

Emmaus Epistle

I have been, as most of you have been, a refugee from a hurricane. It is interesting to note what the other refugees take with them as they evacuate. Most vehicles are loaded with very similar things like, food, pets, and family members but after that there are a myriad of items seen with the other refugees. For me, it was difficult trying to decide what few things, which could all fit inside my vehicle, were valuable enough to make the cut. In my mind all of the things left behind are gone, forever; so when I come back I am pleased if anything is still here.

With only a few hours to decide I made my choices very carefully but then I thought, "What if I only had five minutes to decide what was important, what would I throw into my car?" "What would I do?" C. S. Lewis writes "...what we do matters chiefly as evidence of what we are". In this context it would follow that what we would grab on the way out of the door of our homes, if we only had five minutes, would certainly reflect, at least in part, on who and what we are.

Many have had the experience at one time or another of having to prepare for the worst very quickly and it does give us some insight into who we are, and what we are, and where we might be on our Christian journey. Christ says in Matthew 11:28; "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Christ wants us to come to him with our problems but often we have trouble making decisions and prioritizing our lives anyway. Why? Because oftentimes WE are trying to do most of our living by ourselves; and it is usually when we get to a 'bump' in the road that we realize we really do need God.

C. S. Lewis sums it up very nicely; "After the first few steps in the Christian life we realize that everything which really needs to be done in our souls can be done only by God."

Peace and blessings to you all,
Dave

Ding's A Peal

The May Cluster meeting is changing the date so as we will not conflict with the FUMC BBQ. The BBQ is set for Friday, May 8, and with a normal first Thursday meeting date, we would have had a conflict. For May, the Beachside Cluster Meeting will now be held on the second Thursday in May, 14 May 2009 at the normal time and place, 6:30 PM in Room 203/204.

Big for this month is the Beachside Cluster web site has moved to a new server and our own domain name. The old site at Truepath has been taken down and should be non-functional. The Beachside website can be found at this URL:

www.beachsideemmaus.com

Note that *Beachside* and *Emmaus* form the single word **beachsideemmaus**, so there is a double e where the two words join. Copy/Paste the above into your browser URL address windows and you will be taken to the new site.

FwX, (Fly with Christ),
Trash

Upcoming Walks and Flights

- † *Walk 200 (Women's)*
Apr 16 - 19, 2009
- † *Walk 201 (Men's)*
Apr 30 - May 3, 2009
- † *Journey 22 (Girls')*
May 28 - 31, 2009
- † *Walk 202 (Women's)*
Jul 2 - 5, 2009
- † *Flt 74/Jry 23 (Boys')*
Jul 9 - 12, 2009
- † *Walk 203 Men's)*
Aug 27 - 30, 2009
- † *Walk 204 (Women's)*
Sep 10 - 13, 2009
- † *Flight 75 (Girls')*
Nov 12 - 15, 2009
- † *Walk 205 (Women's)*
Nov 19 - 22, 2009

Our Next Meeting

Thursday, Apr 02
Rooms 203-204
6:30 P. M.

Please bring your
Nametags and Guides

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Editor's Comments

Thanks to all who attended the March Cluster meeting. While the meeting was small, we all were blessed but Mike's devotional. Let us all try to get move Beachsiders to attend cluster.

Thanks to Marjorie Barebo, Becky Edge, Jane Pratt, and the Casey's for the March Refreshments. Judy Klug, Vissie and Frank Wood, and Dwight Kennard will provide April Refreshments.

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Next Walks, Flights, or Journeys:

Walk 200(Women's)	Apr 16 - 19	Attendee(s):	TBD
Walk 201 (Men's)	Apr 30 - May 3	Attendees:	Robert Miller (T Tindall), Chris Mock (K Jones)
Journey 22 (Girls')	Mary28 - 31	Attendee(s):	TBD

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