

SEPTEMBER 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

The prophetic voice of Elisha rang in the Shunammite's ear. "This time next year, you shall embrace a son". The woman had already put her disappointment far from reality to concentrate on being pro-active in attending to Elisha. "Do not lie to your maidservant."

Throughout the years of having birthed a son, encouraged him in many skills, loved him, the Word said "he died". No reason, no illness, "he died". Gathering himself to return to the woman, Elisha lay on the child, mouth to mouth, eye to eye, hands to hands, flesh to flesh. After walking, Elisha returned to the child. The child sneezed 7 times.

7 indicates completion, fulfillment, perfection. This is our Father's number. He rested from His work on the seventh day; 7 priests shall bear 7 trumpets; on the seventh day the Father broke the walls of Jericho, and many more examples.

Our hurts and disappointments do matter to our Father. There's no need to push them to a dark place, "I expect it doesn't really matter".

He determines we need answers. Pray for the breakthrough to see our Father's face. Be rid of the dark corners, and be encouraged to walk in Jesus' light. In the light, there is untold freedom, love and grace, when we place our hands in the hands of the Man from Galilee.

De Colores

Heather Couchman



Getting to know Heather Couchman

“I want to be different!” Confession of faith! Probably not something children said to their parents. My differences became apparent as I taught Sunday School, and eventually became leader/bible teacher in my church Fellowship group. Jesus was a constant companion.

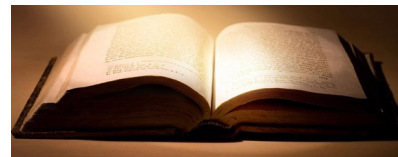
There was a new song to sing – Psalm 40:3. In keeping with my love for music, I played the 4 keyboard organ in an inner city Brisbane church. I can still hear the organ resonating in the Dormition Abbey church in Jerusalem – full bodied and absolutely inspiring.

I have been blessed to have taught Sunday School, R.I. on Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, as well as at Gold Coast schools. Teaching English to hilltribe children in Northern Thailand was a great challenge, together with pastoral lessons to 2 groups of international students. It's exciting to walk in the light because Jesus is my everything. I LOVE MY Heavenly Father, and His Word has an unexplainable depth for which I'm so hungry. In following Jesus' passion for people, the Holy Spirit birthed in me SHILOH KIDS.

Gangallah is the Lord's choice of church for me, and is an apostolic church. Apart from non-attendance during this covid period, this is my forever church.

My initial response to being sponsored to attend an Emmaus walk was “WHY”. I find the intermingling of faith one in which my Father is particularly interested. Being directed by the Holy Spirit, and as Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, He has used me to write LOVE to many. He prepared me for a walk as CSD. Controversial, perhaps, yet with a heart full .of grace.

Isaiah 40:31





Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering
Saturday, 4th September 2021
@ Burleigh Church of Christ

174 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh QLD 4220

“LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US,
LET THERE BE LOVE...”

ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SHARE IN A MEAL, LET’S ALL GET TOGETHER TO SING SONGS
OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP, TO PRAY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TO SHARE IN
COMMUNION.

GATHERING STARTS AT 2.00PM. COVID restrictions will be in place according to
Government requirements

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

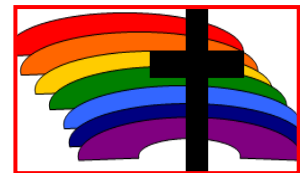
Prayer

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/](https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/)

Links to all community prayer vigils can be found there.



From the Community Lay Director

Greetings everyone

Where do I begin to share some good news? At the time of writing, the season of Spring had begun in our garden, even though our calendar tells us it is still winter. The flowers are out, the birds are building their nests, some are already with their young. Sunsets are beautiful and so are the early mornings with the blanket of dew feeding the grubs and birds. Citrus trees are loaded and the vegie patch is alive. This is truly a fantastic time of year. For all the above, I give thanks to our Lord and Saviour, He is on our side, He never ceases to give.

God has also been on our side when it comes to Emmaus. He has never ceased to give and will, for ever more, continue to do so. The year 2021 has not been easy and yet at the end of it all, I say, thank you Lord for all we have achieved this year. Our Gold Coast Community covers a very large area and for several years, God has called people from all places to do what is required. Team members, pilgrims, sponsors, and servants who give and come together to prepare for each Walk to Emmaus. Then there are those in the Community, a big team of people. They are those who pray, who give, who stand by, ever ready to step in if needed. Thank you to each one for your many sacrifices.

Last month I asked the question, 'Will the Walks go ahead in October'? The Board was asked to come together in prayer, and we prayed and prayed for everything to line up so that training could begin. This wasn't to be, as border restrictions put in place would not allow us to meet. The 4 square metre rule may also have stopped us from meeting at Burleigh CoC.

