

AUGUST 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

Isn't it wonderful to know we are a chosen priesthood, a holy nation and that we belong to our heavenly Father? 1 Peter 2:9, He has no intention of forsaking us, and He has prepared a place for us. We often sing songs of praise and worship without realising the deep meanings of the words. "I am who You say I am".

We have a new identity in Christ as children of God, when we become born again believers. This song speaks of salvation, position, inheritance, faith, grace, continuing love; indeed an encouragement of who we are in Christ.

Matthew 16:15 - Jesus asks you "Who do you say that I am?" He calls you to understand that He is the Christ, the One Who was promised from the first book to the last book of the Old Testament. He calls you to understand He is the Son of God, the One Who by His very nature is God in the flesh.

Des Colores

Heather Couchman





Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

Saturday, 7th August 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

All dates could be affected by Covid restrictions.

23 - 25 July	Chrysalis SE Qld
24 Jul	1st Training Day
7 Aug	Burleigh Gathering
14 Aug	Tweed Heads Agape day
21 Aug	2nd Training Day
4 Sept	Burleigh Gathering
18 Sep	3rd Training Day
25 Sept	Tweed Heads Agape day
1 Oct	Burleigh Gathering
21 - 24 Oct	Men’s Walk 144
28 - 31 Oct	Womens Walk 145
6 Nov	4th Day BBQ & Gathering

Greetings everyone

A devotion I recently read from Luke 5:4 NKJV ‘Launch out into the deep and let down your nets.’ God’s plan for our lives always involves risk. Why? Because **He wants us to live by Faith**. Why did Jesus say to Peter, ‘Launch out into the deep’. Because that’s where the big fish are.

It’s not normal for me to start my blog with a scripture verse but this one came at the right time and I think it well to share with you all. As CLD and a member of the GC Emmaus Board, we have had to make some major decisions. Dealing with Covid is ongoing but doing everything possible to work with all the restrictions in place takes a lot of prayer and commitment.

The month of August is upon us and yes, our prayers have been answered.

How wonderful it is to know the Gold Coast community is continuing to pray for not just our Walks in October but the recent Chrysalis Flights, the Bris. Sth. Men’s Walk to Emmaus to be held on the first weekend in August followed by the Women’s Walk and for our National and State Boards.

This past month we purchased our 2 marquees—10m x 5m each. Inside the huge ‘aircraft hanger’ these placed side by side will make our auditorium, 10m x 10m.

The marquees were received and are stored in the Youth Shed at MTCC.

Lighting required inside these marquees are being assembled. Being given these lights is another of our prayers being answered.

As Brisbane South Emmaus will be using these marquees, this will be a time of learning & working together.

Will the Walks in October go ahead? It is a question being asked and how do we answer.

We do place our trust in God and in His timing, His plans for our Walks to unfold. “Launch out into the deep” is a reminder to us all that we can chose to stay safe, where we are, or, take a step and face each challenge before us. I’m grateful to each member on our Board to take a step out into the deep and our community who continue to pray for us all. As with every decision made there will be those for and against but one thing we all can agree on is that through prayer, God will give us His answer. This leads me to answer the question,

‘Will the Walks go ahead in October’?

Yes, the Board believes and agrees that we must continue to plan and prepare for these Walks.

The Youth Shed is our new storage shed. It is approximately 80 metres from our auditorium. Every useful item will need to be transported to the auditorium.

Come to our monthly Gatherings, enjoy the fellowship, praise & worship. Let’s get together to make these Walks the best ever.



Theo Galjaardt CLD GC Emmaus.



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HOW CAN YOU HELP.

At the closing of our past Walks, it was often said that these Walks were the best we've ever held. And rightly so. Each Walk is unique and it should therefore be said that these were the best. How can you help make these Walks 'the best'?

There are many ways our community can help to make these Walks even better than we know them to be.

MTCC will present us with some new challenges.

Some things we've done in the past will be different.

