
November 2015

Western Sydney Emmaus Community

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Dear Community

When in doubt what should I do?
When I am angry, what should I do?
When I am frustrated with other people how should I act?
When I am in disagreement with others, who should I turn to?

The answer is not always clear but in our hearts, we know where to look for the answers.

The bible is our inspiration. The place where the answers to all our questions can be found. When we feel rejected, hurt, disappointed and at odds with others, this is not a time to withdraw, to be angry, rather it's a time to look to prayer, a time to set our feet firmly in the bible and wrestle with the issues.

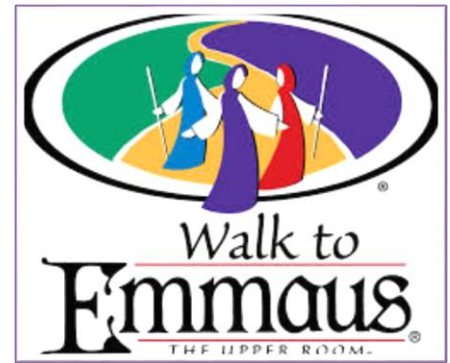
Over the past few months I have sensed a there are a number in our community who are hurting and disappointed with fellow Christians who they feel have let them down.

The truth is we are not all perfect. We are simply flawed individuals looking for the truth and trying to live our lives as best we can.

So, if you are one of these individuals or if you are struggling with a relationship put it at the foot of the cross and die to this sin. Bring the matter in question to the Lord in prayer and free yourself of pain.

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matt 6:14-15

Robert McAnderson
Community Lay Director



Upcoming Events

November 7

Gathering

Richmond Uniting Church and BBQ to welcome Ladies of Walk 92 to the Community.

BBQ starts at 6pm, Service at 7pm

December 5

Christmas Carol Service

At Hambledon Road Public School – bring your nibbles and chairs and celebrate Christmas with your Community. Begins at 7pm

February 6

Emmaus Reunion

Let's start 2016 with our voices lifted high in praise and worship. Invite all your Emmaus friends for a time of fellowship and a trip down memory lane. Stay tuned for more details



Want to join a Reunion Group or find out more?

Contact Jacqui McAnderson at jamcanderson@onthemark.com.au or 0412 457 030

November Gathering

The November Gathering will be held at Richmond Uniting Church, West Market Street Richmond on Saturday night November-7.

We are starting with a BBQ commencing at 6:00 to welcome into the Emmaus Community our Women from Walk 92. So please make an effort to show these lovely women the best side of Emmaus, our loving community.

This Gathering will be a connection with your Emmaus Walk. So come do not anticipate and bring some nibbles for your table... we know you will be blessed.

1O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. 2Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms....

Psalm 95.1-2

2016 Walks

The Board is pleased to announce that Western Sydney Emmaus will stage four events in 2016.

Chrysalis

April 7-10 we will run Chrysalis walks for both Boy's and Girl's at Merroo Centre 3.

We have pleasure in announcing the Walk Lay Directors for these walks will be:

Glenda Downey and Justin Dacey

Both walks will be run concurrently with meals and breaks coordinated so not to over burden helpers and kitchen staff.

While Western Sydney Emmaus will host the event, we have started communicating with other communities in NSW and with the National Chrysalis Lay Director to ensure the event is well attended and supported by members of the broader Emmaus community.

Prayer Points for Emmaus

Ladies of Walk 92 in their Fourth Days

Pilgrims and Caterpillars for the Walks of 2016

Strength and unity within the Community

God to raise up more musicians to play at Gatherings

Chrysalis Walk Directors selecting their teams

Those who are sick within the Community

The Board in meeting to prepare for 2016

God to raise up more Spiritual Directors to minister to the Community at Gatherings and Walks

Other Emmaus Communities in Australia and Overseas

Reunion Groups within our Community

Going Fourth

April 9 at Merroo Centre 3 Western Sydney Emmaus will be stage a Going Fourth Day. We plan to start mid-morning and encourage all attendees to stay for the Chrysalis Candle Lighting to make this a very special evening for the Caterpillars.

Anyone can attend a “Going Fourth” Day and attendees will not be encouraged to commit to Emmaus unless they decide based on what they experience, to walk the road to Emmaus.

This is an ideal opportunity to get in touch with friends you have not seen for a while and we encourage each of you who attend to use this time to reconnect with the church physically and spiritually.

October Men’s Walk 93

October 20-23 we will hold the first and only walk in 2016 for Men.

We have strong interest from a number men and this is an ideal time for the women of previous walks to sponsor their husbands.

October Women’s Walk 94

October 27-30 we will hold the first and only walk in 2016 for Women.

We have already received nomination for the walk and importantly the Board has committed to run the event regardless of the number of attendees.

Time to Sponsor

Why am I talking about sponsoring already for 2016?

Well it is simple, to bless someone does take some planning and serious sponsorship is not a last minute job. Start now to ‘pass it forward’.

- Chrysalis Flights (Boy’s and Girl’s separate events) are April 9, 2016
- Walk (Men’s) October 20, 2016
- Walk (Women’s) October 27, 2017

Principles of Wise Sponsorship

- ✝ Pray about whom to sponsor
- ✝ Wait for God’s leading
- ✝ Be sure you are contacting Christians who belong to a church
- ✝ Use a personal setting to speak with people (your home or their home).
- ✝ Affirm the person’s walk with the Lord.
- ✝ Be open in your discussions.



Thank You

To

Those who prayed

Those who made agape gifts

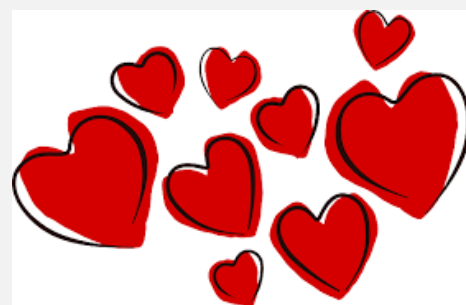
Those who served in the kitchen

Those who attended Candle lighting

Those who provided food

Those who attended the closing ceremony

Thank you for blessing the Women of Walk 92 and your Community. Your contributions made the load a little lighter for all.



- ✚ Testify to the changes in your life following your Walk experience.
- ✚ Use simple terms and avoid Emmaus jargon.

So, let us get started and if you have any questions email me at registrar@westernsydneyemmaus.org.au or go to westernsydneyemmaus.org.au to register on-line.

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Peter Smith, WSE Registrar

A Little Bit of Fun

FOLLOW THE LEADER

In this puzzle the ensuing word begins with the last letter or letters of the preceding word. The first word is in place for you. You work down one column and up the next.

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1. One of the grace talks (10)
2. ---- through study (4)
3. Changing our ----- (5)
4. Lay talk (12)
5. Grace talk (10)
6. One of the tables on the men's walk (6)
7. Grace talk (11)
8. Theme of each walk (5)
9. Table name on women's walk (6)
10. Table name on women's walk (4)

Answers next month. Thank you to Jenine Mendezona for this puzzle.