

The Emmaus News

Letter to the Community:

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The Most Important Job in Emmaus

The February Gathering was a special one for me. I had the privilege of giving a Fourth Day talk. I felt that God wanted me to tell how He has shown His love to me throughout my life. What came out clearly as I reviewed His goodness was that a lot of His love came through my involvement in this Emmaus community these past ten years. I would have missed out on this special kind of love if Bob and Nancy had not invited and sponsored me to attend Walk #11 in April of '95.

Now is the time that community members are getting excited about serving on team and preparing agape for the April Walks. But what I would like to see the community members get the most excited about is the *most important job in Emmaus: sponsorship*. When I see Pilgrim vacancies on any of the Walks, I feel a certain sadness. I realize that it is possible that God had one of His beloved children in mind to attend, but someone may have been disobedient in not inviting them. That absent Pilgrim missed out on a

Sponsorship does take thoughtful effort. Galatians 6:2 tells us, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Someone else did make the effort to be your sponsor. Is it time for you to experience the responsibility and the blessings of sponsorship, too? My husband and I have sponsored so many to attend Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights and can speak from experience to you on the effort and the blessings we have received. That is my favorite Emmaus soapbox!

Please take a quiet moment of time dedicated to asking God if there is someone that He would like you to sponsor on an Emmaus Walk. God decides whom we should sponsor and when. Your invitation and sponsorship of a Pilgrim would be obedience to God. Their decision to experience this gift of His love will bless and inspire that Pilgrim, you, our Emmaus community, our churches and this entire community. God will be pleased, too. Amen!!

Blessings & Peace,

Bev Earley, Community Lay Director

We have a rare opportunity. We are able, at this time, to recruit pilgrims for the Emmaus Walks and assure them that they will not have to wait until the fall to go. We are able to assure them a place on the next set of walks. The Spring Walks are scheduled for April 14-17 for men and April 21-24 for women. At the present time we have 17 men and 19 women who have applied. A minimum of 20 pilgrims are needed for each walk.

Let's check our hearts and see if God has a name written there for these walks.

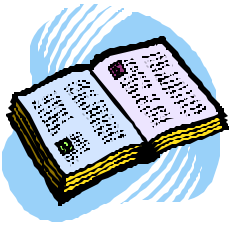
Your sister-in-Christ,
Renée Kasting, Registrar



DATES FOR UPCOMING FLIGHTS AND WALKS

- Men's Walk #55 April 14-17
- Women's Walk #56 April 21-24
- Flights 19 & 20 Sept. 3-5
- Men's Walk # 57 Oct. 20-23
- Women's Walk #58 Oct. 27-30

Scriptures for Spring Walks



Men's Walk #55

... Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. Luke 24:15 NIV

Women's Walk #56

... Were not our hearts burning within us... Luke 24:32 NIV

Prayer Charts and Snack Chart Help Needed

The Agape board members are asking for some volunteers to take the responsibility of the Prayer Charts – getting them to walks and making calls as necessary to get the time slots filled up. This would be just for the Spring Walks. Your help in doing this will bring you a great blessing!



We also would like for one of the reunion groups to be responsible for the Snack Charts and providing refreshments for the Thursday Night Send-Off.

All the charts are printed and have some signatures already. If you would like more information before committing, please feel free to contact Karen Morris at 812-342-6430 or Anita Beeker at 812-587-5172. **We would really appreciate your help!**

Let us all serve Him together!

Help Needed for Camp Set-up and Take-down

Ron Povaleri needs 10 willing servants who will come to Camp Lakewview at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 12 to set up for the Spring Walks. People are also needed at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 18 to spruce things up between the men's and women's walks. Finally, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 25, people are needed to do the take-down.

PLEASE call Ron at 812-866-4032 if you can help with this behind the scenes but very necessary work for the Lord.

MONTHLY EMMAUS BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The community directory web site will be available to community members by request only. To receive this electronic directory, please email your request to Mike Riley at mriley@columbusinemmaus.org.
- ◆ The board positions of facilities and transportation have been combined. Ron Povaleri is the board member who holds this position.
- ◆ Kathy Durham was voted onto the board in February to fill an opening.
- ◆ An additional data coordinator and web site management position was created. Mike Riley and Kathy Durham will serve in this area.

AGAPE NEEDED

With our Spring Walks upon us, the Agape Board Reps. need your help once again. In order for us to be better stewards of our finances we need you to let us know if you or your reunion group plan to furnish agape for any of the 2005 walks. The more individuals or reunion groups that make or furnish agape, the less cost to the Community finances. In order for us to know how much agape still needs to be made or purchased we first need to know how much is going to be provided by you. **Please, let us know as soon as possible.**

Please make note that at Camp Lakeview we can accommodate more pilgrims on a single walk so we are asking you to **increase the number of agape pieces to 100** for both team and pilgrims. All leftover agape will be placed in the back of the dining hall for you to pick up after Closing at the end of the walks.

Anyone needing to have agape items taken out to Camp Lakeview please feel free to contact your Agape Board Reps., Karen Morris at 812-342-6430 or Anita Beeker at 812-587-5172.

