



# SonShine Emmaus



August 2008

## Lay Director's Message

Dear Community,

It is with great joy that I report to you how wonderful our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was. Those in attendance are who made it a perfect day. If you could not make it, you were missed. The food was awesome as usual, the fellowship great and the sweetest Spirit was present. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. Also a thank you to Mike Johnson and band for the wonderful music. One Community member said that the night was almost like a Walk and we all know how special that is. And speaking of Walks, if you haven't already heard, we are having a Men's and Women's Walk this fall. Same weekend, two separate Walks at the Abbey, October 9-12. Two separate teams, separate Candlelights, and separate introductions at the Closing. We have permission from National for us to do this one time. Tommy Davis and Suzy Verbeke are our Lay Directors. So please see the related information about Pilgrim applications deadline and mark your calendars. I am praying that we will have tons of Community support the whole weekend, at Candlelight and closing. How can you help? First, pray for the teams, Pilgrims and all those who will be undergirding this weekend. Second, evaluate how you can plug in? Can you be a runner? Help with behind the scene work? Be a pray-er for the Prayer Wheel? What is God laying on your heart? And lastly, pray who God is leading you to possibly sponsor this coming fall. God is doing a great work in our midst. I pray that you will be a part of His work. As you already know, God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

De Colores,

Henry Van Gils

## Pilgrim Application Deadline

*The Board has set a deadline date of August 16<sup>th</sup> for Men's and Women's applications. Please be sure to have your applications in the mail in a timely fashion to reach the post office before that date or bring to the Gathering that night. The Pilgrim Selection committee will begin their work ASAP so that Sponsors can be notified the beginning of September. Don't forget that a member of the Community approached Henry and offered to financially sponsor up to 10 Pilgrims for the fall Walks. They have requested to remain anonymous. To take advantage of this offer, you must turn in your Pilgrim application and talk to Henry to reserve one of the ten scholarships. Please call Henry Van Gils (798-7802) to let him know. Remember that if you are sponsoring a Pilgrim, you are making a commitment to help that Pilgrim attend DDU and that you will attend at least 6 Gatherings within the next year (hopefully with your Pilgrim).*

## New Agape Rules

Please read closely the following in regards to Agape:

**Sponsors-** please give special individual gift type items to your Pilgrim after closing.

**Community Agape-** Letters can be written to team and / or Pilgrims but remember if you provide trinket-type Agape (bracelets, pencils, pins, handmade goodies, so on) you must provide enough for all Pilgrims & Team- (approx. 55).

## Weekend Background Support

If you can help the Walk weekend behind the scenes, please contact Connie Beekman at [cbbeekman@comcast.net](mailto:cbbeekman@comcast.net) or home 288-1418 or Tom Verbeke at [taverbeke@verizon.net](mailto:taverbeke@verizon.net) or home 272-4618.

## Prayer Wheel

If you would like to sign up for the prayer wheel, please email Page Allen at [pallen@pageallenlaw.com](mailto:pallen@pageallenlaw.com) or if you do not have computer access, you can call her home at 804-598-5971. Thanks!

## Notes

- *Suzy Verbeke sends a great big thank you for the "odd and end" Agape for Camp Rainbow and also for all the items for the SonShine history book.*
- *Melinda Davis is chairperson of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Board for the Class of 2011, please call Melinda at 781-0614 or email [Melindawdavis@comcast.net](mailto:Melindawdavis@comcast.net). Nominations must be made by September 20<sup>th</sup>. A slate of nominees will be listed in the October newsletter. Thanks!*
- *If you are interested in teaming, please send your completed teaming application in to our post office box and / or you can contact Chip Beekman at 288-1418 or [p.beekman7@gmail.com](mailto:p.beekman7@gmail.com).*



## Reunion Groups!

Here's a list of the reunion groups that I have heard about. If yours is not here, let me know at [brenatkins@comcast.net](mailto:brenatkins@comcast.net) and I'll get yours on the list. If you are not in a reunion group yet, either call one of these listed and start going or START A REUNION GROUP YOURSELF! Think about it! The results are worth it!

### 2nd & 4th Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

7294 Ford Avenue, Mechanicsville  
Contact: Addie Lee Kelley, 730-1257

### Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Lakeside UMC, Richmond  
Contact: Stony Creery, 266-2048

### Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Sandston & New Kent  
Contact: Jim Sims, 737-4322

## Calendar

<b>August 16-</b>	<b>5:00 Board Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 Gathering &amp; Snack M-Z*</b>
<b>September 20-</b>	<b>5:00 Board Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 Gathering &amp; Snack A-L*</b>
<b>October 9-12</b>	<b>at Abbey- Men's &amp; Women's Walk</b>
	<b>Times TBA</b>
<b>November 15-</b>	<b>4:30 DDU</b>
	<b>5:30 Pot Luck</b>
	<b>6:30 Gathering</b>
<b>December 13-</b>	<b>To be determined</b>

\*Snacks provided by last names beginning A-L or M-Z

**All meetings and Gatherings at:  
Mechanicsville United Methodist Church  
(Except for October)**

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