

THE MESSENGER

May 2009 Lynchburg/Central Virginia Emmaus

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Hello Emmaus Family!

Hey, do you remember “Runts”? They are a kind of candy and my sister Lisa loves them. Runts Candies are little bite size sweet and sour candies that kind of look like fruits – bananas – cherries – lemons & limes... when I think about the Fruits of the Spirit I always think of Runts (and my sister Lisa). Eat a banana and have a little joy, eat a cherry piece and have some love, long suffering is the lemon because it’s a little sour....

I never thought much of the verses before the Fruits of the Spirit, you know, the works of the flesh ... hatred, contentious, out bursts of wrath, dissensions, heresies ... man, those are some ugly words and of course they didn’t describe me or the Christians I knew. Come on, heresy and out bursts of wrath, those are things that happened back in the 1500 – 1600 hundreds, not in today’s world. Then I would eat another banana runt and add a little more joy to my spirit. Such a simple mind I have sometimes!

I want to share with you Galatians 5: 19-23 (this translation is Eugene H. Peterson’s “The Message”)

“It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time, repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cut throat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on. This isn’t the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God’s Kingdom.

But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.”

How humbling it was for me to read this scripture from this translation. I could no longer allow myself to sugar coat my walk with God by popping another banana flavored candy into my mouth. This scripture opened my eyes to what a flesh lived life I had lived and at times still live.

I think we are all capable of falling back into this way of living if we take our eyes off of God’s purpose for our lives and put our eyes on our purpose or the things going on around us. It is so easy for us (me) to want our (my) own way. We need to be consistently walking out our 4th day on that path with Christ, making sure that we are remembering that stool from our walks – Piety – Study – Action. Are you spending time with God every day? Are you in a reunion group so that you have another Christian person to be accountable to?

Let’s make sure that we are living for God and His purpose and not for us and our purpose.

I still love a “runt” every now and then, but instead of just thinking “oh look a banana, I have some joy” I stop and ask myself “Am I living for myself or for God?” Then I smile and thank God for my sister Lisa!

God’s Peace be with you,
Donna Martin L/CVA Emmaus #10
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—Luke 24:32

Upcoming Areas to serve with your prayer
Women's Weekend May 14 – 17, 2009

Thursday night send off and sponsor's hour; 6:30 fellowship, services will start at 7:00pm

Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Pray in the team prayer chapel...prayer is the most important thing during any weekend.

TALKS TO PRAY FOR: (Do you feel lead to come pray for any of these speakers?)

Priority: Friday 9:15 am
Ginna Hartsell

Prevenient Grace: Friday 11:15 am
Joyce Maddox

Priesthood of All

Believers: Friday 1:45 pm
Susan Brandt

Justifying Grace: Friday 3:00 pm
Bill Burleigh

Life of Piety: Friday 6:30 pm
Tina Sapsara

Grow Through Study: Saturday 8:45 am
Jennifer Davenport

Means of Grace: Saturday 10:15 am
Lane Spigener

Christian Action: Saturday 3:00 pm
Charlotte Roberts

Obstacles of Grace: Saturday 4:30 pm
Joyce Maddox

Discipleship: Saturday 7:00 pm
Debra Frances

Changing Our World: Sunday 8:50 am
Jan Massie

Sanctifying Grace: Sunday 10:00 am
Wimpy Martin

Body of Christ: Sunday 11:00 am
Jill Farley

Perseverance: Sunday 1:30 pm
Linda McConnell

Fourth Day: Sunday 2:30 pm
Deb Arndt

CHAPELS TO PRAY FOR:

Thursday night chapel: 8:15 pm

Friday Morning Chapel: 7:00 am

Friday Emmaus Road Prayer Experience 7:10 pm

Friday Closing Worship and Examination of Conscience: 10:00 pm

Saturday Morning Chapel 7:30 am

Saturday Dying Moments Chapel 11:15 am

Saturday Candle light and Chapel 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday Closing 4:30 pm

Please come to team prayer chapel to pray if you are available or pray where you are.

