

The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

DATES FOR UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #59	Apr. 20-23, 2006
Women's Walk #60	Apr. 27-30, 2006
Men's Walk # 61	Oct. 19-22, 2006
Women's Walk #62	Oct. 26-29, 2006

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Letter to the Community:

It's Time To Turn In The Applications!

It has been a long time since there has been a waiting list for Pilgrims to attend the Walks. The community has had the luxury of knowing that they were able to turn in applications at the last minute and their Pilgrim would be able to attend. The trend soon became to wait until the week/s immediately before a Walk to make the important decision of sponsoring. For so many good reasons, we now have the deadline for the applications to be turned in at least a month ahead of time. Here is a brief explanation why:

PILGRIMS - An acceptance letter that contains important information is sent to the pilgrims. This letter puts their minds at ease and helps them prepare for the weekend. The pilgrim enters the weekend in greater peace when the sponsor acts in a timely manner.

SPONSORS - Sponsors, also, have greater peace. No frantic phone calls to the registrar. No scrambling to acquire agape letters. Sponsors can spend the month getting letters and setting the pilgrim at ease and praying for their pilgrim.

REGISTRAR - Do you know what the registrar's home life is like when 20 people don't get the applications in until the last week? Phone calls promising applications, phone calls inquiring if the application arrived, applications arriving, letters need to be sent to pilgrims and sponsors, phone calls need to be made because there is not enough time to send a letter, . . . Need I mention lack of peace?

KITCHEN - Buying food for an Emmaus weekend is an enormous task. If the applications don't come in until the last week, than most of the food can't be purchased until the last day.

LAY DIRECTOR - Without the applications they have a hard time making plans. After pouring themselves into this for six months, then the Board may even talk of the possibility that the walk may be canceled. Late applications just add to their enormous task.

THE BOARD - The board is responsible to see that walks take place with excellence. Applications in place a month ahead of time helps a lot.

There are two Walks next month. Please pray about sponsoring . . . now.

Blessings and Peace, Bev Earley, Community Lay Director

What is the purpose of Emmaus?

For many, the question is not asked. For others, the answer is assumed. Unfortunately, both of these stands will eventually lead to problems for the local Emmaus community. Not knowing the true purpose of Emmaus will engender divergent paths as the leadership of the community changes from year to year.

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. The corollary is that active Christians and church members are the ones invited to participate in Emmaus so they can go back to their churches and be effective, or more effective, leaders.

There are two important points about this. First, Emmaus is predicated on the participants having, or acknowledging having, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Thus, Emmaus is NOT an evangelism instrument, and Emmaus is a discipleship-building instrument.

The second point is that if people are not active Christians or members of a church, how can they go back to be leaders in the church? The proper response is they can't. Therefore, people who are not active Christians or church members should not be invited to participate in Emmaus.

With the purpose of Emmaus being to develop leaders for the church, where does all of this leadership development occur? Ask this of many people, clergy and laity, and you will probably get some surprising answers. Here are some responses that were provided as comments in conversations. Some clergy believed that leadership development was only for the laity. Some people, clergy and laity, believed that leadership development occurred during the 72-hour experience and it was only the pilgrims that were gaining the leadership development. Some people believed that leadership development was provided only in the talks given during the 72-hour experience.

There are aspects of leadership development throughout all the parts of Emmaus. This happens during the 72-hour experience for the pilgrims and the team members. It happens (or should happen) during team formation. It should happen during team selection. There are parts that occur in reunion group involvement. There are parts that occur during gatherings.

There are significant parts that occur while serving on the board. There are significant parts that occur while serving on a board committee. There are several parts that are involved in proper sponsorship.

One of the keys to carrying out the purpose of Emmaus is to get the pilgrims back into their churches and helping them find ways to be used as God's instrument in their church. While becoming these effective instruments, continuous involvement in Emmaus activities will help to keep their spiritual batteries charged. Surprisingly, even this involvement is a part of leadership development.

If you examine all of this, it will become evident that the majority of leadership development in Emmaus occurs during the 4th day. Thus, the emphasis on 4th day involvement is a proper part of carrying out the purpose of Emmaus. To be effective in achieving the purpose of Emmaus, one will have active participation in, and strong support of, 4th day activities. Are you doing that?

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Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis

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www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members

User name: columbusemmaus password: 4thday

Agape News:

Correction from last newsletter: If you are working on agape – thank you! – for the upcoming walks, you will need to make 85 pieces total for team and pilgrims, or 36 pieces total for pilgrims only.

Lost & Found – If you have served on a recent Walk, or have been a pilgrim on a recent Walk and lost something, there is a box of lost & found items that is brought to the gatherings. Please check it out! Or, you can contact Pat Shoemaker at 812-988-2310.

Volunteers are wanted, needed & appreciated! We would like to give you the opportunity to serve with us and are looking for volunteers to be responsible for the Agape Snack Lists (bringing to the gatherings and seeing that they are filled). If you would like to help in this way or have any questions, please contact Christine Griggs at 812-378-9697. A big thank you to the volunteer(s) who offered to take care of seeing that the Prayer Charts are brought to the gatherings and filled in for the upcoming Walks!

