

April 12 Gathering

South Perth Uniting Church, 2 Sandgate Str, South Perth at 7 pm.

Men's Walk 2025

- ❖ 02 – 05 October
- ❖ LD: Gareth Stafford

Ladies' Walk 2025

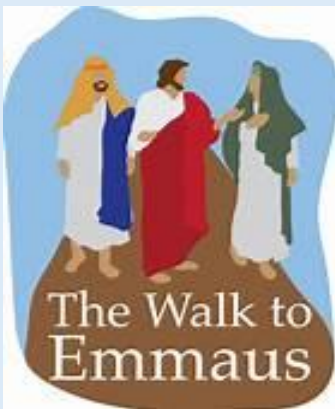
- ❖ 16 – 19 October
- ❖ LD: Narrelle Parker

Spiritual Director

- ❖ Ross Patterson

CLD 2025

- ❖ Neal Leggo



Comments from the Community Lay Director

Greetings to the Perth Emmaus Community!

Our February Gathering, held in the outdoors at Kings Park, was a great success - taking advantage of our City's wonderful summer weather. The Fourth Day talk by James and Jacinta Robertson shared their experience in Chrysalis, its blessings on the lives and impact on their faith journeys. Thanks to Paul M. for providing the music AND sharing Holy Communion. Also a big thanks to the Peel Pilgrims for organising a gathering with a difference! Lets do outdoors again next summer!

Our next gathering will be on Saturday 12th APRIL back at the usual venue – South Perth Uniting Church.

The PEC Board has met twice this year, with planning and organisation of events progressing well. Our main focus is on the Walks in October, with a move to a new improved venue – the Swan Valley Adventure Centre. Lay Directors are in place (Gareth and Narrelle) and both the men's and women's teams are over 70% filled.

The board thanks all those who contributed to the survey conducted late last year. We have discussed the results and are incorporating into our vision for the Emmaus movement in WA. This will be taken to the National Conference of Emmaus Communities which is occurring in early April. We are sending 2 delegates over to Port Macquarie for the conference: Neal Leggo (CLD) and Ross Patterson (CSD).

Please continue to pray for the Board and Community that we would hear and share what God is leading us to do in the future.

Emmaus Australia is running an on-line 'walk' in May. WA people can be sponsored to attend as virtual pilgrims from the comfort of their homes. For more information, use this link: [Village Encounter](#)

The next Kairos weekend is happening April 4 – 6 2025. Please include the event, the Team and the Ladies who are attending in your prayers.

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Neal Leggo – CLD Perth Emmaus Community

Barnabas - Son of Encouragement

Barnabas was a quiet, unassuming leader in the Church of the 1st century. His name means “son of encouragement.” It had special significance as it wasn’t his parents who gave him this name. Interestingly it was the apostles who gave him this name. His parental name was “Joseph.”

This change of name came about when “Joseph” sold a field he owned & brought the money & put it at the apostles’ feet. It was his way of encouraging the apostles in their work of caring for the needy among the congregation in Jerusalem. (Acts 4:32-37)

Joseph/Barnabas was an Encourager! We all need encouragers in our Christian walk - brothers & sisters who see we have a need &, in their love for us, speak a word or perform an act of encouragement. I hope you can look back in your life & see how you have been encouraged in your faith by fellow believers & I hope you can also reflect on occasions when you have been able to encourage other pilgrims on their journey.

And isn’t this act of encouragement one of the motivations girding the Emmaus Movement. Every year we have an opportunity to be an Encourager to a pilgrim. This privilege is again before us in 2025.

As Spiritual director, it is my privilege to encourage you to be an Encourager - to prayerfully seek one in your circle of Christian friends whom you can sponsor for this year’s walk.

What would motivate you to do this, I wonder? Perhaps you could reflect on your own walk & your sponsor’s act of wanting to encourage you on your pilgrimage. Some pilgrims are sponsored who are going through tough times, needing to be reminded of Christ’s love for them. Some pilgrims are sponsored with “average” needs (if these exist!) - but I dare to say that all pilgrims are encouraged in their walk with Christ through their Emmaus Walk.

A final thought from Barnabas! The context of his name change suggests that the reason why the wealthy Christians were parting with their cash was because of the power of Christ’s resurrection & the grace that permeated that early Christian congregation.

If we have experienced that same resurrection power & the undeserved mercy of Christ that flows from that victory over death & sin, we will find it a joyful task to be an Encourager - be a Barnabas!

Ross Patterson (CSD)

