

APRIL 2022 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

TIME TO CROSS THE JORDAN.

If ever there was a time to put on our spiritual armour, and to address the spiritual strongholds in our world - it is now! We need to evaluate our biblical identities within our families, together with our biblical gender identities, as these are definitely under attack. We need to discern there are some in the Body of Christ who are keen to align themselves with new worldly realities.

The Father calls us to renew our stand in this battle, for a battle it is. The only battle against flesh and blood is on our knees - prayer.

As we observe world events, it's a challenge to disallow the giants to intimidate you. This is the season of your breakthrough. The Lord still sits on His throne. The Lord still has good land for you.

CRISIS.? A crisis is the best catalyst for change. Of course it's a challenge not to return to the old normal, yet we need to seize each opportunity as a victory. Can you think of a great breakthrough in the Bible which was birthed out of difficult and hopeless situations?

The decision is yours. This can be the time of your breakthrough! Do I allow myself to be intimidated by the giants I face? Make a time with the Father to take you over the Jordan to start possessing the gates of the enemy. Ask the Father to allow you to possess a new territory - perhaps there are some new callings for you. Best of all, challenge yourself to know your heavenly Father better than ever before.

Be strong and of good courage. Meditation in the Word will make your way prosperous through the Word. Joshua.1:8



De Colores, Heather Couchman



Gold Coast Emmaus Gathering

Saturday, 2nd April 2022

First Commissioning Service for Walks 144 and 145

@ 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 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/>

Links to all community prayer vigils can be found there.

May God make all grace abound toward you, that you will always have all sufficiency in all things. May you have an abundance for every good work. (11 Cor: 9:8)

What an exciting month we have had. Our Men's and Ladies Teams have finally come together. These are God's teams, those whom God has called to be on the team. We have finally had our 1st training day for the May Walks. It has taken 2 ½ years in preparation for this to happen, but our God is good and it is now all systems go. Please keep the teams in your prayers – ask our Lord to protect them as they prepare. Satan will try to attack, but with all our prayers, he is not going to win. Our God is far stronger and He loves us all and only wants the best for us.

What can you do to help the walks:

Pray – go on the prayer chain, get others to pray as well. Start praying now for the walks, not just for the 72 hours while the walks are on, but pray whenever you feel God prompt you to pray. Further information for the prayer chain will be included in this Chatter.

Sponsor pilgrims – there are still spaces available – we are aiming at 20 pilgrims for each walk. Help with setting up and pulling down of the walks – we need your help. There is a camp before the Men's walk and also one between the Men's and Women's walks (Monday to Wednesday), so we are unable to keep them set up.

Help out in the dining room – Please speak to our kitchen coordinators and put your name down.

Attend candlelighting and the closing ceremony. Candlelighting will be held at MTCC (where we are holding the camp) in the youth shed – more details to follow. Remember back to your walk and your experience of walking through those candles – don't you want to share this experience with the new pilgrims? I know I love Candlelighting, either going through the candles again when on team, or being on the other side of the candles watching the Pilgrims faces.

Attend the gatherings and support the team before the walk. Bring your pilgrims to the gatherings after the walk and encourage them to get involved with our Community.

Each month the board will be putting together a prayer diary for that month – this will be put in the Chatter and also on the Facebook page. Please use this calendar as a way to help direct your prayers.

Your board is also trying to do something different at each gathering. Come along and see what has been planned for that month.

We are still looking for board members – several of us are covering more than one position. These positions need to be filled – you do not want to burn out our current Board members that we have now. Please consider coming on the board – we have a lot of fun. Meetings are held at 10am on the morning of the gathering. If you need any further information, feel free to contact one of the board.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the April gathering where we will be commissioning our teams for the walk. De Colores Jill (CLD)



2022 - Gatherings & Board Meetings

April 2
May 7
June 4 - 4th Day BBQ
July 2
August 6
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3 - Christmas get together
Training Days and Walks
Meet and Greet - 26 February Postponed to 5th March before the Gathering
Training Day 1 - 12 March
Training Day 2 - 9 April
Training Day 3 - 30 April
Debrief - 18 June
Men's walk - 19 - 22 May
Women's Walk - 26 - 29 May

Prayer/Praise Points

If you have a prayer request or a praise point, please email Peter at
prayer@goldcoast.emmaus.org.au

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by the severe weather events that has been experienced in QLD and NSW.

