

**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
September 2018**

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 8th September 2018 – 5.30pm
(Dinner to share following the Gathering)*

Where: *Morayfield Uniting Church,
12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield*

love to see you there!

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From our Community

Lay Director

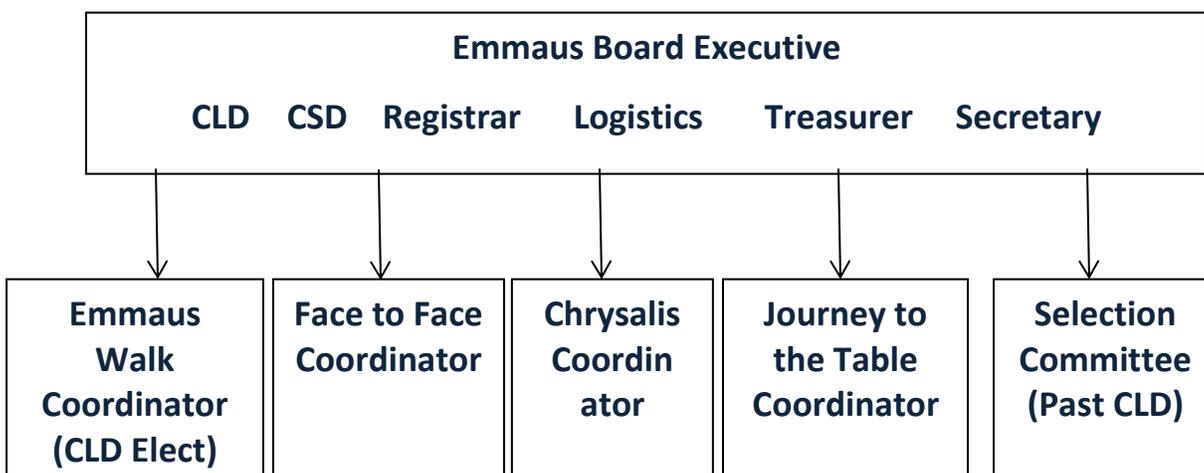
Hello Emmaus Community,

The final training for our upcoming walks is underway this weekend. How good is it that the team are ready and awaiting you to provide the pilgrims. Please register pilgrims early so all involved can adequately prepare for the Emmaus experience.

I encourage you to attend the Gathering this weekend as the teams are commissioned for their roles on the walks. Please come and support them as they step out in faith and be God's hands and feet.

Also, this month we are calling for expressions of interest to be involved on the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Board and Community Position. Next year we will be modifying our board structure based on the recommendation from the National Secretariat (see diagram below). The aim of this restructure is to provide better support for all the Emmaus Ministries.

New Emmaus Ministries Structure



Community Positions/Coordinators

- Web support
- Supplies coordinator
- Dining Room coordinator
- Gathering coordinator
- Newsletter coordinator

- Reunion Group coordinator
- Agape coordinator

If you would like more information about any of these positions or the restructure, please feel free to talk to me or Margaret Nieth.

De Colores

Andrew Krosch

From our Community Spiritual Director

Recently, I was reading a publication from 'Australian Christian Lobby' It read *"When a nation sins, it will have one ruler after another. But with a man of wisdom and understanding, its stability will long continue."* (Prov 28:2)

Contemplating its startling contemporary relevance, (in regard to our political scene) - a verse like this reminds me of a truth I discovered some years ago.

It is this: scripture contains the first principles of everything we need to know for life in this world.

We need to seek the principles of life with discernment and use the knowledge to move forward in grace, in everything we do.

I believe the words of Proverbs 28 bring a great starting place to be seeking where God would want each of us to be as part of this Emmaus Community; what we do in love with God's help and guidance of His Word should assist us each to make positive decisions on how we answer His call on our lives to serve... whether this is through our local church encouraging others to walk the 'Road to Emmaus'; or answering the call to participate faithfully as part of a team for a Walk; or perhaps God is calling you to a new position on the Board of our community.

Here are just a few of my thoughts in seeking God's Word through Proverbs 28.



- 1** The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. (I encourage you to be bold for the Lord.)
- 4** Those who forsake instruction praise the wicked, but those who heed it resist them. (As part of a team we learn discipline.)
- 7** A discerning son heeds instruction, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. (Listen to God and heed His Word.)
- 9** If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable. (Again listen to God and be humble.)
- 10** Whoever leads the upright along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the blameless will receive a good inheritance. (Be aware that in all our preparations to be honest)
- 11** The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are. (Ensure that as you look forward you are wise and not fooled by your own eyes)
- 13** Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Take time to be in a reunion group where one can be openly confessing.)
- 20** A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished. (Seek to be faithful in your actions.)
- 26** Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. (Trust in God's Word in all you do.)

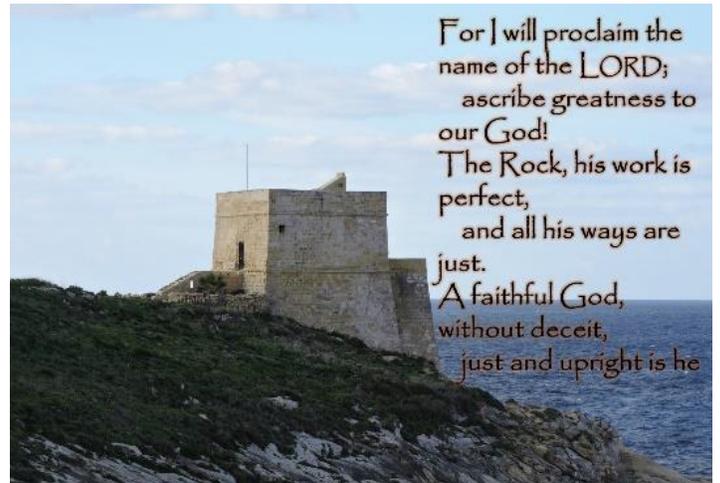
As we journey closer to the time for the upcoming Walks may each of us be aware of God's desire for us to be living full and grace filled lives.

