



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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I have recently gone through a season of frustration with God. Whew, that sentence even sounds scary to me and I am the one who wrote it. But, hey, this won't be the first time you have seen my clay feet. I imagine if God were given to frustration He was saying of me, "When will this child of mine ever get it. I love her, Jesus, but this little dumpling is constant care".

I was trying to make a decision about an event. I prayed and asked if I should do this. I had all the preparations completed. But when it came time to move forward in the decision there was a stop in my spirit. No "Yes" or "No", I just didn't feel right about handing in the materials that would start the process. So I turned down the event, but when new information came my way, all the balls seemed up in the air again. I could not decide what to do, after all, everything was different now. New info - new question. But I could not hear from God. I wanted a lightning bolt, a deep rolling "Yes" or a "No" from a voice from beyond.

I pounded on His heart, day and night wailing, "Please give me direction on what to do. What do you want me to do? Which way shall I go? Oh, please, please, please. tell me, tell me, please tell me." Since begging wasn't working, I think I even threatened Him that if He wanted me to do His will; it would be good if I knew what it was!! (This is not a pretty story, is it?)

At the Gathering, Jon Carlstrom's clergy remarks were along this line: "Some say we cannot know the will of God. Of course we can. We do not need to beg or plead with God to know what His will is. He let's us know His will. We have a book full of His will." Okay, the threats definitely have to go and I will quit assaulting His precious heart. But still Lord, I do not know what You want me to do.

My next tactic was to get out my prayer stool. Now I have had lots of answers to fervent prayers sitting on that wooden stool. Sometimes I even cover my head with a throw to prevent any distractions. It represents a prayer closet to me. (Are you getting this picture? I cannot believe I am sharing this! Can you just picture this flailing, blanketed figure sitting on a stool in hot pursuit of the will of God?) But alas, no answer. Nothing but silence. I know He is not mad at me, for some unknown reason He puts up with me far beyond everyone else. He wants me to seek His will; He even loves to hear my Mickey Mouse voice. So what's up with this silence stuff? Finally I left it with Him in surrender. "If I do not hear from You otherwise on this matter, I will go with what I last heard from you about this."

DUH!

I guess I forgot that the new information presented to me would not be new information to Him. I had been punishing God for His silence, when He was not silent at all. He had given me the answer to my request a week and a half ago.

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He already knew all the facts; I was the only one who had encountered new material. The peace has now come, the peace that tells me I am in His will.

There are many things that can be said of this week and a half that I spent fussing at God. Some good, some not so good. We did spend a lot of time together. My prayer stool is dusted off again.

Isaiah says of it: Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isa. 30:29

What will His "voice" sound like? If it sounds like silence, check and see if He has already answered your request. He knows from my past that I need constant care. I don't always get it easily. If any of you reading this are like that too, hang in there. We are called sheep. He is called shepherd. He is patient and strong and He stays with you until you finally get it. Then you get to celebrate the "getting of it".

If you need to have a fit about something God has done or not done that makes you unhappy, be sure you have your fit **to** Him. He can handle it. He can work you through it. But best of all, you get to celebrate with God when it is over. And then comes the peace.