We lift up to You, Father, all those within our families and community, who need healing, for whatever ills, conditions or diseases that may be afflicting them. We also pray for strength and Your loving arms around the partners, as they provide support.

We continue to uplift all the team members of both Walk 144 and Walk 145 to You, Father, that your loving protecting arms be around each and every one of them, keeping them safe and keeping them focused on what they need to do.

We pray for the pilgrims for these Walks, Father. You know who they are, long before we do. Bring them together with those who will sponsor them for the Walks.

We pray, Father, that You will support us in our endeavours to have 5000 names on the 72 hour prayer vigils for both Walks.

We give thanks and praise to You, Father, for all the blessings and guidance that You give us in all that we do, and the love You shower upon us each and every day.



From the Lay Director

Walk 144

Wow, that is all I can say about our first training day, you could feel the Holy Spirit working in and around all those who attended the day.

We, as expected, were down a few people because of the severe weather situation that we had experienced in both Qld and NSW.

We came together initially as a community and shared communion and training before sharing morning tea, then splitting into the Men's and Women's teams for the remainder of the day.

With the Men's we ended the day with having only shared 4 talks, however all those were well presented and the day ran smoothly.

I would like to congratulate those who have given their talks, and look forward to hearing the remainder of the talks over the next two training days in April.

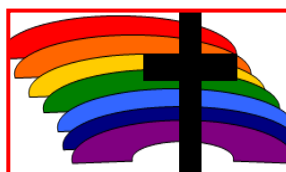
I would like to take this opportunity to encourage not only **all** team members, also all of you who are part of our community and whether or not you are on team or supporting the teams with agape and support at the camp, to attending our next Gathering on the 2nd April, as this will now be when we do the team commissioning. We were initially going to hold it at our March Gathering, however as we all know the weather had different ideas. I will go into more details about that in my other contribution in this edition.

Could I also ask you to continue to not only pray for the teams and the pilgrims who will be attending the Walks but also that we reach our target of 5000 names on the prayer vigils for both Walks. We are on the way to that target, with both teams agreeing to pray for each other from our first training day through to after our team debrief in June.

De Colores,

Peter Osborn,

Lay Director Walk 144



Wow...here we are again. How quickly does a month go by and a new report needs to be done for the 'Chatter'!

It's been 3 weeks since our Training Day number 1. I am happy to report that the five speakers for the Friday had their talks ready and did a fine job. The pilgrims and team will be blessed by what they have to say. We had some challenges of course, as so many were and are still suffering the after effects of the flooding in Lismore and surrounding areas and were unable to attend. Our gifted musos Shirley and Kim had a prior arrangement in Lismore and felt that they should still honour that commitment, and rightly so. They had arranged with Nicole (our IT genius) for their music to be played but sadly, Nicole was unwell and unable to attend the training day herself. So with just 2 ALDs, we muddled through, with one of them taking over the IT duties in conjunction with her ALD responsibilities, and the other taking over the music in conjunction with her ALD responsibilities, and wonderful Table Leader Pam stepping up to help in those roles too. We got through it and had a wonderful bonding time. A huge thank you to those who attended and contributed to the day. Kim contacted me yesterday to advise that they have the music all sorted now for the weekend. What a job!

In addition, God had decided the team needed a further 'tweak' and our lovely prayer directors, Janine and Damien, found themselves unable to proceed in the role. Although Damien was willing to proceed with another person, our rules state that men take on that role on a Women's Walk only as part of a husband/wife team. Thank you so much Damien for your willing heart. Our new Prayer Directors are Joy Irwin (formerly Joy Brown) and Darani Cummins. I'm sure they will be a valuable addition to the team, and will be amazing in that role. Please pray for them as they take on this important responsibility. Joy has been a Prayer Director on more than one occasion in the past and Darani is keen to learn from her. It's an incredible job to do on a Walk, and you are just washed in blessings the whole weekend. (I'd do that job every walk if they let me!)

