

# The Chanticleer Clarion

The Newsletter of the  
North Central West Virginia  
Emmaus/Chrysalis Community



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM



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***“Where God’s unconditional, same love for all is modeled and anonymous servanthood is practiced”***

What is your occupation?

As an educator, I couldn't resist the urge to give a quiz, so, try this one. You don't need to turn in your papers or share your grades.

- 1. Who was “a mighty hunter before the Lord”?**
  - a. Nimrod
  - b. Gideon
  - c. Goliath
  - d. David
- 2. Who was “an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron”?**
  - a. Jesus
  - b. Tubal-Cain
  - c. Abraham
  - d. Jacob
- 3. What was Luke’s profession?**
  - a. Physician
  - b. Lawyer
  - c. Tax collector
  - d. Tentmaker
- 4. What was Paul’s profession?**
  - a. Blacksmith
  - b. Tentmaker
  - c. Physician
  - d. Lawyer
- 5. What was the occupation of Alexander who did much evil to Paul?**
  - a. Tentmaker
  - b. Coppersmith
  - c. Lawyer
  - d. Mason

Answers can be found in the following verses:

1. Genesis 10:9 2. Genesis 4:22 3. Colossians 4:14 4. Acts 18:2-3 5. 2 Timothy 4:14.

We become known by our occupations. Sometimes we don't even need an entire name; just a first name and an occupation and people know who we are – Joe the Plumber, Ed the Fireman, we all know one of those folks. In fact we may not even know the person's last name, but mention a first name and an occupation and instantly the person comes to mind. Have you ever thought of being a Christian as an occupation? Would people refer to you as Steve the Christian or Sherry the Christian? Would your name and face be connected by someone?

Submitted by Jim Martin

We are called to plant and water.

**Mark 4:26-29** - *He also said. "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts in the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."*

All of us have been on an Emmaus experience. Each one had a weekend of renewal, forgiveness, letting go and a closer relationship with God. What is our calling now? We are called to plant and water. We are called to be disciples that lead by example and help plant seeds in those who are searching. Now is the time to look around your congregation, your family, your friends, your co-workers and pray about who God is leading you to sponsor for the fall weekends. Now is the time to explain Emmaus and what it meant to you. Now is the time to invite and plant seeds. Don't wait until you think you have time. Don't wait until the next set of weekends. Don't wait until your life is more organized. You may just miss that opportunity to sponsor that certain someone. If you have never sponsored before, we offer a short, easy class on your commitment as a sponsor.

During the weekend, the team and community will water the seedlings. And then the most miraculous thing happens. God takes those seeds that have been watered and have grown and matured over the weekend and He does the harvesting. You see, we are not responsible for the outcome of the weekends. We are not responsible for how many lives are changed. We are only responsible for planting and watering.

Submitted by Liz Mick

Chrysalis Girls Weekend – Sept 18-20

Chrysalis Boys Weekend – Sept 25-28

Men's Emmaus Weekend – October 15-18

Women's Emmaus Weekend – October 22-25

**From:** Victor Perez

**Subject:** Changes on the celebration of Emmaus Dying Moments Communion

Dear friends:

The celebration of Dying Moments is a central part of the Walk to Emmaus weekend. In recent years our office has continued to receive questions and concerns regarding the theology, health issues, and confusion on the symbolism of the bread.

Over the years these issues have been addressed by adding explanation and instructions in both the Emmaus Handbook and the Emmaus Director's Manual. However, these actions have addressed some specific points and not the overall theological representation of the Dying Moments Service in relation to the sacrament of the Holy Communion.

As such the Upper Room through the Emmaus/Chrysalis staff and Regional Leadership Team began addressing the over all relationship between the Dying Moments Service and the Service of Holy Communion. In the process of exploring this relationship the following issues were defined:

1. Confusion regarding the handling, use, symbolism of the bread.
2. The tension between keeping the Dying Moments Service with its centrality during the weekend and the integrity of the Holy Communion liturgy.
3. Participants coming row by row vs as they feel led by the Holy Spirit.
4. The need to ensure the integrity of the four fold movement (Take, Bless, Break, Give) is kept during the celebration of Holy Communion.
5. The issue of healthy practices in handling the bread.

The possible options considered to address these issues were:

- 1) Continue to celebrate both liturgies together as they now appear in our manuals.
- 2) Celebrate Dying Moments liturgy at a separate time on the weekend from Holy Communion.
- 3) Celebrate Holy Communion using the order in the Worship Booklet incorporating Dying Moments, during the time of Confession and Pardon.
- 4) Use a symbol or object other than the communion bread to represent our dying moment.

