comes the dawn. And after every storm, there come clear, open skies.”***

“This is the same perspective we should have in our trials. While it is true God can make good come from the worst difficulties, He never asks us to paint a rosy picture of the distress, pain, disappointment, or discomfort we feel, or to pretend it doesn't exist. Instead, He encourages us to look beyond the present hardships we face to the blessings which will come if we don't quit. That's what it means to persevere. That's what it take to win. If we want to win, then we need to persevere, but the choice is ours.”

(there is so much more to Samuel's words, please Google for full writings)

Graeme loved and was loved by so many people. He also loved the land, animals & flowers. As one of many of his friends, I share a photo of one of the orchids in our garden Graeme loved.

*Theo Galjaardt*

*Community Lay Director*

*Gold Coast Emmaus*



OUR JULY GATHERING ON SATURDAY, JULY 3  
WILL BE A SPECIAL GATHERING.  
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE  
COMMISSIONING OF  
TEAM 144 & TEAM 145.

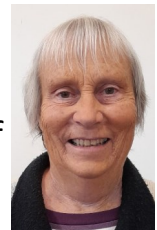
Hi. I'm Margaret Armstrong, Walk 13 FNC Emmaus at Ballina, in early 1990's. I have recently become a member of the GC Emmaus Board as Dining Room Co-ordinator.

My husband, Laurie, and I attend Southern Cross Presbyterian Church in Lismore.

After my walk I prayed that I would like to support Chrysalis as our twin daughters attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Chrysalis in Australia at Ballina and then they sponsored us to Emmaus. I learned very quickly to be careful what you pray for as we soon became very involved. Both of us became part of the Chrysalis Board, Laurie as Supplies and I was Kitchen Co-ordinator. We were both on team and I cooked for Chrysalis for a number of years. I was also on team for FNC Emmaus and cooked for Emmaus a couple of times.

I have also been on team once for GC Emmaus and worked as assistant to the Dining Room Co-ordinator several times.

As a child I attended an inter-denominational Sunday School and have almost always attended church. For me before Emmaus I knew about God/Jesus, after Emmaus I now know God/Jesus and I know they are part of me. So now I want to help others who don't know Him personally really get to know Him.



I also cook, with Laurie's help and support, for our church youth camp every July and Laurie and I are grandparents helping out with the youth on Friday nights a few of times a term. I really feel blessed to be able to serve our Lord in this way.

I would ask you all to prayerfully consider serving in the Dining Room on either or both of our walks in October at our new venue at Mount Tambourine. It may seem hard this early to commit to a particular time but please give me your contacts and I will contact you when we get closer to October.

If you have any questions please contact me on Mobile: 0422 246 079  
or Email: [margarmstrong2480@outlook.com](mailto:margarmstrong2480@outlook.com) De Colores

## Team Meet and Greet

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June we came together as the Teams for Walks 144 and 145. It was good to see so many from both Teams attend this time of Team building.

After the usual introductions and the reciting of the Team Canon, which was said with plenty of feeling, we split into the individual teams, with the Women's Team remaining in the church, and the Men's adjourning to the room we use for the Board meetings.

I have attended several Team meet and greets over the past few years, I would have to say that the sharing and the depth of what was being shared at this meet and greet, had me asking, what is going on here, something is happening. It was as we prayed over the manuals and shared a song of worship, my whole body was alive with a tingling sensation, that I realised the Holy Spirit was with us and guiding us as we began to bond as a team. As the Lay Director, I feel humbled and blessed to working with this group of men and women to share God's word with the Pilgrims who will be attending the Walk in October.

Which leads me to a couple of points that I would like to share with you and ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help.

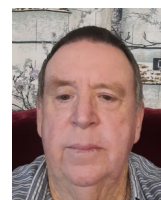
As you are all aware we have a book table for the Pilgrims on the Sunday of the Walk to coincide with the Growth Through Study, talk, I would like to ask you to donate any books you may like to share with the Pilgrims to this table.

The other point is a challenge. Jill Ballinger shared with the team about the prayer vigil and asked for us to have 700 names on the wall for the Walks. When Jill had shared this the week before at our monthly Gathering, the figure 1000 came to my mind. So, we are now putting out the challenge to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, to make this happen.

I would ask you to continue to pray for the Teams and the Pilgrims who will be attending the Walks. Also I would like to ask you to attend our next Gathering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, at which we will be Commissioning the Teams for the Walks.

De Colores,

Peter Osborn WLD Walk 144



## **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

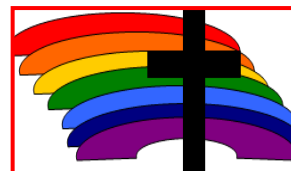
Contact Tracey Carlson on 0427 441 003 for address.

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.





TEAM AGAPE! 'Hello. I'm Kerry Skee'

I am the board member looking after Agape issues, and I can't do it on my own. I'd love to have a support team of people who are interested in ensuring that the agape for each Walk comes together smoothly and efficiently. If you would like to work with me for this and/or upcoming Walks in the future, or just want to know more about it, please come and speak to me at our Gatherings. I have taken on the role of Agape Coordinator for the upcoming Walks, but we need more than just me. If you feel you'd like to be involved in this very rewarding part of Emmaus, we can certainly use you. Being part of a support team for Agape does NOT mean you have to be the Agape Coordinator for a Walk (although that would be awesome). What it involves is working together and ensuring that we have a well-oiled agape machine happening in our local community. Since it will have been a long time between Emmaus Walks, let's work together to make these next Walks the best yet!

Do you love Agape?

Have you ever made Agape?

Did you ever wonder how it all comes together?

It doesn't just happen.

Tracey Carlson is hosting Agape making days at her home at Tweed Heads. I am also going to get it happening at my (very small) unit in Surfers Paradise. Speak to us for dates and addresses.

You can ring me on 0402 047 016 or email [skeeker@hotmail.com](mailto:skeeker@hotmail.com)

### **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to some decisions regarding the upcoming Walks i.e. sponsoring a pilgrim, volunteering at the Walks, attending the Candle lighting and the closing ceremonies.

Please pray for all of those in the community that are in need of prayer and or healing.

Pray we will get closer to the Lord each day as we read His word .

Help us to help others who need help in some way.

Please pray for the Barr family for the loss of Graeme.

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



Hi, my name is Michael Ballinger Walk 54 1997 Neranwood Qld .

What a memorable experience that was, at first I was very curious as to what was going on because all I heard was don't anticipate, it was that walk I gave my life to Christ after hearing that I hadn't made that final commitment to God.

Since then, I have been in many positions on team and also Lay Director.

In the early days I wanted to give back to Emmaus what it had given to me.

I could not attend board meetings in those days as my job was night shift, but I helped in as many ways as I could. It wasn't until latter years I could go on the board and attend meetings.

My position as Supplies Coordinator is rewarding as people rely on me to keep things moving.

My job description has a great range of responsibilities from keeping track of all we own, use, and need to enable a Walk to function or a Gathering etc.

I challenge you all to give back to Emmaus what it has given to you as your first time as a Pilgrim.

Volunteer your gifts, go on team get involved, take a position on the board, Emmaus needs your commitment to continue to be an effective force in God's army.



Blessings, Michael

**“GENTLENESS”** A disposition that is even-tempered, tranquil, balanced in spirit, unpretentious, and that has the passions under control. The word is best translated “meekness”, but of power and strength under control. The person who possesses this quality pardons injuries, corrects faults, and rules his own spirit well. 1 Timothy 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience **gentleness.**