Our planned Walks to Emmaus October weekends at MTCC have been moved to May 2022. Dates are: Men's Walk #144 May 19 – 22 and Women's Walk #145 May 26 – 29. Our deposits were forwarded to our planned Walks in May 2022. We thank MTCC for their support and on many occasions their hands on effort. Our new marquees are stored in the MTCC Youth Shed.

Please pray for other Walk to Emmaus Communities around Australia as they too may need to navigate a way round CoVid restrictions.

Please Note:

Brisbane South Community will be holding their Walks in October.

Mens Walk#103 14 – 17th and **Women's Walk #105** 28 – 31. Both Walks will be held at Camp Tamborine. (the one we used for our last Walks). **Candle lighting 16th & 30th October 7pm** at Mt Tamborine Presbyterian church, Main St Mt Tamborine. Please sign up to the 72 hour prayer vigil.

We are all invited to attend A Walk to Emmaus **MEGA GATHERING** hosted by Brisbane South Walk to Emmaus Community. To be held on **SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER** at the Redeemer Lutheran Church Rochdale Road, Rochdale. This invite has gone out to all Emmaus Ministries in Queensland.

The month of October may be our time to hold our AGM. This will be held during our normal Saturday Gathering time of 2.00 – 4.00pm. The AGM will reveal how we travelled and survived these past 12 months. How we are placed financially and how our Board is made up. October will also be the month where I plan to serve my last time as CLD. Prayers for our new CLD are ongoing. My prayer is for those in our Community who might be considering how to get involved in the years ahead. For information on any Board or Committee role, please contact any Board member.

Theo Galjaardt, CLD Gold Coast Emmaus Community. De Colores



Hi Emmaus family. My name is Theo Galjaardt from the table of Mark, Walk #1 FNC NSW. September 1988. In my sharing I want to honour those who were here before me, those who went with me, those who are going with me and those who have been called Home. A huge thank you to each of you.

I'm married to Delma, 49 years this year. We have 3 grown children and 8 teenage grandchildren. Delma and I live in Meerschaum Vale, near Ballina NSW. We live on 5 acres and are surrounded by trees and wildlife. My interests are making garden art and gadgets out of stuff. Delma's interests are garden, orchids and cooking the best food for me.

My Walk to Emmaus was the turning point, not only in my life, but that of our family. "Dying Moments", it was. The man who invited me to attend was Rev. Roy Cowin. Rev. Roy, along with others from Sydney and Queensland, was also the man who God had called to bring Walk to Emmaus to the Far North Coast & Queensland. From there on, Walk to Emmaus went Australia wide. Rev. Roy sponsored me, never left me. He called me, he visited, he formed reunion groups and prayed with me. Roy passed away on 29 June 2018.

At my first Candlelighting, I saw people I had never met nor seen. I soon found out that some had driven from Sydney, Port Macquarie and places between. These people are still so clear in my visions of my first Walk to Emmaus. Their giving, their sacrifice, their love. There were many more who gave such love during my entire journey as a Saint in the FNC Emmaus Community. I believe that where I am today is because the men and women, who travelled the road with me, and memories of them, continue to travel with me on my road.

Chrysalis soon followed. 24th – 26th August 1990 was our first Flight held at Ballina. My wife Delma and I were involved and were called to lead the first 3 Flights in Ballina. Four team leaders and 4 youth were invited from the 3 other Emmaus communities. 37 youth attended the first Flight. These Flights were mixed gender Flights so that each would take their experience back to their communities.

Growing Together in Marriage was another ministry Delma and I attended. This was a weekend set aside for husband, wife, and God. Lead by chosen leaders, we spent the weekend learning how to include God in our marriage and family.

Kairos #1 at Grafton was a ministry I was being prepared for. By now, FNC Walk to Emmaus was a large family. Weekends were filled with pilgrims, 36 at a time, 6 Walks each year. Chrysalis was National, it was on a roll. Kairos Inside was the "new for me". This was a Short Course inside Grafton Correction Centre. I spent many hours in the "Follow Up Journey" programme which was held on each Monday afternoon after each Kairos Journey. I am for ever grateful to those who called me to lead a Kairos Short Course.

Since late 2018, I have been on the Board of the Gold Coast Walk to Emmaus. The only role I have had on the Board is as CLD. For me, this has not been an easy role to fill, but with the support of the existing and new and additional Board members, a book of rules and our God who provides all our needs, the Board and Community continue to journey on. I give thanks to God for all those who have been involved at Board level, especially those who continue to support the Board and Community through these difficult times. Please continue to pray for our Gold Coast Community.

