

# Aldersgate Pilgrim

Fall 2015

## The Fourth Day Adventure

*By Dan Mullett - Community Lay Director*

As we waited to board our flight to Africa on our way to Zambia, I passed a bookstore at the JFK airport and saw the book entitled A Trip Around the Sun, by Pastor Mark Batterson. It was the subtitle, though, that caught my eye— “Turning Your Everyday Life into an Adventure of a Lifetime”. What a perfect book to read on a mission trip to Zambia!

And what an adventure it was! We had a front row seat to watch God do some amazing things: from touching the hungry bellies of His beautiful children to ministering to His church leaders in a remote village oppressed with Satan’s attacks of discouragement and poverty. We even experienced the thrill of Him holding a broken radiator hose together with plastic Coke bottles and duct tape for 150 miles from nowhere!

Not every Fourth Day Adventure needs to be in a foreign country—in fact, some of my best adventures have been in my own neighborhood, as I respond to the Holy Spirit’s nudges to shine His light into a dark corner of someone’s life. Those of you who have enjoyed your Fourth Days in the Palm of the Holy One know of the same sense of adventure of which I write. For those who are ready to step out into your Fourth Days in faith, look forward to that Amazing Grace washing over you as you choose Adventure with Him.

I encourage you to renew your commitment to your Fourth Days by attending the Fourth Day Follow Up and Training this Fall. There are 2 locations in the Aldersgate Community for your convenience. See Page 4 for the dates and locations.

*DeColores,  
Dan Mullett*

## Updated Songbooks Ready for October Walks and Gatherings



Over the past several months, some of our seasoned Emmaus musicians have been collaborating on updating the current Emmaus Song Book. The reason for the effort was that a lot of the songs in the

existing book were not being used, a number of the newer ones were really solo type songs, and every year new worship songs are being released that are great songs to use during a weekend.

So several of our senior musicians put their heads together and submitted a revised song book. That revision was approved by the Board and the new book is ready to be distributed to all of the Board Reps.

“Don’t worry, we have kept all of the popular “oldies”, and a lot of the newer ones that were already in the book,” says project leader Jake Authier. “We’ve added several new songs that are most popular in our churches today. We believe that the new songbook will be a great representation of old and new and will give us a fresh opportunity to enliven not only a weekend walk, but also the monthly gatherings of each community.”

For our musicians, you will need to request a copy of the chord charts for the new book. Email Jake Authier at [jakeauth@aol.com](mailto:jakeauth@aol.com) to get a copy electronically sent to you. If anyone else would like an electronic copy, please feel free to send a request. The new song book will be used for the first time during the October walks.

Those who worked on this revision are excited to be releasing it and look forward to using it in our next gatherings and all future walks.



## Christmas House Preparations Underway



The Christmas House is held annually on the first Saturday in December, coinciding with the Clermont Christmas Parade. This year it will be on December 5th. The house is adjacent to the Clermont United Methodist Church and traditionally features a raffle drawing for gift baskets, face-painting, a story from

Mother Goose, a meet and greet with Santa, a craft project, kids' boutique, lemonade and cookies. All proceeds go to scholarships for pilgrims and team members for Walks to Emmaus.

Clint Moles, South Lake County Board representative says, "We can always use donations for the gift baskets and decorating help December 4th and 5th." For more information contact Clint at moles60@gmail.com.

## New Chrysalis Website Debuts



The new website for Aldersgate Chrysalis is up and running. It's full of information and forms for upcoming Chrysalis Flights. Help and support is needed to ensure the inaugural flights in November are successful. Get plugged in by visiting the website at [www.aldersgatechrysalis.org](http://www.aldersgatechrysalis.org).



## Upcoming Weekends Mark Your Calendars



### Men's Walk # 145

**October 1 - 4, 2015**

*Warren W. Willis UM Camp*

### Women's Walk #145

**October 8-11, 2015**

*Warren W. Willis UM Camp*



### Girl's Flight # 76

**Nov 6-8, 2015**

*Crystal River United Methodist Church  
4801 N Citrus Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428*

### Boy's Flight #77

**Nov 13-15, 2015**

*Crystal River United Methodist Church  
4801 N Citrus Ave, Crystal River, FL 34428*

## Please Use Revised Pilgrim Applications

Walk to Emmaus application forms have just been revised, particularly the mailing address. For up-to-date forms please go to the Aldersgate Emmaus website ([www.aldersgateemmaus.org](http://www.aldersgateemmaus.org)), log in to your account, and select Applications from the pull down menu under the Attending tab. You can print copies of the Request for Reservation form and Sponsor Sheets. Kathleen McCorvie, the current registrar, has recently moved to 946 Lascala Drive, Windermere, Florida 34786. Please mail forms to her at this new address.

