



The Emmaus News

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Letters to the community:

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DeColores and Fly With Christ;

With joy and praise we celebrate the beginning of a new year and all God has planned for us through that wonderful "means of grace" we call The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. God uses many means to meet his purposes. We are blessed to enjoy Emmaus, Chrysalis, our local church and, perhaps, other ministries and missions. The Columbus Indiana Area Walk to Emmaus is indeed blessed to be a blessing as we share in God's continuing renewal work in the church.

As Spiritual Director for the community, I want to say how much we appreciate your support and involvement in this "means of grace." The church renewal movement continues to have an impact on the lives of disciples and upon the life and mission of the church. Your support of Emmaus and Chrysalis through sponsorship, team opportunities, Reunion Groups and Gatherings continues to bring life to all that God wants to do. Thanks for sharing the blessing in yet another year.

Two thoughts I'd like to leave with you as you continue to be involved in Emmaus and Chrysalis. First, daily stay in the presence of God through the spiritual disciplines of your Fourth Day. Secondly, daily stay in the purpose of God in all that you do. Presence and purpose is the "means of grace" for faithful discipleship. I look forward to seeing you on the "walk" or on the "flight" during this coming year.

In Christ,
Jon Carlstrom
Community Spiritual Director

Now is a great time to consider sponsoring someone for the Spring Emmaus walks. I remember how thankful I was that my sponsor was persistent in asking me to go on the walk. Things did not work out for me to go the first couple of times that I was asked, but God had a plan. In His perfect timing everything came together for me to go. What a joy and a blessing that walk has been to me. I have had the privilege of sharing that blessing many times by sponsoring friends and family members.

I would like to challenge each Emmaus member to ask five people to share the blessing that you experienced by sponsoring them to go on the Walk to Emmaus. Please pray about who God wants you to ask. If they say no or the timing is not right, do not be discouraged. It is amazing how God opens doors for it to happen when the time is right.

It is especially important to sponsor men to go on the walk. So often it is hard for men to admit that they need God's help. We try to go it alone and suffer the consequences of not doing it God's way. The truth is that we all need God's help in life.

Also, do not let finances be a reason for anyone not going. There are scholarship funds that have been donated to make it possible for people who can not afford the application fee to go. Those funds can be used for people to work on team too. Share the joy!

DeColores,
Gary Fuquay,
Community Lay Director

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Lay Directors' Reports on Flights #23 and #24



How Great is our God!

With only one boy and 6 girl caterpillars signed up a week before the Flights, we were all praying for more. As we put our faith in God to provide these caterpillars, he answered these prayers. Eleven young men and twenty-three young ladies responded to the invitation to become closer to Christ. Wow!

After months of prayer and preparation, it was hard to believe the time had finally arrived to start Flights 23 and 24. On Friday the team preparation at camp started early, with several team members arriving shortly after noon to begin setup. Even though the day may have been damp and dreary, the sun was shining in the faces of every team member as they arrived. They were all starting to anticipate on what was about to happen this weekend, and so everyone began to participate!!!

The team met together one last time to pray and have communion together before the much anticipated arrival of our new friends in Christ for their "Flight of their life". After the commissioning of the new Chrysalis team members we all made the final tune ups. The Agape Team was a buzzin; the Kitchen Team was a cookin; the Music Team was a playin; and the ALDs were a prayin. We all felt as though God was about to make something very special happen at Hilltop Camp that weekend. In spite of the continuous rain, we felt the SON shining throughout the camp.

Saturday morning we were given a huge challenge after being told SR 135 was closed due to high water. But our team of Christian servants kicked into action and started calling the sponsors and caterpillars - it was a beautiful site. (We were able to reach most of the participants and Send-Off was only delayed a half hour. God helped us make up that time and we were off and running on the Flights.)

God extended his hand and provided protection and guidance so everyone could arrive safely. The next thing we all knew is we started seeing caterpillars at camp in the middle of January. What an awesome site! The sponsor's hour was a very emotional and spiritual service, knowing how much love each of these caterpillars were going to receive over the next three days.

After the first talk on I deals, we saw the usual "deer in the headlights" stares from the caterpillars, each was wanting to see who was going to speak first. Once that started and they began to share, we had liftoff and the Flights took off like a rocket. All of the speakers were inspirational and the caterpillars learned so much and grew with every talk.

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Lay Directors' Report on Flights #23 and #24, continued...

When both Flights gathered to sing together for the first time, no one missed a beat. The Spirit definitely moved all of us and we became a beautiful choir of voices singing for the Lord.

At the conclusion of the Prodigal talks the caterpillars were quick to receive God's love and offer of reconciliation.

The Candlelight service was very moving for the caterpillars. Thank you to all of you who came and showed the light of Christ to these young people. As we were riding the bus back to camp, everyone began to sing praises to the Lord. It was awesome! It was a moment we all didn't want to end.

By Monday the Ark we were building was almost complete. The only thing we had to put on it by the end of the weekend was full grown Butterflies!

Thank you for the love, support and prayers that all of you gave unselfishly for Flights #23 & #24.

Fly With Christ! Ed and Lisa Reuter



We still have some **left over agape** from the fall walks that can be picked up at the **gatherings** or call **Christine Griggs (812/378-9697)** or **Pat Shoemaker (812/988-2310)**.

It is not too early to **start making agape** for the upcoming walks. Remember to have **90** pieces for both team and pilgrims (**36** for pilgrims only) for each walk.

If anyone would like to serve on the **snack chart**, **prayer chart**, or **send-off** committees or has interest in making the "**watches**" that are handed out on the walks, please contact Pat or Christine (above).

Also, don't forget to add your name to the **Prayer Charts** at the gatherings. As you all know, prayer is the foundation for these walks and what a privilege and a blessing it is! So don't miss out on this tremendous opportunity!

DeColores

Christine Griggs & Pat Shoemaker

Important Information from the Data Coordinator

Our data coordinator needs your help keeping all the Emmaus information up to date. With over 2,000 plus members in the community it is impossible to keep track of moves and changes of e-mail address. You can help by filling out a new information sheet when you work on a walk, or let us know if you move.

If you see an error in the community directory, please notify our data coordinator, Chuck Goode. His e-mail address is cgoode@columbusinemmaus.org. The information contained in the directory is for private use of the members of the Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community and is not to be used for any business or commercial purposes or shared with anyone outside of the community.

Thank you for your assistance and **DeColores!**

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #63	April 12-15, 2007
Women's Walk #64	April 19-22, 2007
Chrysalis Flights 25 & 26	Sept. 1-3 2007
Men's Walk #65	October 18-21, 2007
Women's Walk #66	October 25-28, 2007



A new command
I give you:
Love
one another.
As I have
loved you,
so you must love
one another.

John 13:34

New Board Member Profile:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of the Columbus Emmaus board serving as treasurer. My name is Janet Sutton, Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus, walk 43, table of Hannah. I have been married for 42 years to my husband, Russ Sutton, who is also a member of the Columbus community. We have three adult sons, Jeff, Brad, and Mike, who have brought three lovely 'daughters' into our family as well as six precious grand-children. I am a member of Cornerstone Community Church, Seymour. I enjoy reading and sewing. I consider it an honor to be able to serve on the Emmaus board as well as being a part of the Emmaus community.

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc. Home Page:

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February Gathering

Friday, February 16, 7 pm

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

A—I bring snacks & drinks, childcare provided



March Gathering

Friday, March 16, 7 pm *SPRING TEAM'S DEDICATION*

Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church,

3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus

J-Z bring snacks & drinks, childcare provided