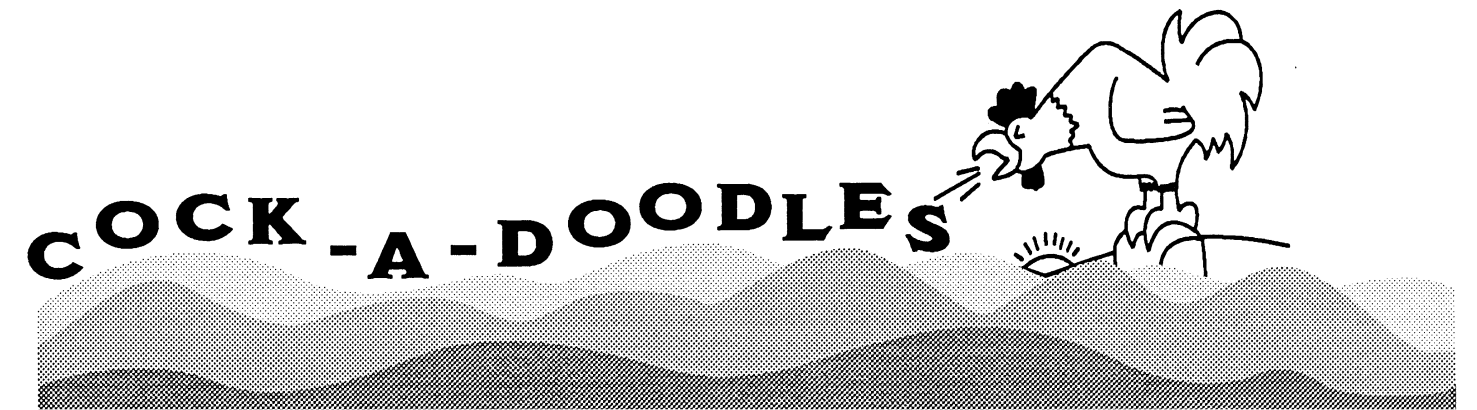




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Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis Community,

Your Emmaus/Chrysalis Board met on Saturday, Oct. 15th for an all day retreat to discuss and discern the state of our beloved community. We are dedicated to renewing our commitment to serving our God and His people. The following is a summary of that renewed commitment.

**A Season of Spiritual Renewal
Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus**

The year of 2012 -- a time of spiritual renewal for the SN Emmaus/Chrysalis Community in which we seek the power, inspiration and guidance from the Holy Spirit. During this season, we will prepare the foundation of our personal and community life in order to offer excellent and powerful Walks and Flights which have full and trained teams on schedule and a minimum of 12 pilgrims.

In this season of spiritual renewal we will . . .

1. Pray for the Emmaus/Chrysalis Movement of Southern Nevada and across the Connection
 - a. Each Gathering will be a time of prayer
 - b. Provide community with monthly prayer reminder and focus for at home and in Groupings
2. Promote Reunion Groups
 - a. The purpose, strength and blessing of Grouping to be emphasized
 - b. Facilitate members in finding/making Groups
 - c. Practice our covenant that we must Group to serve on a Walk or on the Board
3. Create and Experience Excellent Gatherings
 - a. Get the community out and fill the house
 - b. Powerful worship time which includes music, prayer, witness, message, Communion
 - c. Grouping emphasis -- which includes experiencing and learning about Grouping
 - d. Promote and teach Sponsorship

We invite you to join in this season to pray for our community, group regularly or find a new reunion group, to fast, to attend gatherings, or all of the above! Come enjoy our annual business meeting and gathering on December 2nd at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Meet up with old friends, sing Christmas carols, eat yummy desserts and finger foods, and bask in His glory with the fellowship of believers! This will strengthen our community and our walk!

