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What's Up with the Rainbow and Rooster?

by Tom Furse

The true story of the song "De Colores" is it was a song in Spain sung in the taverns. It was also a victory song during the Spanish Revolution. The vineyard workers also sang it while they worked. So the tune was a well known one, but the composer of the music is unknown.

During a Cursillo weekend someone changed the words to reflect Christian expressions. Instead of the colors of the ladies red lips, and their beautiful eyes and hair, they sang about how the rainbow is vested across the blue skies, and the colors of God's world, etc. Later when the movement spread to Mexico, a bus breakdown took place and some of the pilgrims continued to add verses.

The story about the bus breaking down is basically this: A Spanish group had been on a Cursillo event (the forerunner of our Walk to Emmaus) and was heading home. After hearing the many talks on the colors of God's grace, they were a joyful group indeed. Suddenly the bus broke down. Fortunately there was a barnyard nearby. The glorious show of spring colors in the fields, the flowers, and the budding trees inspired them. The bright iridescent colors of the roosters and chickens and a distant rainbow touched them. So they wrote new verses for the song "De Colores" which means of the of the colors. It says they obviously waited a long time because there are 99 verses, but we usually only sing a few....

Help Wanted

Position: Sponsor

Requirements:

Must have completed a 72-hour course in Christian leadership training by having attended one of the following: Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Kairos, or similar events; and have completed Sponsorship Training.

Job Description:

Must be willing to pray for guidance in seeking

individuals desiring to develop Christian leadership training for the local church; should be proficient in aiding interested individuals in the completion of necessary applications and/or forms; must be able to discretely secure agape letters, pray without ceasing, provide other acts of love during the 72-hour training period; and attend all events centered around the approval and confirmation of willing applicants to walk for three days with God.

Salary: Heavenly

Benefits: Out of this world

Starting Date: Immediately

Please apply online at:

www.midlandsemmaus.com; or contact Registrar Carolyn McLean at 803-414-6216 for more information.

(Note: At this time we have 11 men and 23 women for the upcoming fall walks. All you former pilgrims, who are now servants, please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone. It is the best gift you could ever give. Remember we need 36 pilgrims for a full walk.)

Prayer Vigils

By Mary Furse

Our 72 Day Prayer Vigil is in progress. Everyone is reminded to pray for the upcoming Walks.

Our 72 Hour Prayer Vigil calendar is about half full. I need your help to complete the calendar.

How to sign up:

1. On the Midlands Emmaus Website at – www.midlandsemmaus.com
2. At the August Gathering (Trinity Blythewood)
3. By calling Mary Furse at 803-699-6557

Lord Hear Our Prayers

Barbara Russell - recovering from a stumble

Laverne Greenway—Emmaus Member

Pam Burton - Medical

Dawn Adams - Medical

Catherine Brown - Marriage & Family

Kay Nooft - Medical Issues

Ruth Hinson - Recovering from surgery

Lynn & Jean Harris - Lives in Transition

Nancy Merrill - Cancer

Doris Sarvis—Cancer

Frankie Funchess—Cancer

Traveling mercies for Dick & Carmen Pool's family in England.

Bill Hynson - Ed Hynson's brother who has been given 6 months to live.

Ed Hynson's sister Gwynne who lost her husband recently.

Lord We Praise You For

All the Salkehatchie Camps

The blessing of Jan & LW Smith's daughter's pregnancy

Our Community in Need

We are in need of new table clothes for the camp. If you feel led to contribute, please contact either of the following:

Cherie Bowers - che5520@windstream.net

Lexington UMC (803) 358-2394

or

Delores Fish—dealfish@yahoo.com

St John's UMC, Aiken

August Scripture Readings

- 1 Is. 65-66; Ps. 62; Jn 3
- 2 2 Ki. 21; 2 Chr. 33; Jn. 4
- 3 Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5
- 4 2 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 34; Jn. 6
- 5 2 Ki. 23; 2 Chr. 35; Jn. 7.
- 6 Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8
- 7 Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9
- 8 Jer. 1-2; Jn. 10
- 9 Jer. 3-4; Jn. 11
- 10 Jer. 5-6; Jn. 12
- 11 Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13
- 12 Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14
- 13 Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15
- 14 Jer. 16-17; Ps 96; Jn. 16
- 15 Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17
- 16 2 Ki.24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18
- 17 Jer. 23, 25; Jn. 19
- 18 Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20
- 19 Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 21
- 20 Jer. 48-49; Ps 67; 1 Jn. 1
- 21 Jer. 21, 24, 27; Ps. 118; 1 Jn. 2
- 22 Jer. 28-30; 1 Jn. 3
- 23 Jer. 31-32; 1 Jn. 4
- 24 Jer. 33-34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5
- 25 Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; 2 Jn.
- 26 Jer. 50-51; 3 Jn.
- 27 Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144
- 28 Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2
- 29 Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3
- 30 Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4
- 31 Ezek. 12-14; Rev. 5

September Scripture Readings

- 1 Ezek. 15-16; Ps. 70; Rev. 6
- 2 Ezek. 17-19; Rev. 7
- 3 Ezek. 20-21, Ps. 111; Rev. 8
- 4 Ezek. 22-24; Rev. 9
- 5 Ezek. 25-28, Rev. 10
- 6 Ezek. 29-32; Rev. 11
- 7 2 Ki. 25; 2 Chr. 36; Jer. 40-41; Rev. 12
- 8 Jer. 42-44; Ps. 48; Rev. 13
- 9 Lam. 1- 2; Obad.; Rev. 14
- 10 Lam. 3-5; Rev. 15
- 11 Dan. 1-2; Rev. 16
- 12 Dan. 3- 4; Ps. 81; Rev. 17
- 13 Ezek. 33-35, Rev. 18

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Upcoming Events

August 14-15, 2009 Walk #34 Team Training
August 28, 2009 Gathering—Trinity UMC—
Blythewood
September 2009 No Gathering
September 3-6 Girl's Epiphany
September 17-20 Men's Walk 34
(Candlelight Saturday, 8 pm Sept 19)
October 1-4, 2009 Women's Walk 34
(Candlelight Saturday, 8 pm Oct 3)
October 8-11, 2009 Boy's Epiphany
October 23, 2009 Gathering—Windsor UMC
November 2009 No Gathering
December 5, 2009 Gathering- Brookland UMC
January 14-17 Boy's Chrysalis Flight 4
January 22, 2010 Gathering—Lyttleton UMC—
Camden

Seed Agape for August — Pilgrim Crosses.

You will have an opportunity to contribute at the Trinity—Blythewood Gathering on August 28, 2009

Next Gathering
August 28, 2009
Fellowship 7:00 PM Worship 8:00 PM
Trinity UMC-Blythewood
90 Boney Road
(803) 786-1637

Directions from Columbia: Take I-77 North. Take exit #27 (Blythewood Road). Turn Right off the exit. Go 3 miles to Boney Road. Take a left on Boney Road. Go 0.1 mile to Trinity UMC.