



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**
September 2024

We are the Body of Christ

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 14 September @ 5:30pm*

**Where: *Morayfield Community Uniting Church*
12-16 Weier Road
*Morayfield QLD 4506***

***Please bring some food to share for a meal after
the service.***

Looking forward to seeing you there.



De Colores
from the
Community Lay Director

Greetings Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who attended the August gathering for time of worship and fellowship.

This month we gather on Saturday 14 September, worship and fellowship at Morayfield Uniting Church commencing at 5:30pm. Please bring a plate to share as we conclude with a meal together.

At the August gathering I shared that Margaret Niethe has joined the community board as Face to Face representative. Thank you to Margaret for serving in this role. If you are interested and feel that you are being called to serve in this area, please speak to myself or of the board members.

As we plan for future events, I would encourage you to pray about and consider what role/ position you may be called to. Often, we hear about how member have grown when they have taken on roles that they did not really feel that they were equipped or capable of doing. God does equip those that he has chosen for the job, we need to step out in faith and accept the support and guidance of those that have been placed to assist us.

Last month Gold Coast Community was holding Emmaus walks at Mount Tamborine and I trust that some of our Community were able to support them through prayer. The Brisbane West Community has both their Men's and Women's walks commencing on 19 September at Brookfield. There are plenty of places still available on the Prayer Vigils to help support them. Looking further out into next year, Chrysalis flights for our area are to be held at Brookfield from 28 February 2025. Gold Coast also has a Face to Face Encounter scheduled for 8 March 2025 at Burleigh Heads Church of Christ.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Father's Day will be over, however it is in my thoughts as I am preparing this. I wish to reflect on the example of fatherhood that our Heavenly Father gives us. His compassion, grace and love, just to name a few. I encourage everyone to look at how our Father in Heaven shows us how to treat others and pray that we all may be able to emulate, at least some of His compassion, grace and love.

Looking forward to joining with you at the gathering on 14 September.

De Colores

David Close



De Colores
from the
Community Spiritual Director

Hello everyone

I don't know if you have noticed but the cold days of winter seem to be but a distant memory as we sit in 30plus degree heat in the last days of winter!

As the warmer weather returns and life starts to come back into the dormant plants, I remember the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 which says *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."*

We think of season as the seasons of nature, but we have seasons in life as well as in our spiritual faith. The seasons of life are reasonably easy to see childhood, adulthood, retirement, but what about the seasons in our spiritual life?

We are discipled onto our faith by someone who was already a Christian or maybe we found out about God in another way. Once we have accepted Jesus as our saviour we are part of the family we call Christianity (of which Emmaus is a very small part) and we are called to our next season. A time when we learn more about our identity as a Christian.

One of the key things that we learn is to quote William Temple "The Church is the only organisation that exists for its non-members". It really is quite simple once we are part of the body of Christianity are role is to help those who are not. In every season God has a task for us to play, as we have been called to serve him.

So as the weather warms up, the days get longer I encourage you to reflect on what season you are in.

De Colores

Neil Storey

Community Spiritual Director

Face to Face

Well, it has been a few years since our Brisbane North Coast Community has hosted a Face to Face Encounter. During 2018 & 2019 our Community hosted 3 Encounters one of which was the first in Australia. All eyes across the world were on the outcome and this was positive; Gold Coast has hosted 1 with another in the planning; Brisbane West has hosted 1 with another in the planning; Brisbane South has hosted 3 with another in the planning; Melbourne hosted 1 in an attempt to save their Community however, though this Community went on for another year it has now closed; South Australia has hosted 3 with I believe another in the planning.

Some of you might say 'What is Face to Face'?

Here are a few highlights!

There are 14 talks ...

Priority Talk is shorter at around 10 minutes and the last talk is a combined Perseverance and Fourth Day Talk given by the Lay Director.

There are still 5 Grace Talks given by the Clergy and Talk 7 "Means of Grace" is followed by a chapel time and "Dying Moments"

There is one main difference with a longer special Talk 13 "Coping in tough times".

There is no Growth through Study Talk

At the end of the first 3 days and after Talk 13 on the last day, a video is shown exploring end-of-life issues. The theme is generally "Living fully, dying well" and these DVDs are meant to be reflective times at the end of the day.

There is still a Candlelighting & a Closing Service both of which involves the broader Emmaus Community.

Need to know more - 'Watch this space' in future editions.

Face to Face Co-Ordinator

Margaret Niethe

Music

Music is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our Gatherings

Always looking for people who can play music and lead worship! Please let me know if you like to lead singing, play the piano or other accompanying instrument; this could be for a Walk an Encounter or for a Gathering.

Do you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry?

Please contact Leanne



Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator

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Emmaus Ministries Australia and International Newsletters

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia and international Newsletters are available using the following links.

National Website: [Emmaus Ministries Australia \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://campaign-archive.com)

International Website: [The Upper Room \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://campaign-archive.com)

72 Hour Prayer Vigils

Check out the Walks or Encounters being held by other communities. You could join in upholding them in prayer on <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/>



Don't forget



The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute.

*Bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of– flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings,
Communion Elements etc.*

General Donations

BSB: 334-040

Walk Agape Donations

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A/c No: 553 890 883

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For any prayer needs that you would like to share with the Emmaus Community,

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator – Jenny Sims

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Something to ponder this month. I love this image of God as our protector and our refuge. Think of how a mother hen gathers her chickens around her to keep them safe and imagine us sheltered in God's arms. Do you feel secure in the Father's arms?

"He will spread his wings over you and keep you secure. His faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall."

Psalm 91:4

CALENDAR EVENTS 2024

Date	Time	Place	Comments
14 September 2024	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd Morayfield	Gathering
12 October 2024	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd Morayfield	Gathering
9 November 2024	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd Morayfield	Gathering

Let us know if you have any prayer requests and we will pray for you

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Please send Newsletter Items to

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WEBSITE ISSUES

*The newsletter is not again able to be viewed to the current BNC website.
A new website is being looked at and I will advise when the change takes place*

De Colores

Paul Fletcher

BNC EM Website Coordinator

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