

BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER October 2024

# We are the Body of Christ



- <u>When</u>: Saturday, 12 October @ 5:30pm
- <u>Where</u>: 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,

This month we gather on Saturday 12 October at Morayfield Uniting Church commencing at 5:30pm. Please bring a plate to share as we conclude with a meal together. We will be joined by members of the Brisbane Chrysalis Community, please come along to hear what they are doing and hear of opportunities to get involved and assist on Chrysalis flights. If you are available to attend, please do so, and show your support.

As mentioned previously there are opportunities to assist the BNC Community by serving on the Board or in other support roles. 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. Roles that are vacant include, secretary and gatherings coordinator. As I mentioned last month, I would encourage you to pray about and consider what role/ position you may be called to God does equip those that he has chosen for the job, we need to step out in faith.

In September Brisbane West Community held Emmaus walks at Brookfield with both the Men's and Women's walks from 19th to 22<sup>nd</sup>. We attended the candle lighting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, it was wonderful to see some members of the BNC Community also attended and supporting other Communities.

For our Community, we are looking at opportunities to run Emmaus walks next year in the latter part of the first half of the year, late May to June. We have been chasing up the camp site for available dates and hope to be able to confirm dates in the near future. We are also looking at possible options for a Face to Face encounter to be held next year. Please pray for these events and ask for God's guidance on who to sponsor. We need to get numbers locked in as soon as we can to ensure that the events are able to proceed.

A reminder that, 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.

Please pray for the BNC Community and the Emmaus ministries as this year is quickly coming to the end and we plan for 2025.

Looking forward to joining with you at the gathering on 12 October.

**De Colores** 

David Close



## **De Colores**

from the

**Community Spiritual Director** 

Hello everyone

Has anyone noticed that it is October? The year seems to be slipping by so quickly. The single walk that we had back in May seems but a distant memory as for many of us our focus starts to turn towards Christmas and the end of the year.

I wonder where your focus is as we start to think about what happens next in your Emmaus journey. Matthew 28:19-20 tells us:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus made it clear what our focus should be and there are times that we struggle to do what we have been charged to do. Verse twenty reminds us that we do not do this in our own strength but in the strength of the one who sent us.

Jesus has both called us and sent us, and in the cross ceremony we are reminded that the only hands that Jesus has are our hands. As we speed towards the end of the year and tensions get higher, we would do well to remember the age long question: What Would Jesus Do?

De Colores Neil Storey Community Spiritual Director



This is a 4 day experience where you can attend for the day participate in Worship, be fed go home feeling often challenged always blessed and sleep in your own bed.

A little more:

A Face to Face Encounter is usually run over 4 days; never 4 days in the same week; currently there are two scenarios that take place in Australia; 4 days over 4 weeks; i.e. each Tuesday for 4 weeks; or 2 days each week for 2 weeks. i.e. a Tuesday & a Thursday each week for 2 weeks. Both these scenarios work well, the most popular being the second option.

During each of the 4 days there is a DVD that is shown and this is presented by Bishop Rueben Philip Job, each of the DVD's reflect the theme of a Face to Face Encounter, this being 'Living Fully' 'Living Well'. After each viewing there is time for reflection and discussion.

#### Emmaus Ministries the Talks & there alignment

Walk to Emmaus Talks	Face to Face Encounter Talks
Priorities,	Priorities
Prevenient Grace,	Prevenient Grace
Priesthood of All Believers,	Priesthood of All Believers
Justifying Grace,	Justifying Grace
Life in Piety,	Life in Piety
Growth Through Study,	Means of Grace
Means of Grace,	Christian Action
Christian Action,	Obstacles to Grace
Obstacles to Grace,	Discipleship
Discipleship,	Changing our World
Changing our World,	Sanctifying Grace
Sanctifying Grace,	The Body of Christ
The Body of Christ,	Coping in Tough Times
Perseverance	Perseverance In the Next Steps
Fourth Days	
more next time –	

Margaret

At the October Gathering we will be visited by some representatives from Chrysalis. So here is a little about this ministry so you have be better informed before the gathering. I have also included a link to the registration form for the next flight.



Chrysalis is a weekend (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) experience which takes a look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of young Christians. Chrysalis is an ecumenical, combined effort toward renewal of the Church.

Those attending the weekend will spend busy but enjoyable days living and sharing together in singing, prayer, worship and discussions centred around twelve talks given by both laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace and how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and expresses itself in the world. Chrysalis is the growth stage between caterpillars and butterflies. While on the surface it may look like nothing is happening, the delicate process changes a caterpillar into a butterfly with wings and beautiful colours. This symbolises that, through dying to self, Christ can transform us into new beings. Jesus Christ can transform us into something beautiful. We must open ourselves to Jesus for this transformation to occur.

Chrysalis is the name chosen for the Young Adults, Walk to Emmaus because it symbolises faith growth in the lives of youth -the spiritual growth that is necessary between adolescence and adulthood it is a crucial time in a maturing faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis has its roots deeply planted in its parent movement, the Walk to Emmaus. Chrysalis is a spiritual renewal retreat that provides participants an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and a chance to make new commitments in their faith journey. The content of the weekend focuses on God's grace, how one experiences Christ as a friend in the body of Christ, and how one is called into discipleship.

The focus of Chrysalis is commitment to Jesus Christ through the local church. The objective of Chrysalis is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church youth for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and in the community. Chrysalis lifts up a way for you to be a friend of Christ in the world.

#### Link to Registration form: caterpillar-rego-form-2025.pdf (flywithchrist.org.au)

#### or contact

Leanne Close National Chrysalis Coordinator

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 <u>Walk</u> an <u>Encounter</u> or for a <u>Gathering</u>.

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

Please contact Leanne



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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)

International Website: The Upper Room (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 <u>https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/</u>



There is a lot of reading in this newsletter from different ministries of the Emmaus Movement. Please take the time to peruse them. While there are different parts within Emmaus we are all part of the one body seeking to serve God in our own church communities and spread the word of God to those around us.

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given the same Spirit to drink. So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts.

**1** Corinthians **12:12-14** 

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### CALENDAR EVENTS 2024

Date	Time	Place	Comments
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 BNC website is again working & all newsletters are available to be accessed on the website.

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Paul Fletcher

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