Your flock-mate,
Renée Kasting
Community Lay Director

~~~ Board of Directors Nominees for November's Election ~~~

The Emmaus board has been in thought and prayer and on the phone this summer looking for God's choice of board members for the class of 2009-2011. It is my pleasure to announce the nominees for the Emmaus Board of Directors:

Tim Metz  
Carolyn Pool  
Jimmy Hoppus  
Sandra Sweany  
Bertha Engle  
Ron Walker  
Tom Ganus

Please keep our nominees in your prayers and then vote for them at the election that will be held at the annual meeting during the November 21st Gathering.

Renée Kasting  
Community Lay Director



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[www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)

**Emmaus Information Page (for community members):**

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Team Lists for Men's Walk #69 and Women's Walk #70



| POS. | Name                                                |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| SD   | Brian Buterbaugh - Means of Grace/Sanctifying Grace |
| LD   | Joe Bush - Perseverance                             |
| ALD  | Cliff Putterill - 4th Day                           |
| ALD  | Ed Tower - Priorities                               |
| ALD  | Dave Engle - Grow Through Study                     |
| ASD  | Jon Carlstrom - Justifying Grace                    |
| ASD  | Nelson Lee - Prevenient Grace                       |
| ASD  | Jerald Turner - Obstacles to Grace                  |
| TL   | John Ulrey - Christian Action                       |
| TL   | Jimmy Hoppus - Changing Our World                   |
| TL   | Carl Weichman - Body of Christ                      |
| TL   | Randy Wheeler - Life in Piety                       |
| TL   | Mark Kelly - Discipleship                           |
| TL   | Dan Kirkling - Priesthood of All Believers          |
| TL   | Doug Fleming                                        |
| ATL  | Jim Bramlett                                        |
| ATL  | Ron Czapla                                          |
| ATL  | John Foster                                         |
| ATL  | Dan Greene                                          |
| ATL  | Dan Kiel                                            |
| ATL  | Eric Riddle                                         |
| ATL  | Dave Schrader                                       |
| HM   | Dick Marshall                                       |
| MT   | Bob Kasting                                         |
| MT   | Mark Neafus                                         |
| MT   | Steve Packer                                        |
| HA   | Arnie Elmerick                                      |
| ATM  | Chris Bradley                                       |
| ATM  | Dale Guse                                           |
| ATM  | Bob Hollen                                          |
| ATM  | Jack Mendell                                        |
| ATM  | Richard O'Bier                                      |
| ATM  | Tom Reuter                                          |
| ATM  | Irv Rutan                                           |
| ATM  | Todd Schrader                                       |
| ATM  | Gary Spiker                                         |
| HK   | Marshall Kiel                                       |
| KTM  | A C Reeves                                          |
| KTM  | Bill Baker                                          |
| KTM  | Larry Downing                                       |
| KTM  | Jim Reed                                            |
| KTM  | Floyd Ritz                                          |
| KTM  | Rob Ent                                             |
| KTM  | Don Harris                                          |
| KTM  | Goerge Peachee                                      |
| BR   | Chuck Goode                                         |

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|------|----------------------------------------------|
| SD   | Jon Carlstrom - Means of Grace               |
| LD   | Julie Metz - Perseverance                    |
| ALD  | Anita Beeker - 4th Day                       |
| ALD  | Rhonda Fowler - Priorities                   |
| ALD  | Debbie Raynor - Christian Action             |
| ASD  | Bruce Bendinger - Obstacles to Grace         |
| ASD  | Dave Ison - Sanctifying Grace                |
| ASD  | Marsha Rodenberger - Prevenient Grace        |
| ASD  | Brian Buterbaugh - Justifying Grace          |
| TL   | Wilma Dillingham - Life of Piety             |
| TL   | Kathy Durham - Discipleship                  |
| TL   | Sharon Ison - Grow Through Study             |
| TL   | Lois McGathey - Body of Christ               |
| TL   | Becky Povaleri - Priesthood of All Believers |
| TL   | Janet Roberts - Changing Our World           |
| TL   | Myra Fuquay                                  |
| TL   | Carol Hoppus                                 |
| ATL  | Bev Clark                                    |
| ATL  | Becky Heffner                                |
| ATL  | Joni Scott                                   |
| ATL  | Trisha Kelly                                 |
| ATL  | Debbie Schill                                |
| ATL  | Tammy Schrader                               |
| ATL  | Connie Trilling                              |
| ATL  | Aleta Wieneke                                |
| HM   | Nita Mousa                                   |
| MT   | Lee Marshall                                 |
| MT   | Pam Andrew                                   |
| MT   | Donna Reeves                                 |
| MT   | Sandra Sweany                                |
| HA   | Jane Gorbett                                 |
| HA   | Linda Guse                                   |
| ATM  | Judy Droddy                                  |
| ATM  | Nancy Foley                                  |
| ATM  | Vickie Fox                                   |
| ATM  | Peggy Ganus                                  |
| ATM  | Carolyn Pool                                 |
| ATM  | Nikki Ruble                                  |
| ATM  | Brigid Jarnigan                              |