In the spirit of co-operation and charity let us continue to serve our Lord.



PERSONAL GIFTS OF AGAPE TO PILGRIMS

There have been several inquiries about giving personal gifts of agape to pilgrims or giving flowers as they walk through candlelight. All such gifts should be given either before the walk or preferably after the walk. We want each pilgrim to feel the awesome power of God's love. We work hard as a community to demonstrate God's love through prayer, servanthood, and gifts of agape that all the pilgrims receive. If certain pilgrims are singled out with additional items, it detracts from the experience of others. There are plenty of Fourth Days to shower your pilgrim with personal gifts.

Meet a New Board Member

Hi,

My name is Kathy Bush and I am one of the new board members. My area of responsibility is Supplies. This is a shared responsibility with Ed Tower, however, you might say that it is really a team effort since both of our spouses have been helping with the counting and sorting of the supplies. Thank God for helpmates!

I work for the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation. I am married and have two children, a son (Brian) who does research with field corn and a daughter (Jeanette) who works on the drainage systems of golf courses. You have probably met my husband, Joe, at Bush's Market. Both of us were raised with a love of the land and with a love of God. Joe and I will be celebrating our 32nd anniversary the end of next month. We attended Walks 10 & 11 in 1955 here in the Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community.

I have lived in Bartholomew County all of my life and am a member of the Petersville United Methodist Church. I am blessed to be able to share the gifts that God has given me by working with the choir, selping with missions, and leading a Sunday School class when needed.

De Colores, Kathy

Report on Flight 17



When Becky and I were asked to accept the call as lay directors for Flight 17 and 18, we felt in our hearts that this was God's timing. We began to discuss who we thought might be wonderful serving on team. God in most cases had a different plan, a better plan, the perfect plan. We made call after call until the team was filled. God's team immediately captured the vision that God had given us for Flights 17 & 18. Our scripture was 1 Cor. 13:13 "these three things remain, faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love." The talk song chosen was "I Will Never Be the Same Again". That became the mantle of how we all approached the flights. In team meetings we learned how to love one another better. We overcame many obstacles. God gave us extraordinary wisdom to handle some extraordinary circumstances. Becky and I received a lot of love, support and encouragement from both youth and adults on team. To the team members that served, again THANK YOU for hearing God's gentle call and for serving with the tender and loving nature that only comes from Christ.

Fri. Jan. 14 - The evening that the team arrived, we all shared in a powerful service of love. We shared our hearts and concerns; we laughed; we cried; we prayed; and then we placed the teams and the caterpillars in the Hands of our Heavenly Father.

Sat. Jan 15 - The caterpillars arrived. The guys seemed a bit apprehensive, but willing to take each moment as it came. Our photographer, because of an accident, was late, but no problem - we just did a schedule shift. All day long we experienced each moment to the fullest: wonderful talks, great music, fantastic meals, and the agape team making sure we wanted for nothing. We came to the poster party with full stomachs, a song in our heart, and many new friends.

Prodigal was powerful as each caterpillar and each team member nailed a burden or a sin to the cross. The caterpillars then went to bed in silence, as did the team, to reflect, to find something new in our hearts about God.

Sunday, Jan. 16 - We woke up to something new indeed. God covered our world with a most beautiful and wonderful blanket of snow. What a reminder of His grace, for though our sins be as crimson, they shall become as white as snow. Day two is Chrysalis Day, a day of change. Each talk was powerful and you knew the caterpillars were beginning to become excited about being there. Experiencing a snowbound Big House, team members pitched in and handled the agape dinner. Your love and your Christ like presence at Candlelight blew us all away. Thank you, community, for your sacrifice on our behalf. Many of the young people left things at the alter, finding a new freedom in Christ.

Monday, Jan. 17 - This was the day we became butterflies. Again there were powerful talks, not only by clergy, but also by the youth and adults as well. This day moved along quickly. By now our music team had flight 17 sounding like a choir. That afternoon we got our letters. It really hit home that we are loved. Commissioning was an affirmation of the unconditional love of Christ poured out by team members and the greater Emmaus/Chrysalis community. Closing brought laughter and tears as every caterpillar from flights 17/18 shared from their hearts what God had poured into them. Becky and I were blessed. Thank you Caterpillars, Team, and Community for allowing us to be just a small part of what God does in lives.

Fly With Christ, Ron Povaleri



Report on Flight 18

God was in control of Flight 18 from the very beginning, starting with team selection. Almost everyone that we first asked to be on team was unable to serve. God had another plan and He put together an awesome team. During team meetings we had everything planned out and God intervened again. There were some challenges but we were able to be flexible to go with His plans. When the caterpillars showed up on Saturday morning, many were very apprehensive. They were not sure whether they wanted to be there or not. We got off to a shaky start when the photographer was an hour late, but went on with a revised schedule and the caterpillars knew no difference. The tables came together that first afternoon. There was a lot of laughter and discussion. The caterpillars really got into the poster party. The girls were raising their hands and praising the Lord right away. They heard the prodigal talk and their sins were nailed to the cross and they went to bed in silence. The next morning we woke up to a snow reminding us of how God's pure love covers all our sins. Isn't God great?

