

Northeast Louisiana Emmaus Newsletter

July 2009 NELA Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 213, Epps, LA 71254



Important Reminders: Don't forget!

Upper Room Training:
(Please make every effort to attend.)

Clergy: August 20th & 21st

Lay Training: August 21st

Prayer
is the
Key!!!

Please sign
up for
prayer vigil
when
available.

Upcoming Weekends

Women's Walk #14
September 17th- 20th, 2009
LD—Lori McLain

Men's Walk #15
November 5th-8th, 2009
LD—Dana Thrash

Community Notes:

All clergy are invited to training by the Upper Room Regional Spiritual Director. Mike Cave is coming from San Antonio and will hold the session at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Monroe on August 20th -21st . The Friday session will begin at 5:30 P.M. and especially focusing on training pastors who do not have degrees from accredited seminaries (including a bachelor's degree). All clergy are of course welcomed to attend this session. The Saturday morning session is for all pastors, no matter what their educational background. This session will adjourn at 12:30 P.M.

All pastors who wish to serve on an Emmaus team should fill out a clergy application (with letters of recommendation) and send them to the community spiritual director, Wayne Evans, 3401 North Trenton, Ruston, La. 71270. Applications are available at www.upperroom.org/emmaus/. Scroll half way down the page to "clergy section". For questions you may contact Wayne Evans at gracepastor@suddenlinkmail.com or 318-255-2211

(More information on second page of newsletter.)

Gatherings

July 11th, Monroe
St. Mark's UMC

August 8th, Downs ville
Bethel Church

September 19th, Chatham
Women's Walk #14
Candle Lighting
Jimmie Davis State Park

Board Mtgs. @ 5:00
Gatherings @ 6:30

To sign up for
prayer needs,
agape needs,
or if you need
pilgrim or servant
applications visit our web-
site at: nelaemmaus.com

To my brothers and sisters of the NELA Board:

I would like to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as the lay director for NELA Emmaus Walk # 13, Even though I have felt so unworthy of such a wonderful responsibility, it has truly been a blessing to watch the Holy Spirit work through the team (Conference and Agape) during formation and during the walk. Your prayers and prayers of the community have truly been the backbone of this walk; without them the blessing that the pilgrims and team received would not have been possible.

For the most part the ladies started out on Thursday night laughing and picking with each other as if they were long lost friends. This continued on through the whole weekend. In fact, several times it took some doing to get their attention. The skits, posters, bumper stickers, and songs were wonderful and everyone participated. I think this was due to prayerful sponsorship.

I would also like to give thanks and praise to God for Nancy White and the Agape team. Even though they do not want any praise for themselves, I have to give them a standing ovation for the wonderful job they did. As you know the agape team is what makes the time in the conference room run so smoothly. We could feel and see their love for God and us in everything they did.

The table leaders and assistant TL's were truly a blessing, they loved on those pilgrims and guided them. The music team was great, leading us in some fun songs and some songs that brought us back into God's presence. The board rep went beyond her responsibilities, she was available for any task that needed to be done. The assistant LD's (it's hard to describe what they mean to me) did everything and I mean everything, to keep us running as smoothly as a walk can run and still loved on the pilgrims in the process. The Lord truly blessed this walk with a wonderful clergy team. They got out of their seats and moved around the room talking and loving on the pilgrims, letting them know they were available. And last but not least, I must give thanks to God for Jay and his spiritual leadership on this walk. He was the stability and guidance I needed. Each team member truly showed the love of the Lord to the pilgrims of Walk # 13. Once again I would like to thanks and praise to God, this has truly a blessing. Love from you sister in Christ, Renee Taylor, Lay Director for Walk # 13.



Con't Training Info

All lay persons interested in serving on future walks need to attend the training at St. Marks UMC, Monroe on Saturday, August 21st at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome new Board Members:

Leon Cole
Henry Hamilton
Sharon Hipp
Kaye Kimbrough
Angela Manning
Jay Simms

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