



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Here we are at the end of 2010. This is when many individuals, corporations, and organizations reflect upon the year that is going into the history books.

So, how have you done in 2010? Has your relationship with others been what you had hoped for? More importantly, how has your relationship with Christ been this past year? A friend of mine once said that our faith status is not static; we either grow or regress. I hope you have been able to grow in your faith.

One of those growth steps for many of us is the **Walk to Emmaus**. Our Community was disappointed that we had insufficient Pilgrim applications for Walk #77. Looking at the positive side, we did have other successful Walks and Flights this year, and many Pilgrims and Caterpillars bloomed and learned of God's love in ways never before realized. Many lives were changed. Your Emmaus Board changed as new members have grown and become more active and responsible in our Community. Your Board is in the process of reviewing our Board structure and individual job descriptions, so that we can be effective tools in what God has in mind for us in our respective neighborhoods and churches. Continue to pray for God's guidance for your Board and Emmaus community. Also, pray for those who will be leading Walks and Flights next year.

For the coming year, we will focus on effective sponsorship, so that more fellow Christians can join us on that Road to Emmaus. I have been honored to be the Community Lay Director this year, and will continue serving your Community on the Board for this next year.

So, as the year winds down, let's focus on the birth of Christ and what that means to the entire world. Let's try to find time to relax and enjoy the holidays. And, let's look forward to the times and ways in which *we can join together in our 4<sup>th</sup> Days*.

Wishing you and yours a **Merry & Blessed Christmas**,

A.C. Reeves  
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### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights # 39 # 40	January 15-17, 2011
Men's Walk #79	March 31- April 3, 2011
Women's Walk #80	April 7-10, 2011
Men's Walk #81	October 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #82	October 27-30, 2011



### **Walk # 78 Letter to the Community**

The Scripture reference for walk #78 was Luke 24:15, “As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked with them.” It was obvious from the beginning of team formation that this verse was true for this walk. As He called each team member and we began the process of walking together, His presence was evident. The prayer support not only from our community but also the Greensburg community was absolutely amazing; the only way I know to describe it is tangible. So many times throughout the process of team formation something would happen that should have seemed overwhelming yet there was a sense of the formidable power of prayer that gave the great peace of Christ's presence and provision. He truly is our All in All.

The team was incredible. So many stepped out in faith sacrificially offering their lives and servants hearts for His glory, and being Who He Is, He honored their offering by working through each one. I was humbled to serve alongside such amazing women. Without a doubt the pilgrims experienced the love and grace of God through each one.

Participation at the tables was a marvel to watch. A common theme was threaded throughout the talks of family closeness, closeness which seemed to permeate each table with a God given acceptance of one another as sisters. It was a beautiful thing to witness. The pilgrims were deeply impacted by the talks which was reflected in their discussion, summaries and posters and I think their commitment to serving Christ more completely in their Fourth Days was purposed in those moments.

The food, the agape and the clowns were all tools in the Lord's hand used to paint a portrait of His love and grace throughout the weekend.

Dying moments was somber and miraculous! Burden, pain, sin & loss were laid at the cross and lives were redeemed for Christ's glory. There was a radiance on each woman that surpassed Cover Girl and reflected the glorious presence of Jesus. Awesome is an inadequate word to describe it, but all I have.

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(cont. from page 2) I heard Candlelight described as heavenly and one pilgrim even said she could no longer make sense of being of this world because heaven seemed so much more real than anything around her. Jesus definitely revealed Himself through His Body. I am thankful for each person He chose for that moment. Your obedience to listen to His call to come and be His hands and feet at Candlelight made for a perfect expression of Agape Love.

Please continue to pray for the pilgrims. All He has spoken to them will bear fruit if we are faithful to continue uplifting them. Then this community will surely change our world in His name.

Thank you Lord and Emmaus board for the precious privilege of allowing me to serve as lay director. I came to the task with a longing to put a hold on life and just bask in His presence. Serving as lay director gave me permission to do that and I think it gave a lot of other Marthas the same opportunity. We finally took hold of our spiritual birth-right to be Marys and delight in Him.

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Rhonda Fowler

### **It Is Time to Pay**

If you are receiving this newsletter via USPS, it is time to consider your annual donation to cover the cost of printing and postage. It costs the community over \$9.00 per newsletter per year to print and mail. Please send a donation to the treasurer at **COLUMBUS INDIANA AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, INC., P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184** or pay by **PayPal** or credit card on the Columbus Emmaus website, [www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org). Your donation is critical to the continuation of this newsletter.



## It Is All About Sponsorship

Rev. Mike Seaney and Pastor Jim Hoppus, for the next several months, will be asking all members of the Columbus Emmaus Community some questions about sponsorship.

### 1. Who should I sponsor?

The aim of sponsorship is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians, who in turn will bring revitalization to their church's, home, workplace, and to the community. and to build up the Body of Christ.

#### Answer:

- Church leaders-laity and clergy.
- Those who are the back bone of the church, teachers, officers.
- Less active members, who need to be rekindled.
- Those who seek spiritual growth.
- Those of other congregations, denominations and ethnic groups.

### 2. What can I tell someone?

#### Answer:

- You can tell them Emmaus is well grounded in scripture, it's ecumenical.
- Men and women go on separate weekends.
- It is a 72 hour spiritual retreat to draw us closer to God.
- There are 15 talks, presented by laity and clergy with many beautiful spiritual moments during those 3 days.
- Wonderful setting, praise and worship music, great meals.
- You will meet many new friends and maybe some old friends, some for life.

We hope all community members will consider these questions and answers.

## Welcome

We want to welcome our newest Emmaus Board members. Elected by the community at the November gathering were Bev Clark, Kevin Drerup, Chris Hime and Karl Weichman. These folks will be serving on the board from 2011 through 2013. Encourage, support and pray for each board member—both new and old.



## Agape Opportunity

We have a **need** for a number of Community members to provide **Agape for walks**.

We are establishing a pool of names of persons who could donate a few hours on Walk Week-ends. Once we have a list compiled, we will ask a small number from this list to serve in various ways such as:

Meet to load supplies from storage and deliver them to Camp

Meet at Camp to unload supplies

Meet at Camp at the end of Walks to load supplies and leave Camp in good order

Meet to unload truck and put supplies back into storage

By having a Pool of willing individuals, *time involved should be minimized*, and with enough volunteers, you may not serve at every walk. This is a great way to **show your AGAPE** and spread responsibilities so a few don't repeatedly do all the support. All of this is part of **AGAPE for Pilgrims and Team**.

To be included, contact Dave Goodner, Tim Metz, or any Board Member. Or, go to [boardinfo@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:boardinfo@columbusinemmaus.org) and in the subject area list Agape and in the message area, give your name and contact information. The more that join this pool of individuals, the more we can improve the Columbus Area walks.

## Announcement

Please note that the January Gathering will be on the second Friday of the month and not on the usual third Friday.

***Remember to pray for our Emmaus community and the challenges it faces—sponsorship, finances and participation.***



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**December-No Gathering**

**December Chrysalis Board Meeting**

Tuesday, December 7, 2010—6 pm  
Memorial Baptist Church  
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

**December Emmaus Board Meeting**

Saturday, December 11, 2010—9 am  
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church  
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**December Hoot Rally**

Sunday, December 19, 2010 — 2-4 pm  
Location TBD