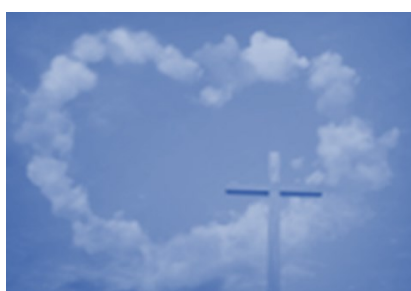
Here are some ways you can help:

If you have an idea, a thought of how you can help, please talk to a Board member.

The Team for the weekend should not be the ones setting up, can you come up on the Thursday to help set-up?

The 8 L.E.D. flouro lights will need to be hung.

All the necessary furniture will need to be moved and set-up in the auditorium



BOARD POSITIONS (Job descriptions available)

Gathering co-ordinator:

A couple of hours a month and a heart to see people engage.

72 hour prayer vigil co-ordinator.

Remember seeing the list of names of those praying for you over your Walk weekend? Promoting & engaging with the community and churches so as to fill the vigil with a 1000 prayers.

Dining room support:

Please add your name to the list of servers for either or both Walks in October.

Theo Galjaardt CLD

**COMMISSIONING AND GATHERING SATURDAY AUGUST 7TH.
ARRIVE BETWEEN 12.30 & 2 FOR DELICIOUS SOUP AND BREAD.
GATHERING STARTS AT 2.00PM.**

WHAT'S THE BOARD BEEN UP TO.

The Board were unable to meet in July, however, many of us have been dealing with our responsibilities and will be sharing those with the Board at our August meeting.

We have purchased & received 2 marquees to be our auditorium at MTCC.

We have our lights for these marquees. These were a gift from an electrician who attended a Chrysalis flight way back in the 90's. Thank you Ben.

Our next Gathering will be held this coming Saturday, August 7th. This will be our Commissioning and Gathering event so please lock this into your calendar.

The teams for Walks 144 & 145 have held their first training day. With restrictions changing on the run, we thank God for His many provisions.

We have made some enquiries as to what 'additional' accommodation might be available on our Walk weekends. At this time, because of Covid, MTCC can only accommodate two thirds of it's capacity. That's more than enough for 20 pilgrims and team. For a small fee, there are 'additional' beds available for servers at TLC for only our Women's Walk weekend. There are also chalets available for both our Men's and Women's Walk weekends. For those with camper trailers or vans, there are plenty of sites available.

As we get nearer to our Walks we will need:

SPONSORS: Registration forms will be available at every opportunity.

All hands on deck. Moving to a new venue, we will require many helpers. You might see yourself as being the one to co-ordinate the setting up and dismantling of equipment. Please discuss your availability with a Board member.

Before our Men's Walk we will need extra set up people. After our Women's Walk we will need extra pull down people and for moving furniture and equipment back into the Youth Shed, our storage shed.

Please note: all equipment will remain in place between the 2 Walks.

Parking attendants for our candlelighting and closing at MTCC.

We may need Covid marshals & extra cleaners.

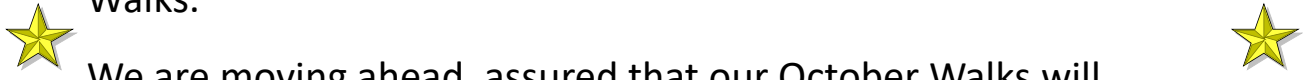
Do any of these jobs stir you? Please talk with one of our Board members.



Walk Agape



Hi, I'm Kerry Skee. As the Board Representative for Agape, I have taken on the role of Agape Coordinator for these upcoming Walks.



