

# THE MESSENGER

## Winter 2012 Lynchburg/Central Virginia Emmaus



### UPCOMING Gatherings:

- Feb: 11th
- March: 10th
- April: 14th
- May: 12th
- June: 9th
- July: 14th

Potluck Dinner or snack and social time: 5:00 pm (subject to change)  
 Worship Celebration: 6:00 pm  
 Heritage UMC

Gatherings are held the second Saturday of every month, if there are changes, we will do our best to let the Community know as soon as possible, via the L/CVA Emmaus website, emails, Facebook, word of mouth...

### Spring Walks 2012:

**Men's Walk #68:** April 19 - 22  
 Ivan Johnson, LD

**Women's Walk #69:** May 17 - 20  
 Vickie Goodman, LD

Please continue to diligently pray for Emmaus and the Walks this spring.

### 2012 L/CVA Walk to Emmaus Board

Another year has come and gone for the Glory of the Lord and the L/CVA Community has a new board. Below are their names and positions. Contact information and additional responsibilities can be found on the website at:

<http://www.lynchburgenmaus.com/ContactUs.html>

*"He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30*

Position	Name
Clergy – Community Spiritual Director	Edwin Cleaver
Clergy	Kenny Lawhorne
Clergy	John Seigle
Laity – Community Lay Director	Brian Hartsell
Laity – Weekend Committee Chair	Ken Watts
Laity – Training Committee Chair	Karen Penalva
Laity	Vickie Goodman
Laity – Gathering Committee Chair	Ray Maddox
Laity – Asst. Community Lay Director	Alan Burks
Laity – Treasurer, Team Selection Committee Chair	Kathie Sprinkle
Laity – Community Committee Chair	Ashley Carwile
Laity – Secretary	Bob Michalides
Laity	Melvin Graves
Laity	Sheila Wilson
Laity	Sonia MacFarland
Laity - Ex Officio Member	Jeff Davenport

Please continue to support and lift up your Board in prayer as they do the Lords work this year for L/CVA Emmaus.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?  
 —Luke 24:



## From the Community Lay Director

My name is Brian Hartsell, I walked on Lynchburg/Central Virginia Walk to Emmaus #47 and sat at the table of Luke. <<CLAP>>!

Many of you have heard the saying “God doesn’t call the equipped, He equips the called.” I certainly feel like the full personification of that statement as the CLD reins have been passed over to me from my brother in Christ, Jeff Davenport. Thank you, Jeff for your faithful service to our Lord and to the Emmaus Community. There’s another saying “If God leads you to it, then God will lead you through it.” I have full faith that he will do just that in this new role.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a few words about PRIORITIES. As you recall, the priorities talk is the first talk of the weekend. It is a call for everyone to take a moment and evaluate what we think about, how we spend our money and how we spend our time. This talk not only shows the importance of setting the right priorities, but also to reveal priorities that are out of place and not honoring and glorifying Him (1 Cor 10:31).

I struggle with the fact that many in our Community have not made Emmaus a priority in their lives. This is quite evident by the decreasing attendance at our gatherings, walk cancellations, difficulty putting together teams and weekend help, and even having enough Pilgrims to have a Walk. It seems as if we are all so busy.

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis captures this Christian phenomenon in a letter from Screwtape, a senior demon to his nephew, Wormwood:

*There is only one thing we can do. We must redouble our efforts. We must do everything we can to make sure that these humans do not believe in Jesus. And if they do believe then make them lukewarm and too busy with other things to be of any use to him.*

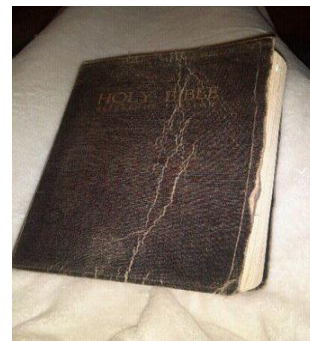
Are you too busy with other things to be of any use to Jesus? Are you too busy to be a servant of the Master? Are you too busy to.....

Let us all again prayerfully reevaluate our own priorities asking the Holy Spirit for guidance as we seek to fulfill His purpose while we are here in this life.

May the Lord abundantly bless you, your local church, and the Emmaus Community as we press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ (Phil 3:14).