De Colores

Margaret Niethé

Report for Men's Walk # 101

The team for Men's Walk # 101 is almost together. The only place still needing to be filled is confirmation of the Board Rep for the walk.



Team

Lay Director/Tech Support: Paul Fletcher

ALDS: Philip Wallis, Ian Riding and Owen Thompson

Spiritual Director: (Mano) Subramaniam Manopavan

ASD: Ken Steer and Eric Lawson

Table Leaders: Barrie Richardson, Jeff Litchfield and Ron Hanson

Asst. T L: Joshua Lawrence, Greg Short and Brian Price

Music Team: Coralie Holmes and Lyn Chalmers

Prayer Directors: Paul and Cheryl Smith

Dining Room: Jill Fletcher and Sue Allen

Support Co-Ordinators: Bob Pattison and Kathy Cooper

Agape Team: Barbara Croston and Lu Evans

Let us continue to give praise to God the Rock as He puts together the team to welcome the new pilgrims who will be on the walk.

The Formation Day, on the 18th of August, went really well and we are looking forward to the Training Days on the 8th and 9th September. Both the Men's and Women's teams will be being commissioned at the Gathering on the 8th so we look forward to seeing the others of the Emmaus Community there to pray God's blessing on both teams.

As I mentioned previously, Pilgrims are an essential part for any walk.

Without them the walks won't go ahead so I encourage you to approach those from your church family, your circle of Christian friends or acquaintances who haven't had a walk experience to consider doing the walks. We all know the benefits of spending 3 day spent with God on a walk to Emmaus so my challenge for you is that you continue to pray for who you can sponsor for the upcoming Men's & Women's walks.

Please continue to pray for the team formation and for the pilgrims who are being called.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher (LD)

Pilgrim Registration Form –

Go to www.brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au you will find “click here” for registration forms. Please register pilgrims for Walks 101 & 102 quickly, the sooner the better, the Prayer Directors can then be praying for your pilgrim by name.

Men's Walk 11 – 14 October. Women's Walk 1 – 4 November.

Women's Walk # 102

November 2018



We have a full team for Women's Walk to be held at the beginning of November 2018. Please find below the Team list.

Team

Lay Director: Leane Edgar

ALD'S: Carol King, Amanda Wallis, Val Handreck

Spiritual Director: Wendy McHugh

ASD: Jenny Sims, Moira Dodsworth

Table Leaders: Barbara Richardson, Carolyn Dean, Lidie Gravett, Jennie Fick

Asst. TL: Lizzie Fletcher, Rochelle McGuire, Heather Leak, Cath Williams

Music Team: Judy Powell, Michelle Krosch

Prayer Directors: David & Leanne Close

Dining Room: Heather & Rodney Adam, Bev & Geoff Irwin,

Support Co-Ordinators: Greg & Helen Trost

Agape Team: David & Jo Smith

Board Rep: Michelle Krosch

Tech Support: Leanne Close

Our Team Formation Day on Saturday 18 August 2018 went really well and now I am looking forward to the Team Training Weekend that is being held on Saturday 8 September 2018 and Sunday 9 September 2018 that is being held at the Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture. Over the Training Weekend the team will have the opportunity to critique the talks that will be given at

the Walk. I am looking forward to us coming together over this weekend for a time of Praise & Worship and Fellowship.

On Saturday evening 8 September 2018 will be the Brisbane North Coast Gathering that will be held at Morayfield Uniting Church. We would love for you attend as the Teams from both the Men's & Women's Walk will be commissioned and will give you the opportunity to meet the teams who answered God's call to be on Team.

The 72-hour Prayer vigils are up on the Website please sign up to pray over the team on their weekend. Remember back to your weekend when you found out that people had been praying for you and what a blessing it was.

Finally, the Theme for our Walk is "The Cracked Pot" and the story is as follows:

A Water Bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and one-half pots of water in his master's house.

The perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the Water Bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all

the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The Water Bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologize to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way, you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. So, as we seek ways to minister together, and as God calls you to tasks He has appointed for you, don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and allow Him to take advantage of them, and you, too, can be the cause of beauty in His pathway. Go out boldly, knowing that in our weakness we find His strength, and that "In Him every one of God's promises is a Yes."



Leane Edgar
Lay Director

72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

You can access the Prayer Vigil for Walks No. 101 & 102 via these links. There are still lots of spaces and prayer cover is essential, we'd love you to share in prayer for the Pilgrims and Team.

Men's Walk 72 Hour Prayer Vigil contact -

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14702&commid=31>

Women's Walk 72 Hour Prayer Vigil contact –

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14701&commid=31>



Don't forget



The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute. Also the bank details for donations to provide Special Agape – flowers, rainbow cake, morning and afternoon teas etc.

General Donations

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

Walk Agape Donations

BSB : 334-040

A/c No: 000 0554 465 053

For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Beryl Nielsen

email: berylnie@gmail.com or

phone: 0438 488 843



2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
8 September 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of teams for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior)
11 – 14 October 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Men's Walk #101
13 October 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's Walk #101
1 – 4 November 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Women's Walk #102
3 November 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Women's Walk #102
10 November 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)

DON'T MISS OUT!