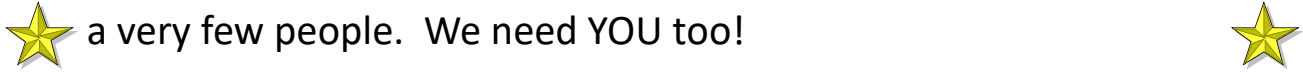
We are moving ahead, assured that our October Walks will proceed as planned. Now is the time to ensure the Agape for these Walks is truly inspired. Please start bringing in your gifts of Agape to our Gatherings and leave them with me. As many of you may know, I live in a very small unit with totally ZERO storage space. However, Charles and Heather Probin have very kindly agreed that I may use their garage for storage purposes in the lead up to the Walks.



If you would like to make agape, and don't know what to make, or how to make it, or even how to get started, reach out!! Tracy Carlson hosts Agape making days on the 3rd Saturday of the month at her home in Tweed Heads. I'm also happy if you want to come to my place in Surfers Paradise. My time is pretty flexible.



If you don't have any current plans to make Agape, PLEASE RE-THINK! We would love to make these Walks totally awesome, and agape is a huge part of that. Please don't just leave it to just a very few people. We need YOU too!



OUR BOARD PRAYER DIRECTOR, PETER OSBORN'S REFLECTIVE STORY

My initial contact with Emmaus was only about 4 weeks before I did my Walk, 132, October 2016, Mt Tamborine, Table of Matthew. Whilst I was familiar with the Biblical Walk to Emmaus, I had not heard about our Walk, until my sponsor approached me after service at church one Sunday and asked if I would be interested in attending. Initially I was reluctant however as I prayed into this, I felt God wanted me to do this.

How right He was, as Theo, began his talk on Priorities, I sat bolt upright in my seat, with a massive sense of De Ja Vu, and heard "Yes now you know, I selected you to be on this Walk, at this time, in this place, long before you ever heard about it!"

That was not the only time during the course of those 72 hours that has changed my life and my direction in life, that God spoke to me. Since completing my Walk, I have become more involved in the life of the Gold Coast Emmaus Community.

I sponsored my wife Luz, to do her Walk in June 2017, it was during her Walk, that I was asked if I would be interested in being on team for the next men's Walk, in October that year. I did not even have to think about it, I agreed.

I have been on every Walk since then going from Assistant Table Leader, to Table Leader, to ALD for 2 Walks, and now, all being well and we move past the current situation with Covid, I will be the Lay Director for the next Men's Walk 144. This will be our first Walk in the new location at Camp Panorama, part of MTCC, still on the mountain. That in its self will present some challenges, I pray that God will guide us and we will successfully complete this Walk, which was meant to be held in May 2020 and now will be held in October 2021.

Away from the Walks, I have been involved with the Board of the Community for the past few years, initially as secretary and now I have a role in the background as the Board Prayer Director. This means I pray for the Board, generally every night, also for any prayer requests that either I become aware of, through you, our community, through the Chatter or by direct contact from other Board members.

May I close this, by praying that our Lord Jesus Christ, will keep each and every one of you, safe and guide your actions as we proceed forward into the unknown future.

Blessing be upon you all.

De Colores

Peter Osborn (Board Prayer Director)



Training Begins

Greetings to all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

By the time you receive this, we will have completed the first training day, which is better than we did last year as we were initially preparing for these Walks. It has been a long time coming.

I can feel the excitement and anticipation beginning to build as I count down the days to this training day.

I would like to share with you, that today, Sunday, 18 July 2021, without even really trying, we have had two men inquire about being Pilgrims on the Walk. God is answering our prayers, to ensure we have a full complement on the Walk. It was by pure chance with the second of the two inquires. I believe God puts us where we need to be, when we need to be there. I was leaving our local shopping centre, with the groceries we had just bought, when I ran into a friend who is helping with an agape item for the men's Walk, and she said "Her partner wants to do the Walk, how do we go about it?"

Fortunately, I am aware that two of her uncles, have both completed their Walks on the Far North Coast, and I said "I have the forms, and either Alan or Ray can sponsor him." God is good.