De Colores,
Dan Morley, Community Spiritual Director
Leslie Brinks, Community Lay Director



**Christmas Gathering
Annual Business Meeting**

Friday, December 2, 2011

6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Lutheran
6670 W Cheyenne Ave

Child care provided ages 2-10

Please bring a dessert or finger food

Please bring one of the following to support
Family Promise, our mission project for this Gathering:

- Black trash bags
- Low Suds laundry detergent
- Hair brushes and combs
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Family size shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Dental hygiene products

Calendar of Events

Dec. 2	6:30 p.m.	Gathering Annual Business Meeting	Holy Spirit Lutheran
Feb.	12 noon	Gathering	Green Valley UMC
Apr. 13	6:30 p.m.	Gathering	Griffith UMC
June 2	12 noon	Gathering	St. John's UMC, Kingman
Aug. 3	6:30 p.m.	Gathering	Trinity UMC
Oct. 6	12 noon.	Gathering	Heritage UMC
Nov. 30	6:30 p.m.	Gathering	Holy Spirit Lutheran

At the Oct. 15th Retreat/Board meeting, the Bylaws for the Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis were revised. They will be voted on at the Annual Business meeting on Dec. 2, 2011. You may read the revised Bylaws at www.snwe.org or request a copy from Secretary Carly D'Amico at cad804@cox.net.

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Prayer Chain

The prayer chain for the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis communities can use more prayer warriors. Your request for prayers may be phoned to Tammy Tahbo at (928)753-4616 or email your request to hopisgal@yahoo.com . You can be added to email list of prayer warriors by contacting Tammy.

Prayer Corner

- Julie Beers, MS
- Gretchen Stamos, waiting for liver transplant
- Steve Beall, cancer
- Robert Sutherland, cancer
- Family members in the military
- Family and friends suffering from illness, grief or crisis

Our Emmaus and Chrysalis History

Here is a brief history of the Walk to Emmaus and our own Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus! The Walk to Emmaus dates back to Cursillo Walks. Crusillo is a Catholic-sponsored movement that began in Spain in 1949. Original Crusillo leaders designed the program to encourage participants to transform, with God's help, their living and working environments into Christian environments.

With various Catholic and Lutheran Cursillo weekends were being held around the country, the National Upper Room organization heard about them and knew they were both Christ and Church centered. After much discussion and planning by a group of Methodists, Episcopalians, Catholics, and Baptists, the Upper Room held its first model Cursillo weekends in Peoria, Illinois in the Spring of 1977. One of about 35 men pilgrims, James Stewart, was from Las Vegas!

In 1981, after several Upper Room Cursillos were held, the National Catholic Cursillo organization requested the Upper Room to stop using the name "Cursillo" and copyrighted materials. After much prayer and many discussions, in March 1981, a member from the General Board of Discipleship read Luke 24:13-32 and explained, "Let's call it the Walk to Emmaus, or what I have just read is exactly what happens on our weekend. We read scripture, break bread together, eyes are opened and hearts are set on fire and people's lives are changed so much that they can't wait to run back to their homes and tell how they have met Jesus in the breaking of the bread." At this time there were 77 Emmaus communities across the nation. In 1984 the Walk to Emmaus held its first "international" weekend in Australia.

Following the Catholic youth program, Teens Encounter Christ, the first Chrysalis weekend was held at Hermitage UMC on October 4-7, 1985. The leadership team consisted of youth and adults, with each group providing a variety in perspectives on Christ's activities in one's life.

For Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus, a God-propelled group, having the knowledge of the power of the Cursillo and Emmaus Walks, set up a steering committee based out of Griffith UMC. Overseen by the National Upper Room, the committee was required to meet, learn, and be trained for 16 months before any walks could be conducted. Some committee members traveled to St. George, UT and Arizona to receive training. Other members from Pahrump went to California for training. The Arizona Emmaus Community sponsored our community and staffed it for our first two walks.

The first SNWE Walks were held at Lee Canyon. The first walk was in the Fall of 1991. Dale Jensen was the Lay Director for Men's Walk #1 with 12 pilgrims. His wife, Dottie Jensen, was the Lay Director for the Women's Walk #2 and had 20 pilgrims. Ed Ramsey, founding pastor of Desert Spring UMC was the Spiritual Director for Walk #4.