After much discussion and prayer, the Staff & Regional Leadership Team presented a recommendation to the Emmaus/Chrysalis International Advisory Committee meeting in Nashville, TN on April 17, 2009 which was fully supported by the committee. The revised liturgy for Dying Moments communion is an abbreviated version of the order of worship appearing in the Emmaus Worship booklet, which will include the Dying Moments Service as part of the time of Confession and Pardon, and conclude with the Great Thanksgiving. Two loaves of bread will be used for this service, one for the Dying Moments and one for the celebration of Holy Communion.

All Emmaus Boards, Community Spiritual Directors, and Weekend Spiritual Directors are invited to make use of this revised material as you plan your 2009 Fall walks. In order to facilitate the use of this revised liturgy we ask you to download the following PDF files from our Emmaus Webpage (Download Area). The documents appear under the title of "Dying Moments revised pages".

Emmaus Handbook pps 82, 83, 84 – Dying Moments

Emmaus Three Day Schedule pps 132, 133, 134 – Dying Moments

Emmaus Team Manual pps 29, 30, 31 – Dying Moments

If you have any questions regarding this revised liturgy, please contact your Clergy Regional Leader. You will find their contact information on the Emmaus Webpage. Please contact our office if you need assistance downloading the PDF files.

De Colores! & Fly with Christ!

## Dying Moments and Holy Communion Service

“Dying moments” refer to specific sins, guilt, wounds, disappointments, burdens, or brokenness that we experience as points of living death in our lives. Some Weekend Spiritual Directors develop the MEANS OF GRACE talk around this theme, defining each “sacred moment” as a means by which God overcomes some form of living death at work in us and restores us to life. The Dying Moments and Holy Communion Service then flow naturally out of the MEANS OF GRACE talk. Other Weekend Spiritual Directors who do not present the MEANS OF GRACE talk through the image of dying moments develop the theme effectively during an introduction and a meditation in the Dying Moments and Holy Communion Service. How are the Dying Moments and Holy Communion Service carried out? The Weekend Spiritual Director explains and personally illustrates dying moments in a Communion meditation and invites the pilgrims to get in touch with a part of their lives that needs to die or be released in order to make space for new life. In following an abbreviated order of service outlined in *The Walk to Emmaus Directors’ Manual* and beginning on page 26 of the *Worship Booklet for Pilgrims*, the Weekend Spiritual Director invites the pilgrims to break off a piece of bread as a sign of their own brokenness as they name aloud their dying moment.

The Weekend Spiritual Director goes first, breaking off a piece of the loaf and placing it in the empty basket (located on the Communion table and, when possible, at the foot of a cross) while naming aloud his or her dying moment, using one word or short phrase. The Weekend Spiritual Director then invites the participants to come forward to do likewise and return to their seats. At this point, the Weekend Spiritual Director returns to his or her seat. Two or three team members go forward first to model how to name briefly one’s dying moment. After everyone has participated and is seated, the Weekend Spiritual Director lifts the basket before the group and continues with the Words of Pardon as printed in the *Directors’ Manual*. The basket is then placed at the foot of the cross, and the Weekend Spiritual Director uncovers the second loaf and the cup and invites the group to join in The Great Thanksgiving as printed in the *Worship Booklet for Pilgrims* beginning on page 29. After the consecration of the elements, the pilgrims are then invited to come forward a second time to receive the Communion elements by intinction (dipping the piece of bread into the cup of juice). When all have partaken, they share in expressing the resurrection joy of the moment through the Prayer after receiving (page 34, *Worship Booklet for Pilgrims*), words of instruction by the Weekend Spiritual Director, a well-chosen closing song, and a benediction. The Lay Director will then dismiss the group for lunch.

# Chrysalis - Journey

Greetings!

This is an amazing beginning to Journey. Your first thought might be well how many were there? Then my answer would be 2 amazing caterpillars that bloomed into the most beautiful butterflies ever! Their joy was Christ-like; and how could it be anything but that? These two teams of women and men gave of their time, prayers, dedication and faith that God would do wondrous things...and He did. I was blessed to have the opportunity to be one of the team members for Journey #1.

I watched a team pull together and I rejoiced at the rededication these young women gave for the Journey they now lead. It would have been tremendous to have more, but God wanted us to have 2. I, myself, am guilty at looking at the numbers too often. When the original walk to Emmaus there was only two men and Jesus and He never complained. He knew what they could accomplish. To the men of Journey #2, I thank you for your dedication to this ministry. To Rick Stillwell, I applaud you for stepping up to the call. God will use this bond that you all shared to grow your faith.