You can contact Kathleen at [kamccorvie@gmail.com](mailto:kamccorvie@gmail.com).

# AGAPE Needed for Upcoming Walks and Chrysalis Flights

## Agape FAQ's

Making Agape can be a fun group, reunion group, Bible study or even date night activity. Ideas are endless and whether you are crafty or not there is always something you can provide! Here are some FAQ's concerning Agape.

*Q: How many pieces of Agape do I need to make for an Emmaus Walk?*

A: To cover the Conference Room (Inside) and Outside team (Angels) of a Men's OR Women's walk you need to provide 72 pieces. If you want to cover both walks, it takes 144 pieces.

*Q: How many pieces of Agape do I need for a Chrysalis Flight?*

A: 30 pieces.

*Q: How should I label the Agape?*

A: Agape should be labeled with an appropriate Bible verse or De Colores, then the name of the "group" or church group that provided it. No personal names.

*Q: What is the latest date I should get the Agape to an Emmaus Walk.*

A: Thursday at Send-off.

*Q: What should I make?*

A: Ideas are limitless, check out Pinterest, they have an Emmaus Agape Pin. You can also check out your local Christian bookstore or Oriental Trading Company.

*Q: If I have a question that is not listed here, who can I contact?*

A: Contact Barbara Paige – ba.paige@verizon.net or 727-796 -1059.



# Central Florida Cluster Gatherings Keep Growing

The Central Florida Emmaus community has been turning out in big numbers for the newly introduced regional Cluster Gatherings. These gatherings are modeled after the highly successful West Coast Regional gatherings. Two recent Gatherings were held in St. Cloud and Clermont. Both had strong attendance and were lots of fun. Make plans now for the upcoming Fall gatherings which will be held in conjunction with the 4th Day Follow-Up workshops following the October walks.



*ABOVE: Dan and Kari Tesenair share their musical talents at the recent Clermont Gathering*

*BELOW: Ken and Kathy Roach enjoy dinner at the St. Cloud Gathering*



*LEFT: It was standing room only at the 4th Day Follow-up and Gathering at Cornerstone Family Church in St. Cloud.*



# So What Exactly is CHRYSALIS ?

A Chrysalis Flight is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation for young adults between 15 and 18. It begins with a three-day short course in Christianity and presents an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Chrysalis experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Chrysalis leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, teen participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Chrysalis community, each participant's individual gifts

and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Chrysalis is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Chrysalis lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Chrysalis is open to young adults and youth of any Christian denomination. It is for all those who desire to grow deeper in their relationship with God and others. Teens are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for this three day experience of worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, singing, recreation, and discussion. For more information, go to [www.aldersgatechrysalis.org](http://www.aldersgatechrysalis.org).

## 4th Day Follow-Ups and Regional Gatherings

*There are two locations for upcoming Fourth Day Follow-up training sessions. These sessions are to help introduce new babe chicks into the Emmaus Community. Attendees learn more about how to sponsor a pilgrim, Reunion Groups, Gatherings and Working a Team. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the sessions with their babe chick. Each of the sessions will include a pot luck community gathering.*

### Central Florida

October 17, 2015      Winter Park United Methodist Church  
125 N. Interlachen Avenue, Winter Park, FL

**4th Day Follow-Up**      **4 p.m.**

**Gathering/Pot Luck**      **Immediately following at 5p.m**

Fellowship, Communion, Music, 4th Day Talk and more

### West Coast

November 7, 2015      Palm Harbor United Methodist Church  
1551 Belcher Road, Palm Harbor, FL

**4th Day Follow-Up  
and Gathering**

**5:30 p.m. with Pot Luck**

4th Day

# My 4th Day Experience

By Dawn Carr - Walk 1465  
Bluebonnet Texas (La Vernia, TX)



What does your 'Prison' look like? Most of us have something that keeps us from going out into the world and living the life God HAD planned for us. Some of us are in a prison of fear, low self esteem, loneliness, insecurities, addictions, etc. The list can go on and on.