In closing, the most important history of Emmaus resides in the stories of changed lives – lives infused by the Holy Spirit. Emmaus is the story of how the Holy Spirit has moved to renew God's people and it is the story of willing disciples ready to takeup their crosses and be the church!

This history of Emmaus and our own SNWE was researched and written by our beloved brother, Mike Sells when he provided Community Training

Group Reunion: Keeping the Fire Alive and Your Nose to the Grindstone From the Day Four: A Pilgrim's Continued Journey

"Many aspects of our world threaten the survival of the life which the Walk to Emmaus presents – the truly Christian, truly human life. Once we have returned to our everyday world, it does not take us long to discover that it is well nigh impossible to go it alone. One way of being in touch with God's power to make that new life totally secure is through contact with other Christians who share the priority of a life in grace. The Christian life is strengthened and deepened by being shared. However, that contact with other Christians does not mean any contact; it means contact with Christians who share the vision of a life directed wholly to God through Christ. During the Walk to Emmaus, the talk 'Perseverance' introduced the concept of the group reunion as a way of maintaining that kind of contact-an important means of persevering in the life in grace." Jesus had twelve disciples to accompany him and sent them in two by two to witness. The bible is full of stories of fellowship. If you meet regularly with a reunion group, give God thanks today for your reunion group sisters and brothers who you can share with, who hold you accountable, and who pray for you. If you are currently not grouping, make a commitment to find brothers or sisters that you can meet with once a week to persevere your life in grace! De Colores!

Remembering Georgie Burns

Georgie's memorial service was a special opportunity to hear so many stories about a gentle, faithful woman that greatly impacted my life. I was moved to share my own story about Georgie. My earliest memory is her greeting Kristi and me when we first visited Sunrise Mountain in their store-front location in July 1993.

I learned about about being a Christian by watching Georgie. I remember that Georgie had a heart to serve. She didn't discount her ability to be helpful. She was faithful with putting the Sunday date on the pages in the pew registration pad. She served the Emmaus community for many, many years by making the leather and beaded lanyards and the blue-jean covered prayer booklets. Georgie was a faithful volunteer at the Food Closet on Thursdays.

For her 92nd birthday, a group of her friends surprised her by joining us for lunch at a local restaurant. She beamed. Pastor Burns brought the picture collage celebrating that day with him to her memorial service. He wanted the church to have it. After a brief exchange, it was decided to have it displayed in the Food Closet.

Yes, I was blessed by my friendship with Georgie. I didn't know a lot about her life before we met but many times, when we were together, people would ask if I was Georgie's daughter or if she was my mother. Georgie would break into a big smile and then we would both nod.

Lonna White

How to be a Good Sponsor by Leslie Brinks

When I attended a national training for Emmaus at Desert Spring UMC a few summers ago, one message I heard loud and clear was that the strength of a community depended on sponsorship. As we look at those potential pilgrims (or caterpillars) in our churches, we need to keep some things at the front of our mind.

From the 4th Day book, "If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community." Remember to identify pilgrims or caterpillars who are already on a pilgrimage, be willing to grow and move forward in his or her journey of faith, have a Christian fervor, and finally, not consumed with situations that will make it impossible to concentrate on the weekend.

As a sponsor, be willing to commit to bringing them, praying for them, and attending Candle lighting and closing. Lastly, remember to get them involved with a reunion group! When we sponsor well, our community will be well!

In Memorium

Tim Blish, 63, an original member of the Southern Nevada Walk to Emmaus community died Aug. 3, 2011. Tim and his wife Linda were on Walks 1 and 2 held at Lee Canyon in the Fall of 1991. Tim faithfully served the Emmaus community by providing the name tags for the Walks and Flights. They were all hand colored by Tim. In the last few weeks of Tim's life, he made two big boxes of name tags to be used for future walks. Tim is survived by his wife, Linda and daughters Hayley and Laura. His memorial service was held at University UMC where he was an active member.