



SonShine Emmaus



September 2008

Lay Director's Message

Dear Community,

Let me begin by saying that God has doubly blessed SonShine this fall. Thanks to His never ending grace, not only are we going to have two walks (separate yet simultaneously) but He continues to bless our efforts. Thank you for all those who are teaming (see list enclosed). Changes to follow the walk model are going well by both teams. I know that change can be hard but with God's help anything is possible. And I believe that as a community we will support our teams as they adjust to the new model.

Due to rising cost, it appears that for each pilgrim and team member there will be a \$20 - \$30 deficit. If you can help to make up this shortfall, please drop a check to the post office box and mark it "SS 44 & 45". All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please note the times of all weekend walk events as noted on the calendar and plan to attend. Will you do me a favor? Let's begin to pray that God will have at least 75 SonShine community members present at Candlelight and at Closing. What a great opportunity to show your support not only of our community but to two walks at the same time.

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Weekend Background Support

Did you know that it takes about 100 people to have a successful walk? If you can help the Walk weekend, behind the scenes, please contact Connie Beekman at cbeekman@comcast.net or home 288-1418 or Tom Verbeke at taverbeke@verizon.net or home 272-4618. Will you be one of 100?

Prayer Wheel

There are still times available on the prayer wheel for the upcoming Men's and Women's walks. Everyone will be signing up to pray for both walks at the same time. If you would like to sign up for the prayer wheel, please email Page Allen at pallen@pageallenlaw.com (preferable) or call her home at 804-598-5971. Thanks!

Nominations

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. Nominations must be made by September 20th. A slate of nominees will be listed in the October newsletter. Thanks!

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. Please collect 8 – 12 personal letters from family and friends to be given in Agape bag Sunday afternoon (more than 12- please save and give to your pilgrim on the way home).

Community Agape- The model calls for all community Agape to be anonymous. If your reunion group prepares or purchases Agape, the reunion group can acknowledge their group (which does not call attention to any individual person). Agape will be given out as pillow, dining room and talk table Agape. If you want your Agape to be given out at a specific time or place, please note it on the outside of your 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) and it is gender specific, please note which gender and have enough to cover pilgrims and team (women-30 and men- 29). We will need more trinket type Agape at these Walks, so please be creative and let's share our love with all those walking this weekend.

Calendar

September 20-	5:00 Board Meeting
	6:30 Gathering & Snack A-L*
October 9	at Abbey- Men's & Women's Walk
	7:00 Send off then Sponsor's Hour
October 11	7:30 Gathering & 9:00 Candlelight
October 12	3:30 Closing
November 15-	4:30 DDU
	5:30 Pot Luck
	6:30 Gathering
December 13-	To be determined

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

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

SonShine Women's Walk #44

Team

Page Allen	Sharon Lester
Gale Cartwright	Susan McCray
Lou Dwyer	Sharon Perkins
Susan Hammond	Jenny Piper
Melinda Davis	Bill Sisson (SD)
Bruce Lake (SD)	Donna Touchette
Melody Latham	Suzy Verbeke (LD)

Pilgrims

Beth Andersen	Lottie LaBelle
Patricia Evans	Pat Lavin
Linda Glass	Jenn Navolis
Ethel Gordon	Charlotte Poole
Nora Hargrove	Nancy Slaughter
Maria Howard	Jo Wallo
Elaine Jones	Mary Womble

SonShine Men's Walk #45

Team

Chip Beekman	Morgan Harrell
John Bright (SD)	Jerry Lambert
Michaux Bullock	Brian Miller
Bob Cartwright	Kirby Miller
Stoney Creery	Paul Ogburn
Tommy Davis (LD)	Tom Slayton
Bill Giese	Tony Western
Bobby Gibson (SD)	

Pilgrims

Daniel Andersen	Randy Howard
Mickey Barlow	Pat LaBelle
Joe Bishop	Matt Perkins
Fred Dombroski	Dave Poole
Mark Evans	Jim Salley
Buddy Gilbert	Kirk Tower

Do you have any small size toiletry type items that you could donate to the community for the upcoming Walks? If so, please bring to the next Gathering. Thanks a bunch!

Have you purchased your SonShine Emmaus t-shirt yet? If not, call Tommy Davis at 781-0614 or davis_tb@yahoo.com to order yours today. This is an excellent way to support our community fund raiser and show your community spirit. They're only \$10 each- in white or grey.

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