As I'm writing this, I'm looking out at a downpour of rain and hearing thunder rumbling. While we don't want a repeat of recent events, got to say....I love the rain!

Please don't forget to be asking people to pray throughout our 72 hour Prayer Vigil. As you know, Peter Osborne has been challenged to get 5000 names all praying the weekend through for both the men's and women's walks. You will hear more about how you can be involved in all that at the Gathering on Saturday April 2nd, which is our Commissioning Service for the upcoming Walks. Please support your Emmaus Community by being there for us all. Don't forget, YOU are the team too!

To quote a well known Aussie....."I love youse all!"

De Colores.

Kerry Skee. Lay Director Walk 145



What a month it has been. All I can say is that we have a great, loving God, who has showered myself, Luz and Benjamin with blessings upon blessings.

As many of you may already know, on Monday 28th Feb, we had to be rescued off the roof of the carports at the back of our units, due to the rising waters, in East Lismore. We were not rescued by the SES but by friends and neighbours who had boats and were out to help people.

We were then offered accommodation at the residence of Jim and Ruth Gallagher (Walk 144 Prayer Directors). This was only the beginning of those blessings I mentioned. Within days of the flood, we had our unit cleaned out, thanks to the willing hands of many of those I work with and volunteers from within our own church. We were also flooded with offers of clothes, linen, furniture, even just recently a car as ours became a submarine.

As I write this, we are making plans to move into our new accommodation, which has been generously offered to us from a friend within our church community. We will be living just outside Lismore, but will be high and dry if this type of event. We have also had a meeting with the insurance assessor for the contents of the unit, and we are waiting to hear from the car insurance about the finalisation of our claim.

We have also been busy delivering food parcels to friends and others within our community who have suffered as much, and in many cases more than we did.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you within our community who have prayed for us during this time and those who have offered us help.

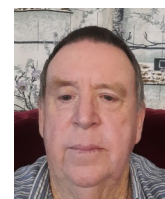
May our loving Father continue to bless you and keep you safe.

I would also ask you to pray for those within our community who are not well, and some who have been hospitalised. We pray for complete healing for these brothers and sisters, and we also pray for strength and comfort for their partners as they support them through this time.

Blessings,

Peter Osborn

Board Prayer Director.



PRAYER CALENDAR APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	1 Qld School Holidays start – pray for safety for travel etc.	2 Gathering Commission- ing of teams National Secretariat Zoom Meeting.
3 Victims of floods in Queensland and New South Wales	4 War in Ukraine – pray for peace.	5 72 hour prayer -people praying – 5000 for both men’s and women’s walks.	6 Agape and Special Agape co-ordinators as they pre- pare	7 PILGRIMS – that we get a full comple- ment for each.	8 NSW School Holidays start - pray for safety for travel etc.	9 Training Day 2 – safe travel. Pray for people presenting their talks etc.
10 Federal Gov- ernment	11 State govern- ments	12 Local Governments	13 Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade personal. Past and pre- sent	14 Doctors, Nurses and staff of hospitals, nursing homes etc.	15 GOOD FRI- DAY Peoples eyes will be opened to the relevance of Easter.	16 EASTER SATURDAY Pastors / Church leaders.
17 EASTER SUNDAY Resurrection Day New life, New Hope	18 EASTER MONDAY Travel home safely from holidays.	19 New School term starts for Qld. Teachers / staff and students as they start new term.	20 School Chaplains RE Teachers Ability to share the gospel.	21 School Guidance of- ficers, school nursers.	22 Students with problems, Abuse: Mental/ Physical/ Sexuel Learning Difficulties	23 Abused wives, husbands, children
24 Prison Officers	25 ANZAC DAY Veterans and those Serving Members Mental Health - Soldiers, Police, Ambulance, Servicemen.	26 New School term starts for NSW. Teachers / staff and students as they start new term	27 Children with trauma.	28 PILGRIMS – that we get a full comple- ment for each.	29 Walk Lay Directors – preparing for walks & 3 rd training day.	30 Training Day 3 – safe Travel. Pray for people presenting their talks.