We have sent letters to the following communities to support their walks. Please keep them in your prayers:

Rainbow's End Emmaus, Odessa, Texas
Men's Walk #58 February 23-26, 2006
Women's Walk #59 May 4-7, 2006

Cross Bayou Emmaus, Athens, Louisiana
Men's Walk #47 April 6-9, 2006
Women's Walk #48 March 9-12, 2006

Seaside Emmaus, Conway, South Carolina
Men's Walk #95 February 23-26, 2006
Women's Walk #96 March 9-12, 2006

Dakota's Emmaus, Huron, South Dakota
Men's Walk #23 March 9-12, 2006
Women's Walk #24 March 16-19, 2006

Crossroads Emmaus of New England, East Winthrop, Maine
Men's Walk #33 March 2-5, 2006
Women's Walk #34 March 23-26, 2006

Greensburg Area Emmaus, Greensburg, Indiana
Men's Walk #32 March 9-12, 2006
Women's Walk #42 March 16-19, 2006

New Board Member Profile:

Hi! My name is James E. Hoppus Sr., Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk #19, table of Silas. I am married to Carol Jean (Hebner) Hoppus and we have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. I have been the Pastor of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church for the past 4 1/2 years and have served on various Walks as well. I serve on the Emmaus Board as Sponsorship/Reunion Committee person. I look forward to serving and helping you in whatever way I can.

Team Lists for Men's Walk #59 and Women's Walk #60



<u>POS.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Talk Name</u>
SD	Brian Teater	Means of Grace
LD	Bill Everhart	Perseverance
ALD	Lynn Morningstar	Priorities
ALD	Dick Bray	Growth Through Study
ALD	Dan Boyer	Fourth Day
ASD	Van Breeding	
ASD	Andy Payton	
ASD		
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TL	Chuck Goode	Life of Piety
TL	Ed Tower	Body of Christ
TL	Phil Miles	Changing Our World
TL	Randy Wheeler	Priesthood of All Believers
TL	Denny Frey	Discipleship
TL	Bob Toborg	Christian Action
TL	Carl Weichman	
TL	Skip Green	
ATL	Ken Warbritton	
ATL	Tim Metz	
ATL	Dan Thuerbach	
ATL	Roy Knoy	
ATL	Nate Smith	
ATL	Duane Sword	
ATL	Bill Hougland	
ATL	Tom Ganus	
HM	Steve Tam	
MT	David Stout	
MT	Pat Frey	
MT	John Humphrey	
HA	Mark Thomas	
ATM	Greg Hunphrey	
ATM	Jack Mendell	
ATM	Todd Burbrink	
ATM	Jim Sons	
ATM	Richard Brown	
ATM	David Miller	
ATM	Dave Weaver	
ATM	Tim Horn	
ATM	Eric Stacy	
ATM	Gerald Barnhorst	
ATM	John Shoemaker	
HK	Herschel Zahnd	
KTM	Rex Bunch	
KTM	Randy Ent	
KTM	Mark Winters	
KTM	Todd Schrader	
KTM	George Ernest	
KTM	Steve Pool	
KTM	Dave Helton	
KTM	Mike Murry	
KTM	Mike Sanders	
BR	Ron Povaleri	

Scripture for Walk #59:

"And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him..."

Luke 24:31

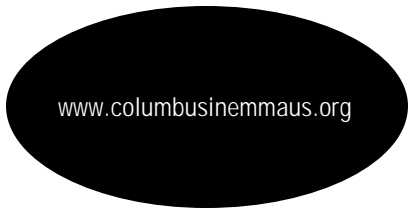
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SD	Jon Carlstrom	Means of Grace
LD	Jane Riley	Perseverance
ALD	Gwen Keller	Christian Action
ALD	Rhonda Fowler	Fourth Day
ALD	Connie Yeaton	Priorities
ASD	Rosa Harris	Justifying Grace
ASD	Marianne Green	Obstacles to Grace
ASD	Dick Yeaton	Sanctifying Grace
ASD		Prevenient Grace
ASD		Discipleship
TL	Jane Hein	Discipleship
TL	Sonja Walker	Growth Through Study
TL	Shirley Tingley	Life in Piety
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TL	Suzy Kiel	Priesthood of All Believers
TL	Cathy Tower	
TL	Lisa Reuter	
ATL	Melanie Hart	
ATL	Kenya Jones	
ATL	Gloria Janssen	
ATL	Amber Fleming	
ATL	Anna Bogard	
ATL	Brenda Stoner	
ATL	Lenita Vincent	
ATL	Vicki Morningstar	
HM	Joyce Crowder	
MT	Jan Carlstrom	
MT	Beth Bailey	
MT	Arlene Cooper	
HA	Marilyn Jerman	
ATM	Lisa Lewis	
ATM	Lynn Rupp	
ATM	Teresa Arbuckle	
ATM	Betty Harrison	
ATM	Pam Andrew	
ATM	Debbie Schill	
ATM	Sue Ketchum	
ATM	Shirley Giles	
ATM		
ATM		
Co-HK	Myra Fuquay	
Co-HK	Sandra Sweany	
KTM	Peggy Ganus	
KTM	Brenda Labie	
KTM	Chris Kimerling	
KTM	Nancy Low	
KTM	Carolyn Major	
KTM	Kim Clark	
BR	Debbie Raynor	

Scripture for Walk #60:

"He took bread and blessed it, and their eyes were opened."

Luke 24:30 & 31

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March Gathering:

Friday, March 17, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Spring Team Dedication

Memorial Baptist Church

2320 7th St., Columbus

J - Z bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided.



No April Gathering Due to Walks

Thurs., April 20, 7pm—Men's Walk #59 Send-off Camp Lakeview

Sat., April 22, Candlelight 8pm—Asbury UMChurch, Columbus

Sun., April 23, Closing 3:30pm—Camp Lakeview

Thurs., April 27, 7pm—Women's Walk #60 Send-off Camp Lakeview

Sat., April 29, Candlelight 8pm—Asbury UMChurch, Columbus

Sun., April 30, Closing 3:30pm—Camp Lakeview

Tues., May 2, 7 pm—Fourth Day Meeting, Asbury UMChurch, Columbus