For me, my list of things that kept me imprisoned was so long I didn't even know what all of them were. I thought

that I had a strong relationship with Jesus; since I was a young girl we talked all the time. During a very volatile time in my life, when I was about 23, I experienced the Power of Prayer; it was the first of many miracles God showed me in my lifetime. He showed me that all that I believed in was real, that He was with me during this very tough, scary time in my life, even though there were many times in my life when I was not as faithful as I should have been.

This is how I lived my life for the next 27 years, just thinking that all I had to do was believe, be a good person, go to Church and I could live my life the way I wanted to, because Jesus would always be there for me. I went to Church, but I never read the bible. I would say the same prayers I learned as a child and I continued my private conversations with Him; I would say at that time that I was religious.

We moved to Texas in 2005 per God's plan. Of course, we joined the Church in town, joined our first bible study and our life started to change, for the better. The next thing I knew, I am being asked to go on this weekend called Emmaus. I had never heard of it before moving to Texas, but I reluctantly agreed to go and was curious to see what this Emmaus thing was all about.

It was during those 72 hours that I realized that being religious is not enough. Having a relationship with Jesus Christ is great, but I found that it was all one sided. It is what Joyce Meyers says, "What about Me, it's all about Me, Me, Me, Me !" I had never thought of what can I do for God; what does Jesus need me to do, where can I be a servant for Christ. It was during these 72 hours that I realized that I was in a self made prison of all the things that I allowed to rule my life.

On Friday night I had a vision of me inside a cell and Jesus was on the outside talking to me; in his hand he had a key. I asked him what the key was for and he said, it is to open the cell door and when I do, I want you to walk out and leave all the things that come between us in there. He said I want you to walk side by side with me; I want to have a relationship with you that will be more than a conversation. I want you to be the person I made you to be and I will show you

how to be that person; I will be right next to you the whole journey. I saw myself walk out and walk right into Jesus' embrace; I saw myself as a confident person who was about to go on a journey into unknown territory, but I had the best guide I could have.

My life changed that day and I have not gone back to the old Dawn. When Jesus says I need you to do this, I say 'Yes, Lord' I then allow Him to show me how to be that person. In the past 8 years I have made so many changes to who I am, that I don't recognize the old me; she no longer exists. Since my walk I have been a Youth Leader, which required that I did a devotional at least once a month, I have done at least four Fourth Day talks, I was asked to give the sermon at our Church in Texas and I did. I was on the Emmaus Board of Directors in Texas and now I am on the Aldersgate BOD, I am a member of the West Coast Cluster Board and recently I was commissioned as a Stephen Minister.

At our Church I have implemented Emmaus Sunday, where we celebrate the new Babe Chicks and promote the next weekend Walk dates, which has been very successful. There have been many, many more things that God has asked of me; He says to me I have confidence in you or I need you to do this. I have not said No to any of them. God had such grand plans for me and I missed out on a lifetime of being the person He made me to be.

I am forever Grateful to my Sponsor for asking me to consider the Walk to Emmaus. I know that Jesus is standing right next to me, holding my hand and giving me his strength and confidence. Do I know how to do all He has asked me to do or have a desire to do all that He has asked me to? Absolutely not, but I know that His confidence in me will give me the courage to attempt and succeed in anything He asks of me.

What I learned on my Pilgrim Walk, that has carried me through these 8+ years of my Fourth Days, is that He will only ask of me what He had intended for me to do. We all were made to do different things.

So, what does your Prison Cell look like? You too can get out, you just need to allow Jesus to open your cell door and follow Him on the path that He has made for you; allowing Him to show you the way. Live your Fourth Days to the fullest; enjoy the Journey and when you look in the mirror at the person God intended you to be, you will see a Happy, Joy filled person.

I now feel honored that He chose me to be His hands and feet. I am thankful that I went on this Walk to Emmaus; it not only changed my life path, it changed who I am today.

I am finally the person God intended me to be.

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**Editor's Note: The newsletter will periodically feature sharings from members of the community about their 4th Day experience. If you would like to share your story, please send it to [terrymccorvie@gmail.com](mailto:terrymccorvie@gmail.com).**