Apart from that there is not a lot to share this month. I would encourage you to get behind any of the Reunion or Agape groups that are preparing agape for the Walks and give them a hand or perhaps you may like to do agape yourself and bring it along when it all has to be brought to our Agape Coordinator. We will be letting the Community know when.

I would also encourage you, to think about whom, amongst your friends and acquaintances you could sponsor to do these Walks.



De Colores,
Peter Osborn, WLD Walk 144

LOVE YOURSELF—As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only—to be loved, and to love. In return, I am a God of Love. Love Me. Love your neighbours. But also love yourself. It makes My heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget.....

Agape making days!

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

Come for a while or stay all day

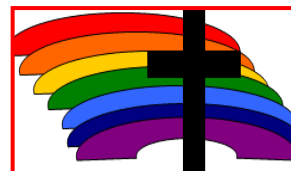
Share lunch and fellowship.

10am to 4pm

Contact Tracey Carlson on 0427 441 003 for address.

Sat 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.



When you don't know what to pray.

Thank Him for being any of the following. Add more of your own.

A/ Almighty, Able, Awesome, Amazing, Available, Approachable, Advocate,
All Knowing. **B/** Beautiful, Bold, Benevolent, Beloved, Boundless
C/ Caring, Compassionate, Comforter, Conqueror, Companion, Cornerstone.
D/ Dependable, Deliverer, Divine **E/** Everlasting, Ever..present, Encourager
F/ Faithful, Friend, Forgiving, Father **G/** Good, Glorious, Guide, Gentle, Gracious,
Great **H/** Healer, Holy, Hope **I/** Intercessor, Infinite, Immeasurable, I am
J/ Just, Joyful, Judge **K/** Kind, King
L/ Loving, Listener, Light, Lamb, Lord of Lords
M/ Mighty, Majesty, Merciful, Master, Messiah, Miracle-Worker
N/ Near, Never-failing, Nurturer **O/** Omnipresent, Only God
P/ Provider, Peace Giver, Praiseworthy, Powerful, Perfect, Precious, Pure,
Personal, Promise Keeper **Q/** Quintessential **R/** Righteous, Rock, Redeemer,
Rescuer **S/** Strong, Saviour, Sacred, Shepherd, Sovereign, Shield, Spirit
T/ Transforming, Trustworthy, Triumphant, Teacher **U/** Understanding **V/** Victorious
W/ Wise, Wonderful, Worthy, Word, Way Maker **XYZ/** Yahwey, Yoke, Zion,
Zealous

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to be with us each and every day more and more.

Pray for healing for many in the community who are suffering from illness. May the Lord comfort them and give them strength through their illness.

Please pray for the upcoming teams and their families. Pray they will sense God's presence.

Pray for the pilgrims who will be attending the Walks in October. Pray protection over them and their families.

Pray for Jane and her family as they grieve the loss of Graeme.

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

OUR BOARD'S WORSHIP CO-ORDINATOR'S STORY TO SHARE

I would like to share something that inspired me to write my book 'Dancing in the light.

One night I found myself standing in the spirit gazing down at my sleeping body on the bed.

My spirit body was nothing but light, and wherever I moved, everything in front of my path would light up.

I felt very childlike and started playing and dancing and laughing.

Suddenly I saw the words from the bible come to life.

1:John 4 "Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"

Immediately I understood.

Then I saw another. Math 18:3 "unless you become as a little child, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven".

It was almost as if these verses were all a part of me.

As I stood in there in the moment, I realized my eye vision was not as we see in the physical, but all around at once, as if there were eyes in the back and front and sides of my head.

I started to dance and play with glee and Psalm 119:105 came alive "The word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path"

Then Psalm 37:4 " Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart".

That's exactly what I was doing. Delighting in his light.

Then suddenly I heard that small quiet voice, and he said. "Ask for anything, and you shall have it...ask".

I knew that if I asked for absolutely anything, I would have it at that moment.

You would never imagine what I asked for?

Be sure to get my book when it's released, and find out.

May God bless you all

De Colores

Gloria Graham