Women's Weekend May 14 – 17, 2009

Four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody** met to accomplish an important task.

Everybody was asked to do it. **Everybody** was sure **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

(**Somebody** wrote that, but **Nobody** knows who. We don't either)

Everybody, are you listening? **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody** are busy the weekend of **May 14-17, 2009**. So please, please make sure that you show up at Eagle Eyrie to help the Women's inside team and the Lynchburg Emmaus Community with **Walk 62!**

Thanks and God Bless,
LCVA Emmaus Community

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GATHERING, MAY 9, 2009 - WOMEN'S TEAM DEDICATION

Come One, Come All

May 9, 2009; 6:00pm Fellowship, 7:00pm Worship

Our very own Walk #62 Women's Team will be sponsoring the gathering!

Do you have a pilgrim going on the up-coming walk? Come meet the women who will be showering them with love. The women will be dedicated at the gathering, come place your hands on them during prayer!

This will be a potluck fellowship...bring your favorite dish to share. Childcare will be provided.

If you need a ride call me... 540-977-1594 (home) 540-874-4478 (cell)

Are you available to give a ride? Call me ...

God's Peace,
Donna Martin

Walk #62 is full! What an answer to prayer!

Team:

Linda McConnell LD
Deb Arndt ALD
Ginna Hartsell ALD
Tina Sapsara ALD
Teresa Moss MD
Sylvia Ann Martin AMD
Jan Massie TL
Charlotte Roberts TL
Jennifer Davenport TL
Jill Farley TL
Susan Brandt TL
Annette Patrick TL/LR
Linda Ingram ATL
Karen Penalva ATL
Iris Pina ATL
Barbara Coleman ATL
Debra Frances ATL
Barbara Burks ATL
Lane Spigener SD
Joyce Maddox ASD
Wimpy Martin ASD
Bill Burleigh ASD

Pilgrims:

Anne Archambeault	Debbie Robbins
Robbie Arthur	Mary Lee Robinson
April Bailey	Lynn Sager
Ann Banton	Edna Skillman
Leslie Burgess	Kathie Sprinkle
Maureen Burris	Betty Vanhoozier
Jace Burton	Anita Wilson
Joyce Cheatham	Barbara Wood
Lecie Clatterbuck	
Gayle Fannon	
Dianne Foster	
Teresa Glascock	
Melany Keith	
Ellen Kennedy	
Sandy Kenney	
Carla Lentz-Bales	
Daryl Leonard	
Sherri Maddox	
Robin Maddox	
Patty Narbis	
Lois Owen	
Jill Rayman	

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REMEMBER THE FALL WALKS COMING UP!

MEN'S WALK # 63 SEPTEMBER 24 – 27, 2009 JOHN SEAQUIST; LAY DIRECTOR

WOMEN'S WALK #64 OCTOBER 22 – 25, 2009 JUDY TABOR; LAY DIRECTOR

Don't let these walks sneak up on you! **Start to sponsor now!** You can get a pilgrim application by going onto our website

<http://www.lynchburgemmaus.com>

Click on "New Resources Page", we have both PDF and Word versions available

Once your pilgrim has completed their part of the application and you have completed your part of the application mail to:

L/CVA Emmaus – ATTN: Registrar

P.O. Box 11942

Lynchburg, VA 24506 – 1942

Do you feel lead to team on either of these weekends? Please go to our website and fill out a "Teaming Interest Form". These forms are also in PDF and Word versions. You can fill out a Word Version right online and email to Jan Guthrie

jguthrie@liberty.edu

Mail to:

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IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND NEED COPIES OF EITHER OF THESE APPLICATIONS PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER AND WE WILL SEND TO YOU

Canceling a walk demoralizes the team, hurts the community at our core, and deprives us of new community members.

The team selection committee will do their part of the job by putting the teams together.

The members of team 63 and 64 will do their part of the job by building a strong team for God.

Community, let's do our part of the job by sponsoring pilgrims.

Let's not let another set of Fall Walks be canceled.

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