The meals were wonderful and the music was great. As the weekend advanced, the tables grew closer. Sunday the Big House people were unable to get to the camp for the agape meals. The team came together and ALD's, YLD's, agape team, and kitchen team pulled together to serve the meals. What a blessing! Candlelight was something. Many of the girls stayed in the sanctuary and prayed and talked with the spiritual directors.

The youth team members were quite a great group and excellent examples, who became disciples for Christ. As one team member stated, it was quite a blessing to see the caterpillars change from Saturday to Monday. What a transformation! I want to thank the community for all the prayers and support for flights 17 & 18.

Fly With Christ, Becky Povaleri



Team Lists for Men's Walk # 55 and Women's Walk # 56

| Pos. | Name | Talk Name |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| LD | Mark Thomas | Perseverance |
| SD | Marty Wright | Means of Grace |
| ALD | Bill Everhart | Fourth Day |
| ALD | Mike Hien | Christian Action |
| ALD | Mike Engelstad | Priorities |
| ASD | Johnny Spivey | Prevenient Grace |
| ASD | Bob Casey | Sanctifying Grace |
| ASD | Chris Criminger | Obstacles to Grace |
| ASD | Dan Weaver | Justifying Grace |
| Board Rep | Mike Riley | |
| TL | Tom Beeker | Life In Piety |
| TL | Phil Miles | Body of Christ |
| TL | Denny Frey | Changing Our World |
| TL | Dick Bray | |
| TL | Ed Tower | Discipleship |
| TL | Dan Boyer | Growth Through Study |
| TL | Bill Barker | |
| TL | Tode Bartlett | Priesthood of All Believers |
| ATL | Sam Kidwell | |
| ATL | Mike Murray | |
| ATL | Jeff Sutton | |
| ATL | Troy Williams | |
| ATL | Karl Evans | |
| ATL | Dan Thuerbach | |
| ATL | Steve Pool | |
| ATL | Todd Burbrink | |
| HM | Dan Fleming | |
| M | George Ernest | |
| M | Steve Packer | |
| M | Larry Boxler | |
| HAT | John Shoemaker | |
| AT | Russ Sutton | |
| AT | Bob Toborg | |
| AT | Chris Griffith | |
| AT | Richard Brown | |
| AT | John Bodine | |
| AT | Pat Bahan | |
| AT | Jack Mendell | |
| AT | Aaron Frey | |
| AT | Mike Brooks | |
| HK | Mike Mahoney | |
| K | Digger Franke | |
| K | Wayne Gentry | |
| K | Floyd Ritz | |
| K | Joe Meek | |
| K | Herschel Zahnd | |
| K | Rex Bunch | |
| K | Burt Powell | |

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| SD | Jon Carlstrom | Means of Grace |
| ASD | Dick Yeaton | Sanctifying Grace |
| ASD | Brian Teater | Prevenient Grace |
| ASD | Pat Geyer | Obstacles to Grace |
| ASD | | Justifying Grace |
| LD | Karen Thomas | Perseverance |
| ALD | Rhonda Fowler | Christian Action |
| ALD | Julie Metz | Priorities |
| ALD | Jane Riley | Fourth Day |
| Board Rep | Jane Hien | |
| HM | Nita Mousa | |
| M | Jane Fletcher | |
| M | Kerry Skurka | |
| TL | Bill Forster | Changing Our World |
| TL | Sonja Walker | Life In Piety |
| TL | Kathy Ellis | Discipleship |
| TL | Anita Beeker | Body of Christ |
| TL | Kim Bieker | |
| TL | Robin Everhart | |
| TL | Debbie Raynor | Growth Through Study |
| TL | Connie Yeaton | Priesthood of All Believers |
| ATL | Kathy Durham | |
| ATL | Jenny Simms | |
| ATL | Christine Griggs | |
| ATL | Suzy Kiel | |
| ATL | Shannon Tulloch | |
| ATL | Shirley Sears | |
| ATL | Maria McNabb | |
| ATL | Pam Gallagher | |
| HAT | Diana Boyer | |
| AT | Karen Sutton | |
| AT | Jamie Evans | |
| AT | Janet Roberts | |
| AT | Cindy Grider | |
| AT | Karen Dobrinski | |
| AT | Linda Guse | |
| AT | Beka Guernsey | |
| AT | Theresa Maschino | |
| AT | Brenda Stoner | |
| K-Co H | Carolyn Pool | |
| K-Co H | Margie Wilson | |
| K | Fannie Barker | |
| K | Janet Sutton | |
| K | Christi Tam | |
| K | Kristen Griffith | |
| K | Lois McGathey | |
| K | Anita Zahnd | |
| K | Renee Guernsey | |

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March Hoot:

Sunday, March 6, 2005 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Baptist Church

2320 7th St. Columbus

March Gathering:

Friday, March 18, 2005 7:00 p.m.

Spring Teams' Dedication

Cornerstone Community Church

1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour

A-M bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided for children ages 6 and younger

April Hoot:

Sunday April 3, 2005 1:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

201 East 3rd St. Seymour