A Word from a Lay Director

Well! What a month we have had. At this time last month I was talking about how by the time you read the Chatter, our 1st training day would have been completed. We made the call to defer that training day about 5am on the Friday morning, mainly due to the difficulty crossing the border would have been for those team members from NSW.

With the ongoing situation with the pandemic we were praying that things would ease and we would be able to have our delayed 1st training day on the 21st August. As we got closer to this date, things were not looking hopeful. We, after a series of emails and phone calls between the CLD, both Walk Lay Directors, our Spiritual Directors and our CSD, we finally on Tuesday, 10th August, on the 2nd day of lockdown for some of us in Northern NSW, and with things not looking as if they would ease, made the hard and frustrating decision to defer the Walks again, to May 2022.

We ask that you, our brothers and sisters, pray for the team members, pilgrims and sponsors. I would like to thank all the team members, for the time and effort they have put in so far and for all the positive feedback, you have given us, when we informed you of this decision, I pray you stay focused and prayerful, as we look to next year.

I would like to share with you an article by Dr James Allan Francis from 1926, which is still so relevant today.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman, He grew up in another obscure village, where he worked in a carpenter shop, until He turned thirty when public opinion turned against Him.

He never wrote a book, He never held an office, He never went to college, He never visited a big city, He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born, He did none of the things usually associated with greatness, He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only thirty three.

His friends ran away, one of them denied Him, He was turned over to his enemies, and went through a mock trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves, while dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries (20 for us), have come and gone and today, Jesus is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever sailed, all the parliaments that have ever sat, all the kings that have ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of mankind on earth, as powerfully as that one solitary life.

May we continue to pray for guidance and protection of our Lord Jesus Christ. De Colores, Peter Osborn, WLD Walk 144



Virtual International Emmaus Gathering

At 11:00pm Saturday 14th August, I participated in a Zoom International Emmaus Gathering, conducted by the Upper Room, from Nashville, where it was 8:00am Saturday morning. There were close on 200 participants from all corners of the world.

The worship at the commencement was led by our brothers and sisters from the Barbados Community, followed by the S.E. Georgia Chrysalis Flight, concluding with a song from the Hong Kong English Community.

The main focus for this Gathering was as a remembrance service for those Pilgrims who are no longer with us. During the playing of a worship song, we were invited to type the names of those who had returned home to be with Jesus, in the chat window, there was a long list of names being shared.

This was followed by the 4th Day talk, which was given by Kerryn Barton, from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, then the National Spiritual Director, from the United Kingdom, Nathan Falla, share with us the word from scripture. We were then placed into break out rooms to share our thoughts on what both, Kerryn and Nathan had shared. The room to which I was placed included both of these speakers, which was good to share and get further insight into their Walk to Emmaus experiences, as well as those from the other participants from the Philippines, Malaysia, and the US.

When we returned to the main room, we were given information about upcoming events some of which would be of interest to all of us, regardless of where we are around the world. These included the introduction of a new one day virtual program, entitled Day 4 Restore, due for release at the beginning of October. This program consists of 2 talks with table discussion, interspersed with praise and worship. The focus being to restore in us our love for Christ.

The one that caught my attention which I feel as a Community we could participate in, either with the rest of the communities around the world, or even just on our own was the virtual Walk and Challenge which will run from Oct 1st through to 12th Nov. It is an opportunity for us to walk the same distance as the disciples, 7 miles. This can be completed at anytime during this period, and can include spiritual time, and service to others. There would be prizes for the best performing individuals and Community. They are proposing a cost of \$25.00 per person, which would go into the fourth day fund. (Continued on next page)

THE UPPER ROOM
Emmaus Ministries
International Virtual Gathering



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This was followed by a Love Feast, which was led by Stephane Brooks from the Upper Room. This is not to be confused with our communion. A Love Feast can be led by anyone within the congregation, and is a sharing of bread and water. As we share a scripture reading and prayer, we remember who Christ is, and celebrate with gratitude. Stephane also led us in a closing prayer before we were farewelled with a worship song from the Zimbabwe Community.

I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity, to share in one of these events in the future.

De Colores, Peter Osborn, (Board Prayer Director)



PRAYER POINTS

]Please pray for the board who have been dealing with the logistics of the Covid restrictions and who finally had to make the decision to postpone the Walks until next year.

Pray for the teams and the volunteers, the potential pilgrims who have the disappointment of the decision but who can look forward to problem free Walks next year.

Please pray for all the individuals in the community who have been impacted negatively or in any way with what has happened regarding the restrictions and lockdowns.

Pray for those suffering from health problems and may the Lord heal and restore them. May they know the Lord is with them during this time.

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

