

The Emmaus News

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Letter to the Community

"Just a moment."

How often have you said, "Just a moment"?

A fellow employee stopped me in the hall to chat. And I said, "Just a moment." He left.

My daughter wanted to read to me while I was watching TV. And I said, "Just a moment." She left.

I was weeding in the meditation garden and the pastor came to visit. And I said, "Just a moment." He left.

I was reading my email at work and an engineer needed to discuss a personal issue. And I said, "Just a moment." She left.

My pastor asked me to visit a past friend and church member. And I said, "Just a moment." My friend died.

And perhaps in that passed moment an opportunity from God was missed. How I wish I could take the passed moment back and respond.

God, help me to "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Colossians 4:5-6

My reunion group helps keep me accountable in my daily walk.

Dan Kirkling Community Lay Director

Monthly Emmaus Board Highlights:

Walk's 51 and 52 enjoyed the blessing before and after meal prayer songs. The board approved the use of the new songs for all future walks. Here is the website link if you want a copy.

<http://www.upperroom.com/emmaus/>

2005 Emmaus walk dates were revised to April 14th & 21st and October 20th & 27th. Reservations are in place at Camp Lakeview. The October dates moved back one week from what was stated in the last newsletter. (continued on page 2)

Monthly Emmaus Board Highlights cont'd

2004 Fall Lay Directors were announced as Dale Guse Walk #53 and Jan Carlstrom Walk #54. The Emmaus board representatives will be Dick Bray and Lisa Reuter.

2004 Fall closing location has been approved for Camp Lakeview. The hour earlier time of 3:30 pm community and 4pm pilgrims arrive worked very well. The community must stay away from the cabins until the closing is completed. Luggage pickup will be after the closing.

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The next Chrysalis Flight will be Sept. 4th – 6th at Hilltop Christian Camp

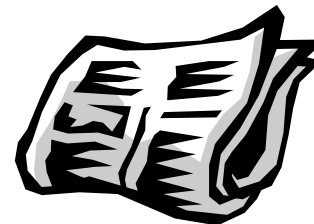
Saturday Sept 4 Send-off 8:30am Hilltop Christian Camp

Sunday Sept 5 Candlelight 8:00pm Asbury UMC

Monday Sept 6 Closing 4:30pm Asbury UMC

Please pray about who you could sponsor as a Caterpillar. (See page 5 about sponsorship)

Best wishes to Bob Fear our Bus drive who won the Regional Bus Rodeo and now will be competing in the National Bus Rodeo.



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Chrysalis New Member Profile

Hello! My name is Scott Mishler, and I am blessed to serve as a new member of the Chrysalis board. My immediate family consists of my dear wife, Lisa, who is truly my best friend second only to Jesus. We have two children who brighten our lives: our daughter, Jayna, who is four years old and our son, Benjamin, who is one year old. Since graduating from Miami University (Oxford, OH) in 1994 and then Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, KY) in 1997, I served as a pastor with the United Methodist Church in the West Ohio Conference for six years.

In the summer of 1997, Lisa participated in the Walk to Emmaus (Northern Lights Women's Walk #4), and in the spring of 1998, I participated in the Walk to Emmaus (Northern Lights Men's Walk #5). This past October, I transferred to the Free Methodist Church and am now serving as the Associate/Youth Pastor with Columbus Free Methodist Church here in Indiana. While previously serving as a senior pastor in northwest Ohio, I had the privilege of serving with Emmaus and Chrysalis, especially Emmaus, on numerous occasions. Now, I am thrilled to be serving with Chrysalis here in Indiana. I am convinced that the Lord works mightily through these ministries for His glory because they are ministries which are entrusted to Him through prayer. I am very excited to meet all of you in the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities and serve Christ with you! God bless you!

Scott Mishler

Letter from the Women's Walk # 52, Lay Director

Bags are unpacked, laundry done and I am back to cooking for myself but most of me is still at Camp Lakeview. What a blessing! I am so pleased to have been a part of Walk #52. Watching God at work was amazing as He chose the team and the pilgrims He wanted on this walk. It was a wonderful experience for me and I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of it. Camp Lakeview is beautiful.

The pilgrims were the absolute best. Those who came to meet Jesus saw Him, and those who weren't quite sure they wanted to be there saw Him too. When the ladies sang it came from the heart. When they sang "Open My Eyes, Lord, I Want To See Jesus" it was a prayer. They had fun and had us all laughing during poster time. Their summaries touched our hearts. They truly surrendered to the spirit of self-surrender, charity and high idealism. So many prayers were answered and the camp was blessed by God's presence. The Holy Spirit surrounded and covered the camp. It was an awesome experience! God took away garbage and replaced it with love.

God's team did an excellent job. Almost everything was new to them and they performed like troopers. THANKS TEAM! Each one of us met God in a new and exciting way. There are so many people involved that we never see; a special thanks to them too. I want you to know you are appreciated.

Pilgrims on Walk #52, welcome to the Columbus Area Emmaus Community. May your Fourth Days be as blessed as you made ours.

DeColores,

Fannier Barker

Lay Director, Walk # 52

What is Chrysalis, who attends and how do you sponsor someone?

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

On a Chrysalis "Flight", youth spend three days with other people their age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. They experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days to discover or re-discover their spiritual self, to analyze and realize who they are in Christ.

Chrysalis is open to upper high school students (10th through 12th graders) of any Christian denomination.

Each young person who attends Chrysalis has a "sponsor" who supports and encourages him/her before, during, and after the Chrysalis experience.

The aim of sponsorship is the same as the aim of Chrysalis: the spiritual growth of young Christians as disciples of Jesus Christ through churches and their youth groups.

Every sponsor should reflect upon his or her motivation for wanting to sponsor a young person and make sure it is consistent with this aim.

Some examples of mistaken aims include:

- "to get all of my friends to go"
- to have a full weekend
- to reproduce one's own religious experience in others

to fix a young person's problems or crisis

Sponsorship can be motivated, however, by a number of hopes and prayers for young persons which are consistent with the aim of Chrysalis. These include giving young

persons the gift of three days apart:

- to experience the accepting and healing grace of God through Christian community
- to realize they are precious in God's eyes, that they are here on this earth for a holy purpose

to discuss without judgment their questions and struggles as young persons with peers and mature Christian

adults

- to hear anew the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and the basics of Christian faith and life
- to make friends with other youth who share the faith and will support each other in living as Christians
- to develop relationships with mature Christian adults, relationships which might extend beyond the three days
- to be strengthened in their decisions to follow Jesus
- to be better prepared to live as Christian witnesses in home, school, church, and community
- to learn what goes into building their lives and relationships on a solid foundation
- to bring new vitality to the church youth group upon returning, to inspire the sponsorship of other youth, to energize the body of Christ through young people whose hearts are on fire with the love of Christ.

Contact Diane Elmerick at (812) 342-8421 if you want to sponsor someone on a Chrysalis flight

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June Gathering

**Friday June 18 7:00 PM Ogilville Church of
Christ**

A - M bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 and younger

July Gathering

**Friday July 16 7:00 PM Memorial Baptist
Church**

N-Z bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 and younger