| ATM  | Kylie Weichman                               |
| HK   | Cindy Grider                                 |
| KTM  | Laura Baker                                  |
| KTM  | Ramona Fleetwood                             |
| KTM  | Billie Goodner                               |
| KTM  | Ann Hoppus                                   |
| KTM  | Sandy Hoagland                               |
| KTM  | Sheryl Hampton                               |
| KTM  | Anneliese Thomas                             |
| KTM  | Penny Jacobus                                |
| KTM  | Tina McKinney                                |
| BR   | Christine Griggs                             |

**Dates for  
Upcoming Walks  
& Flights**

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Men's<br/>Walk<br/>#69</b>                  | <b>Oct<br/>16-19,<br/>2008</b> |
| <b>Women's<br/>Walk<br/>#70</b>                | <b>Oct<br/>23-26,<br/>2008</b> |
| <b>Chrysalis<br/>Flights<br/>#31 &amp; #32</b> | <b>Jan<br/>17-19<br/>2009</b>  |



Remember  
to bring your  
candle to  
candlelight!

**EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE**

Are there any Emmaus Community Members at your church that have lost touch with the blessing of continuing the fellowship with Emmaus in their 4<sup>th</sup> days or next steps? Many are missing out on the blessings that Emmaus and Chrysalis have to offer beyond the Walks and Flights. Some of these people do not know how to get the information they need to keep in touch. All of this information is available on the Emmaus website, but not everyone has access to a computer. The monthly newsletter is available for those who request it, but some do not know how to request a hard copy by mail. They do not know how to get applications to sponsor Pilgrims and Caterpillars or how to sign up to work on team. You can even sign up on the Agape and Prayer charts on-line, but some do not know how.

The Emmaus Board has created a new position to help improve communications with the community members at their churches. We call it the Emmaus/Chrysalis Church Representative. This will be a "go to" person at each church that can help everyone to keep up to date on what is going on in Emmaus. They will be able to get you answers to questions and get the forms and applications you need. They will know when and where Gatherings and Hoots are being held and the dates for Walks and Flights. I am very excited about the difference these people can make to our Emmaus Community. If you would like to volunteer to be the Emmaus/Chrysalis Representative at your church, please contact Gary Fuquay, [gfuquay@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:gfuquay@columbusinemmaus.org) or @ 812-966-0144.

**DeColores,**  
Gary Fuquay  
Past Lay Director



## Report from Lay Directors of Flights 29 and 30



On the Chrysalis web site in the section dealing with being a servant leader, Douglas Steere, a leading Quaker of the twentieth century says, "listening is more than hearing words and distinguishing sounds. Seeing is more than looking at objects. ... Within every exchange, moreover, there is more than the speaker and the hearer. There is also the Eternal Listener. God is there." And so it is with Emmaus and Chrysalis. And so it was with Flights 29 and 30.

At the outset of the flights, our foremost prayer was that God would help us put together a team that would not only get the job done but would do it in a manner that would truly exemplify the body of Christ and bring glory to Him. God, indeed, answered that prayer. Each team member brought a spirit of cooperation and a sense of selflessness that enabled all of us to function as a vessel that God could use to bring His love and knowledge of Himself. The splendor and the beauty of watching God's spirit manifest itself within His children must surely please Him and it was an honor to watch from the unique perspective of Lay Directors.

The weekend itself was filled with sweet service. While the number of caterpillars for these flights was low, the team was not discouraged and each gave wholeheartedly with the desire to please both God and the young men and women who came seeking the face of our Lord. Each caterpillar who made the choice to participate in the Chrysalis weekend was indeed blessed --there was even an intimacy in our smaller numbers. However, there was certainly room for more. As a community, we need to think about who we might sponsor.

How important these Chrysalis flights are to our community, to our nation and to our world. With so much uncertainty facing our future, in the midst of turmoil and strife, now more than ever we need to bolster our young people in their faith and in the knowledge that our God is unchanging and is sovereign. Chrysalis is our gift from God and it is our privilege to package this gift wrapped in service and presented with love.

We are humbled and grateful to have been able to lead Flights 29 and 30. To watch them unfold filled us with awe and admiration. God was surely in our midst because we invited Him to be there - by our words and by our deeds, in the manner that Paul describes:

*Be always humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity the Spirit gives by the peace that binds you together (Eph. 3.2-3).*

To God be the glory!  
Fly with Christ,  
Jay and Rachel Foyst

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**No October Gathering Due to Walks**

**Men's Walk #69**

Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour, Thurs, Oct 16, 7 pm, Camp Lakeview  
Candlelight, Sat, Oct 18, 8 pm, Asbury UM Church, Columbus  
Closing, Sun, Oct 19, 3:30 pm, Camp Lakeview

**Women's Walk #70**

Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour, Thurs, Oct 23, 7 pm, Camp Lakeview  
Candlelight, Sat, Oct 25, 8 pm, Asbury UM Church, Columbus  
Closing, Sun, Oct 26, 3:30 pm, Camp Lakeview

**November Gathering**

***4th Day Meeting/Pitch-in Dinner to Welcome New Pilgrims***

Friday, November 21, 4th Day Meeting starts at 6 pm,  
Pitch-in Dinner starts at 7 pm

First Baptist Church, 3300 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus  
Childcare provided for children ages 6 & younger