72 HOUR PRAYER Do you believe that prayer changes everything? What can you do to help? Please approach your friends, family, workmates, Church friends to pray for our next walks. We are wanting to have 5000 people praying for both walks. Can you imagine how the pilgrims will feel when they see the 5000 names up on the wall -- people they do not even know praying for them.. Can you imagine the blessings the team and pilgrims will receive because of these prayers. Not just for the 72 hours covering the walk but the lead up to it and also afterwards. When ever the Lord prompts you to pray. Please get the names of those praying and send them to Michael & I at mjball1@bigpond.net.au so we can add these names to the list. What can you pray for? - some ideas for you. Please give these out when you ask people to pray. Thank you.

Emmaus Prayer points

Safe travel to and from camp. That the Holy Spirit would minister to the pilgrims and team throughout the weekend. That lives would be changed. Continued growth within their own church.
That the Team would reflect Jesus in everything they say and do. Pray for any reconciliation that needs to take place. Pray for the families who are at home that the Lord would care for and protect them.
That the spirit of Emmaus would reflect in their hearts and minds. That in their 4th days they will continue to grow in the Lord. **Let us bless these pilgrims and teams with our prayers.**

PEOPLE WHO ARE PRAYING FOR Men's Walk 144. 19 - 22 May, 2022

NAME	CHURCH/COMMUNITY	NAME	CHURCH/COMMUNITY

PEOPLE WHO ARE PRAYING FOR WOMEN'S WALK 145 - 26 - 29 MAY, 2022

NAME	CHURCH/COMMUNITY	NAME	CHURCH COMMUNITY

Please return to:- mjball1@bigpond.net.au or bring to Gatherings

POSITION TITLE	NAME
Community Lay Director	Jill Ballinger
Community Spiritual Director	Heather Couchman
Past CLD	Theo Galjaardt
Past CSD	Neil Warner
Secretary	Tim Chan
Treasurer	VACANT
Registrar	Tracey Carlson
Prayer	Peter Osborn
Chatter Editor	Rhonda Bryan
Music and Entertainment	Gloria Graham
Logistics	Michael Ballinger
Face to Face	Kerry Skee
Agape	Kerry Skee
Dining Room	Margaret Armstrong
Training Day	VACANT
Reunion	Luz Besanes Osborn
Website Admin	Tracey Carlson
72hr Prayer	VACANT
General board members	VACANT



Emmaus Community
 Keep up to date, please go to
 Facebook page and search Gold
 Coast Walk to Emmaus
https://www.facebook.com/groups/gcemmaus/?ref=group_cover

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★
 ★ For those unable to attend ★
 ★ the Gatherings or other ★
 ★ events, and who would still ★
 ★ like to support our Emmaus ★
 ★ Gold Coast Community ★
 ★ financially, provided below ★
 ★ are our banking details ★
 ★ **Westpac Banking** ★
 ★ **Corporation** ★
 ★ **BSB 034 239 Acct 381736** ★
 ★ Could you please include in ★
 ★ the description 'donation', ★
 ★ In His Service ★
 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Please note -Tim Chan is willing to change to the Treasurer Position, but we will need someone to take over the Secretary Position if he does this.

Kerry Skee is managing both Face to Face and Agape but the Board would love someone to step into Agape if they would like to.



THE CHATTER: A monthly publication for all who want to be part of the Emmaus Community.
 Any enquiries or contributions please contact the Editor, Rhonda Bryan by email:
 rjoys55@bigpond.com 55029509 0421 057180
 Please send any contributions to the above email by the 20th of the month



Have any of your contact details changed recently?

Do we have your contact details correct? To help us be sure and to keep our database up to date, would you please send your details (regardless if any have changed or not) to Database Keeper Tracey Carlson via email traceycarlson@bigpond.com or by phoning 0427441003.

Supplying your email address will ensure you receive a copy of the Chatter each month by email if you wish, & other important information. We use the database for team selection too. The Chatter is published online at www.goldcoast.emmaus.org.au