To the community I ask that you begin at the moment you read this, begin to pray and search for those caterpillars that need to be changed and their eyes opened. Our next Chrysalis Flights are September 18-20 for the girls led by Liz Mick and September 25-27 for the guys led by Eric Dodrill. Applications must be turned in NO LATER than 2 weeks prior to their flight. I love you all and ask that you continue to pray for us all. **Submitted by G'na Stephens**

As I have grown in my years of being involved with Chrysalis, I have learned to change my point of view on many things. The one thing that I have been looking at from a new perspective is secular music. My personal belief, when it comes to secular music is it is okay to listen, but I respect why some people don't listen to it. You can turn on the radio and tune in to a top hits station and probably hear somebody break most of the Ten Commandments before you get to a commercial break. When I first started to see all the sin in the music, it's saddened me because that was what people wanted to hear. Then one day I was listening to the iPod hooked into the car's stereo and was thinking on how, even though I had over a month of music on it, I could relate to all of it. Click! Why does everybody want to hear that music, because it relates to them. Why does it relate to them because a lot of the music is trying to fill the void of God.

The secular radio isn't full of people trying to shove a life of sin down your throat. It is full of people going, if you aren't happy try this, or why am I not happy, or why doesn't this all cover it. The secular radio could actually be a Christian's tool because it is a pulse on the feelings of this country. All of a sudden what was just trash music becomes cries for help. Another thing that my perspective was changed on was the Christian battle. You have heard people talking about being warriors for Christ. Well, I have another look for that. I see Christians as medics in the battle. Our job is to save as many lives as we can and to not lose ourselves to the fight. Everyone, who isn't a Christian, is a wounded soldier on the field. What about people who are against Christianity? Some have been wounded so badly, they don't want your help and think that giving up and dying is easier.

I view our community as a hospital since medics can be trained to do a better job and healing for all can be found. Sometimes though, we like to just stay at the hospital because the battlefield is ugly and we have become shell-shocked with other's wounds. Other times we just want to stay in the field because we got hurt trying to save someone else and we are embarrassed that we were that careless. Yes the battlefield is ugly but if the medic is

not there to serve the purpose given, we fail to save anybody. Everybody gets hurt saving somebody. That is why we have the hospital to put us back together and get us back to work. When one is wounded you aren't as effective to help someone else. If you don't get fixed up after a while, you are among the wounded looking for a medic. **Submitted by David Leggat**

### Chrysalis/Journey Board Members

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Welcome New Board

Welcome New Members

My name is Eric Pirrong. I worship at Woodland United Methodist Church. I originally attended the North Central Walk to Emmaus #63. And I sat at the table of Peter (?) (BTW - Brian was the table leader). I work as a Manager in the Quality Control Laboratory of Mylan Pharmaceuticals in Morgantown. My wife, Shelley (walk #64), and I live near the end of Van Voorhis Road in Morgantown. We have three boys, Nicholas (13), Raymond (10), and Brooks (6). I am heavily involved with various youth sports as well as the Cub/ Boy Scout program. I follow WVU sports and the professional teams from Pittsburgh (even the Pirates). I have worked off-site with the set-up/ clean-up and kitchen crews. I have also been table leader on one team (Walk #69 with Jim). Shelley and I attend a reunion group from Woodland church once a month. We are also part of a small weekly bible study with Rob and Cathy Doyle as well as Ryan and Carrie Hayhurst. I am a big believer in the power of team work. The whole is much greater than the sum of its parts. I am looking forward to working with everyone and providing the wonderful Emmaus experience to thousands of other Christians.

Just a friendly hello from Mike Richards. I am encouraging all members to join a 4th day reunion group. If you don't know of one, ask me. If you know of one, please let me know. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to get you into one. It is my responsibility to help both you and your sponsor. On another note the May Gathering was very good, but attendance by new pilgrims was very low with only 3 women from both #71 & #72 walks. Good Job sponsors. Please pray for walks coming up very soon. Prayer line for the community is

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Contact me at 304-365-1699 or [hardrock562@yahoo.com](mailto:hardrock562@yahoo.com)

Dear Community,

As you read in the letter above from Victor Perez (International Spiritual Director for The Walk to Emmaus), there have been some changes in Dying Moments. While trying to update the team manuals, it was discovered that they were outdated because the pages didn't match at all. The manuals we are currently using were copyrighted 1991. The new revised team manuals are \$6.00 each and there are a

total of 48 manuals for the men and women teams. The board has voted to purchase new manuals and to ask the community to give a love offering for this much needed update. If you would like to help to offset this purchase by making a donation to the community for a manual, please give your gifts to Melanie Kincell.

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