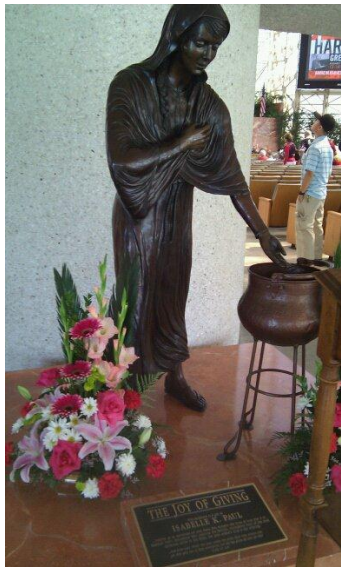
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Brian Hartsell  
Community Lay Director  
L/CVA Walk #47



*A Bible that's falling apart; belongs to someone who isn't...*

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?  
—Luke 24:32



## ***L/CVA Emmaus Financial Breakdown:***

*Treasurer's Report as of 1/22/2012*

<i>General Funds:</i>	<i>\$2,201.84</i>
<i>Jessie Askew Scholarship Fund:</i>	<i>\$1,909.15</i>
<b><i>Total Balance:</i></b>	<b><i>\$4,110.99</i></b>

*To Mail Scholarship or General Donations:*

*L/CVA Emmaus  
PO Box 11942  
Lynchburg, VA 24506-1942*

## **Rekindle**

A member of a church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, and then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

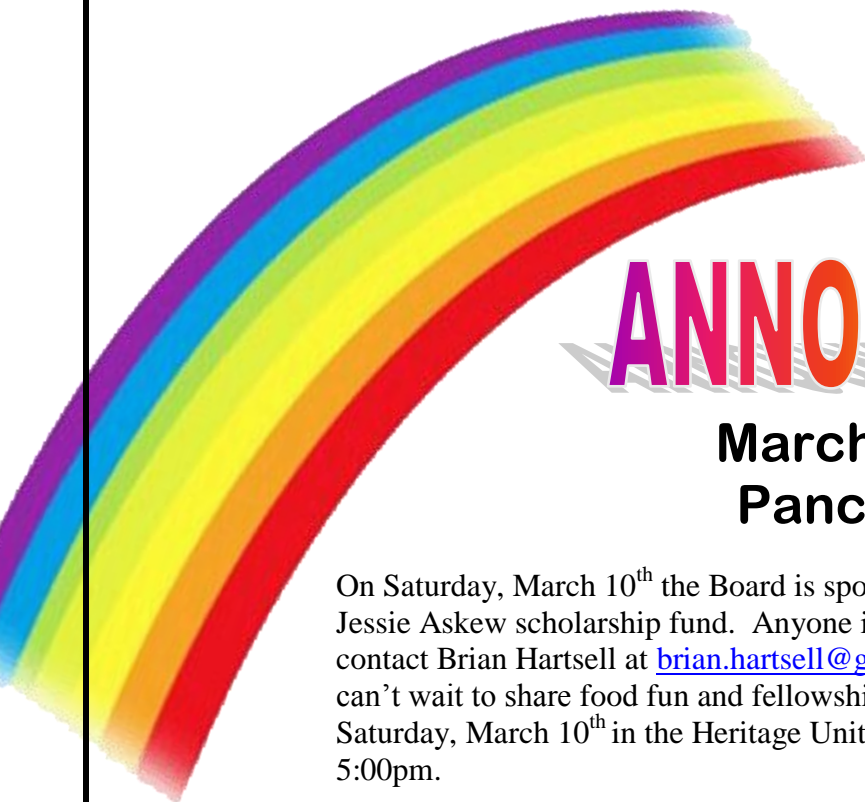
The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit, and especially for the fiery sermon, I'll be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## March Gathering: Pancake Dinner

On Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> the Board is sponsoring a pancake dinner fundraiser for the Jessie Askew scholarship fund. Anyone interested in helping to flip the flapjacks can contact Brian Hartsell at [brian.hartsell@gmail.com](mailto:brian.hartsell@gmail.com). Anyone else getting hungry?? We can't wait to share food fun and fellowship time together at the March Gathering on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the Heritage United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm.

## Pilgrims for Walks #68 & #69:

Applications have not been coming in as expected for the Spring Walks. If you know of anyone that is ready to feel the love of God, then prayerfully consider asking them to take the Walk to Emmaus. Applications can be downloaded via the website: [www.lynchburgemmaus.com](http://www.lynchburgemmaus.com) and either mailed to the address listed on the form, or scanned and e-mailed to Garland Harper at [grharper@aol.com](mailto:grharper@aol.com)

## Calling all Silent Servants:

There are many opportunities to serve and if you feel led to help with any of these important positions, please contact the Community Committee: [ibinubu@msn.com](mailto:ibinubu@msn.com) or [bobmichalides@gmail.com](mailto:bobmichalides@gmail.com).

## 2012 Leadership Development:

L/CVA Emmaus has the privilege of hosting a regional leadership development event on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Heritage UMC. Mark your calendars today. This event is both for Clergy training and certification and the Community for leadership development and a deeper understanding of all that is the Walk to Emmaus.

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