

From the Desk of the Lay Director

What Else is on Your Desk?

Since this monthly article is captioned “from the desk of the lay director,” it caused me to take inventory of what is actually on my desk. I actually have several desks to pick from, and the contents of each are pretty similar. But on my desk at work, among the files, office machines, and other brick-a-brack, I have two daily calendars. One is a “Dilbert” calendar, and since I work in an office environment with lots of co-workers and cubicles, I have a soft spot in my heart for Dilbert. The other calendar is a daily devotional calendar based on *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Each day is a new message, and sometimes it takes several consecutive days to get the entire point across. I look forward everyday to the next message, and I really look forward to catching up after being away from my desk for a few days.

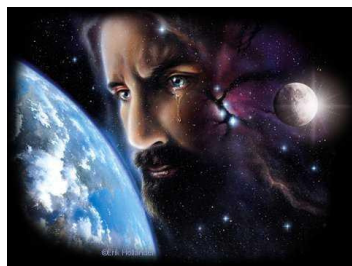
Occasionally, those calendar messages strike a chord with me, and I hang on to that day’s message so I can read it again later. One of those messages was on the page for March 9. I have long encouraged us to be less focused on ourselves and what the Emmaus experience can do for us, and more focused on God, on others, and on what the Emmaus experience can do to bring God and others together. On March 9, my calendar put it this way:

Worship isn’t for you. It’s for God. Of course, most “worship” services also include elements of fellowship and edification, and evangelism, and there are benefits to worship, but we don’t worship to please ourselves. Our motive is to bring glory and pleasure to our Creator.”

Which means that send off isn’t for us. Candlelight isn’t for us. Closing isn’t for us. Sponsor’s hour isn’t for us. Community meetings aren’t for us. Chrysalis isn’t for us. Kairos isn’t for us. Kairos Outside isn’t for us. Epiphany isn’t for us. Cleopas isn’t for us. None of them are “for us,” and like my calendar says, our only motive should be to bring glory and pleasure to our Creator through these amazing avenues and outlets of worship and faith.

If God will speak to you from the clutter on your desk, can you imagine where you might encounter Him next?

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Terrell M. Thompson
Community Lay Director



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Emmaus Community Newsletter

Community Meeting	H.S. boy’s Chrysalis Flight #25 July 8-11
July 1st 7:00 P.M.	LD: Drew Stone SD : Steve Colbert
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church	Men’s # 77 July 22-25
3708-45th Street	LD: Ed Stephens
Lubbock, Tx	Gal’s Chrysalis Journey # 27 July 29– Aug 1
Fellowship following worship	LD: Victoria Baker SD: Vernon Baker

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Spotlight on Sponsorship - Candlelight

One of the highlights of any Emmaus walk is the Candlelight service on Saturday. But, like most things on an Emmaus weekend, that service is the result of lots of planning, and traditions that have developed over many years. The Upper Room has some specific expectations for candlelight as well.

Here are some Candlelight basics, from our community, and from the Upper Room:

1. Anyone sponsoring a pilgrim is encouraged to sit on the aisle at St. Joseph's. The procedure is for the pilgrims and team to process through the church by going up one of the outside aisles, going back down the middle aisle, and coming back up the other outside aisle to the risers. Any sponsor sitting on any aisle will be close to the pilgrims when they come in the church.
2. When the pilgrims come in, please don't reach out to them, or try to make any contact. On the other hand, if the pilgrims reach out to you, don't avoid them, but do not make candlelight an occasion for a prolonged reunion with your pilgrim. You will have time for that on Sunday afternoon, and the procession through the church needs to move along.
3. Before the pilgrims come over, we will ask for every hometown that is represented by those in attendance at the Candlelight service. Make sure you call your town out, or make sure it is circled on the sheet that is passed around. However, when the pilgrims are on the risers, and the names of the towns are read to them, please don't lift your candle or cheer for your town. In all likelihood, there will be a pilgrim from a town that is not represented, and we do not want to do anything to make a pilgrim feel uncomfortable or let down.
4. When the pilgrims begin singing "Jesus, Jesus" to us, we all lift our candles as they sing the song one time through. Then beginning with the second time through, we all lower our candles and begin proceeding through the center aisle, from the back of the church to the front, walk past the pilgrims and team, and go down the outside aisles of the church out the back.
5. When we get outside, please put your candle back in the storage tubs on either side of the church's front steps, and then move away from the front of the church. Any conversations on the church steps will be heard inside the church, and they take away from the setting inside.
6. Be respectful of St. Joseph's Church, and do not stand on the pews during the service, and be sure to pick up your trash, drink bottles, tissues, and anything else that might get left behind. Also, be willing to come back after the pilgrims finish in the church to help take down the risers, and get the church ready for their Sunday morning services. If we have lots of help, it does not take long.

And this personal request from the Community Lay Director: while Candlelight is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and reconnect with your former team members and table mates, it is also a time where we invite our Lord into our presence, share Holy Communion, and pray. Accordingly, it is not in a spirit of reverence or respect that our music or our communion liturgy be drowned out by personal conversations and laughter from those in attendance. I ask that you please treat Candlelight as a time of worship, and save fellowship for the time before the service starts, at the end of the service, and the time before the pilgrims come over from Mercy Center.



**What the caterpillar calls the
end of the world,
the Master calls a butterfly!!**

What a busy summer the Chrysalis community is having!! Our first Chrysalis of the summer is scheduled for June 17th - 20th, and will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. Sharla Askew, Tom Griffin, and Jynna Askew are leading this Flight. We will have a full report for you in the August newsletter. The High School Boys' Chrysalis, with Drew Stone as the Lay Director, will be taking flight on July 8 and going through the 11th. Steve Colbert is serving as the Spiritual Director of this Flight and Colby McDaniel is the Youth Lay Rep. The Young Adult Gals Journey, led by Victoria Baker, will be held on July 29-Aug 1. Vernon Baker is the Spiritual Director and Vanessa Baker is the Young Adult Lay Rep. And coming up at the end of the summer, on Aug. 19-22, is the Young Adult Guys' Journey. Don Stone is leading this Chrysalis, with Dan Chrestman serving as SD and Ryan Brown serving as the Young Adult Lay Rep. All of the teams are full and ready to go. There are still slots available on all of the Flights and Journeys, but you need to get your applications in as soon as possible to guarantee a spot for your caterpillar. We still have scholarships available also.

We have Chrysalis t-shirts available for purchase for only \$12. We will be selling the shirts at all upcoming Send-Offs and Community meetings. All proceeds will go to the Chrysalis Scholarship Fund.

Hope to see each of you at all of our Chrysalis Send Offs, Candlelights, and Closings this summer! Come and be blessed!!

Fly With Christ!

Janice Weaks
Chrysalis Community Lay Director

2010 Walk Dates

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director
Men's #76	April 22-25	Derek Racca	Jim Irwin
Kairos #23	May 19-23	Perry Hallford	Loyde Castle
H.S. Girls Chrysalis Flight #24	June 17-20	Sharla Askew	Tom Griffin
Women's #113	June 24-27	Marsha Crouch	Orbin Crouch
H.S. Boy's Chrysalis Flight #25	July 8-11	Drew Stone	Steve Colbert
Men's #77	July 22-25	Ed Stephens	
Gal's Chrysalis Journey #27	July 29-Aug 1	Victoria Baker	Vernon Baker
Women's #114	Aug 5-8	Judy Sanders	Dave Menefee
Guy's Chrysalis Journey #20	Aug 19-22	Don Stone	Dan Chrestman
Men's # 78	Sept 23-26	Chad Oglesby	Phil McClendon
Women's # 115	October 21-24	Dani Blythe	Ted Wilson