



The Emmaus News

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Letter to the community:

Just a Few Comments...

Sometimes I read something that reminds me of the work of our Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities. I saw this recently. It made me think of us, "Walking with Jesus does not depend on our legs. It depends on our hearts."

At the last gathering, the room was abuzz with the enthusiasm of the youth and the adults. All of us involved with the dedication of the teams for Flights #27 and #28. There was a lot of heart there. There was a lot of grounded hope. We have learned that we can trust our God.

Maybe as the Emmaus Community we have not thanked God enough for the hearts of these young ones. Let's change that right now. Let me say what a blessing you are to us. And what a blessing it was to be present at Closing and hear the spoken testimonies and the testimonies of those who could not speak because of emotion that would explode if they did. Kids who are changed forever because God has been at work in their heart and life today at such a young age.

If we adults had been on a Chrysalis Flight when we were young, instead of an Emmaus Walk when we were older, we might have all made a deeper and stronger impact on our churches. I know God calls all of us at the time He chooses, but I would love to have pleased God by being ready to go before age 47.

Please, young ones, join us in your enthusiasm and let us join you in our knowledge of walking the road over the long haul. There were some of our senior encouragers at the January Gathering, but we could use a lot more. There is plenty of work to do and a job for everyone, mentors, sponsors, cosponsors, Big house, encouragers, note writers, board members, banner makers, money givers, prayer warriors, team members.

Each Chrysalis and Emmaus team is formed by experience levels.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #67	April 10-13, 2008
Women's Walk #68	April 17-20, 2008



A new command

I give you:

Love

one another.

As I have

loved you,

so you must love

one another.

John 13:34

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The levels are 1.) Experienced, 2.) Somewhat experienced 3.) First timer. All are gaining in experience and all are needed. We need your help and participation whether you have been on a recent walk or flight, or whether you attended before our community was formed.

Practical Needs

1. We have some agape letters that Pat Shoemaker will be sending to other Emmaus Communities for their walks. These letters need some more signatures. Pat goes to the extra expense and time of mailing these letters, not just e-mailing them, so they will have authentic signatures instead of copied signatures. We send these letters offering our prayers. The Gathering is a place where we can sign, handle and pray over these letters.

2. We use many markers on the walks and flights. If each family could bring a package of markers to the gathering, we could "gather" a lot of them. It is a savings for the treasuries and an investment in God's work. If you are a Chrysalis family, just put a post-it on the packet and we will use them on a flight.

I don't believe I mentioned that I am crazy about you, but I am. I don't believe I mentioned that I hope to see you at Central Christian Church in Seymour on February 15th for a sweet visit and a time of praising. But now I have.

The second thing that made me think of our communities occurred today as I read Psalm 115:1, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your Name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness".

Blessings, my friends,
Renée Kasting
Community Lay Director

Hi. My name is Brian Teater and I am the new Spiritual Director for the Columbus, Indiana Area Emmaus Community. I went on walk number 44 and sat at the table of John. It was a tremendous experience for me, and a great reminder of the wonderful Body of Christ that exists in this area.

I am the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus, and have been since March 18, 2001. I moved here from Danville, Kentucky, along with my wife, Amy and two kids, Braden and Bryce. Amy teaches first-grade at Clifty Creek Elementary. Braden is our twelve-year old daughter who is in the sixth-grade and Bryce, who is eight, is in the second-grade.

For me, getting involved in the Emmaus community was a way to get connected to the greater Body of Christ. After all, I work at the same place where I go to church. Emmaus gave me an opportunity to connect with other Christians outside my own ministry environment and that connection has led to some special friendships.

I consider it a wonderful blessing to be asked to serve in this position and hope to be able to serve the community so that God gets the glory. It's never about us. We just serve.

DeColores,
Brian Teater
Community Spiritual Director

Did you know......that there is currently over 2800 members listed in our Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community? That is nearly as many people as in the town where I grew up! Keeping this database of community members up to date is extremely important to be sure all of our members are kept informed on all the activities going on within our community. This database of members is also used for team selection for walks, contacting members for special project needs, and many other needs of our growing community. Maintaining this database is the responsibility of the Data Coordinator on the Emmaus board. If you move to a new address, need to update your telephone number, have a new email address or have any other contact information changes or maybe want to change from receiving your newsletter in the mail to your email (or vice-versa), please drop a note to datacoordinator@columbusinemmaus.org or send a note to:

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community
 Attn: Data Coordinator
 P.O. Box 2184
 Columbus, IN 47202-2184

We'll get your information updated in the database. Also, if you think you could help serve in the community by assisting in keeping our growing membership database up to date, please let us know. We're always looking for helping hands!

Thanks, and **DeColores**,
 Chuck Goode
 Data Coordinator



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www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

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February Gathering

Friday, February 15, 7 pm

Central Christian Church, 1434 W 2nd St., Seymour

A—I bring snacks & drinks, childcare provided

