



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Greetings fellow followers of Christ,

It is February. One month down and eleven to go. You probably didn't need me to tell you that. If you all are like me, you've just begun to settle into the regular routine after the holidays and BAM, there is a bunch more "stuff" to do. Just the Emmaus things alone: we had the gathering on the 10th, the board meeting on the 11th, the Chrysalis send off on the 17th, candlelight on the 18th, closing on the 19th, newsletter article due by the 17th and that was just for January. My point is: there is a lot of work to do, a lot of things to be taken care of. God always has something for us to do. I guess that keeps us out of trouble. Well, it should keep us out of trouble.

Anyway, speaking of work to do, we all have something that needs to be taken care of immediately. We all need to be praying for the Chrysalis flights and the walks this Spring, although, the Chrysalis flights will be complete at the reading of this newsletter. We also need to be praying to see if God has someone He wants us to sponsor. Now is the time to be making those contacts with prospective pilgrims, planting the seed to start the thought and prayer process. One of the comments at the gathering this month was that we should not wait until March or even April to talk to someone about going on a Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship is something that requires considerable effort and planning to do properly. The earlier we get started the better prepared we and our pilgrim will be.

Plans are still being made for informational events with emphasis on the men's walks. (We guys seem to have more trouble with sponsorship.) These events will be held during the month of February. Details will be announced as the plans are finalized for these events. For answers to any questions concerning sponsorship or anything else, the following information can be used at any time. Get on your knees, fold your hands and dial 1-800-GOD. The operator is on duty 24 - 7.

Have a great month and I'll see you all in March.

In Christ,
Bill Everhart
Community Lay Director

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #71	April 16 - 19, 2009
Women's Walk #72	April 23 - 26, 2009
Chrysalis Flights #33 & #34	Sept. 5 - 7, 2009
Men's Walk #73	October 22 - 25, 2009
Women's Walk #74	Oct 29 - Nov 1, 2009



Chrysalis Flights' Report to the Community

Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis Community:

Thank you for your loving support and prayers for Chrysalis Flights 31 and 32. We had 16 boys and 19 girls participate in the weekend. Thank you for your sponsorship without which this would never have happened! In addition, we must thank our wonderful team whose long hours and commitment to making the weekend the best it could be truly blessed the caterpillars.

The Scripture we chose for the flights was 1 John 3:1a, "How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God!" It was our prayer that the caterpillars would come to know, understand, and accept God's amazing love in ways they never had before. God definitely answered our prayers. It was a tremendous blessing to watch the transformation take place throughout the weekend as the caterpillars died to themselves and made the decision to live for Christ, becoming beautiful butterflies. Each one is unique and beautiful, with amazing gifts and talents. We can't wait to see the ways God uses them in their home, school, work and church to further His Kingdom.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve. It truly was an honor and privilege, and an experience we will always cherish.

Flying with Christ,
Chad and Teresa Russell
Lay Directors Flights 31 & 32



Cancellation of an Emmaus Event

If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather, the community will be notified through the following sources:

- ?? Community News Updates on the home page www.columbusinemmaus.org.
- ?? Those who have an email subscription to the newsletter will receive an email when a decision for cancellation has been made. If you do not have a subscription you can subscribe on the home page www.columbusinemmaus.org.
- ?? Local radio stations: QMIX 107.3, WCSI AM 1010, WKKG 101.5, and WJCP 92.7.



The Most Important Job in Emmaus!

As you know from first-hand experience, the way you became a pilgrim or a caterpillar was through the efforts of a sponsor who sought you, invited you and got you to the Walk to Emmaus or to the Flight. You likely remember the kindness and caring of your sponsor as you were taken to camp, gifted with a cup, had your bed made, and received those wonderful letters of agape on Sunday afternoon. (Do you still read them occasionally like I do?)

As the Lay Director for Walk 71, I encourage you to pray for God's guidance in recognizing a man you know who is a strong Christian, is not overwhelmed by a current situation in his life and is ready to spend a weekend getting closer to God in preparation for becoming more of a leader in the local church body. Expect God to lead you to the right man being called for Walk 71 (or for a future walk). Then, pray for that man, asking God to protect and strengthen him in preparation for the Walk to Emmaus. Remember to plan ahead to request your pilgrim's friends and family members send the notes and cards of agape you are responsible for collecting.

Sponsorship is prayer-filled, spirit-led, exciting, challenging, time-consuming—and a blessing! Please make yourself available to be God's hands and feet—and heart—in recognizing a man in your life, who is at a good point in his life to go on the Walk to Emmaus and in committing to talk to him about how God led you to him!

If God brings a man to your mind and you have not been a sponsor before, you are not just “on your own.” Ask your sponsor or another experienced sponsor to guide you through the process, including helping you find the resources and forms that exist to help sponsors. (Much of it is on the Emmaus website at www.columbusinemmaus.org.)

God's team for Walk 71 is nearly complete and ready to train for serving Him. But the team will be useful to God only if other servants—like you—make themselves available to sponsor the pilgrims God has already identified to be on this walk!

Whatever you decide, God bless your efforts for Him on your Fourth Day or Next Steps!

De Colores/Fly with Christ!
Dan Boyer



From the Lay Director of Walk #72

I was asked to do an article for the Emmaus Newsletter on Sponsorship. What does that really mean to me? As a Christian we are to reach out to others around us and love them and support them anyway we can. As a member of the Emmaus Community, we are to do the same thing. Remember your walk? We were excited and also hesitant as to what the weekend would be about. Most of us come away with a better understanding of who God is and how He is so full of grace for us. We also take what we learned back to our home church and put it into practice. The 72 hour walk with our Lord and Savior better equips us to take on newer responsibilities and lean on Him to lead us. For myself, personally, I grew so much spiritually and I wanted to shout from a high mountain that we are all equal in His eyes and it does not matter what we may have done along the way that disappointed Him. His grace is sufficient!

So why sponsor? To help others to grow spiritually also and to understand we don't have to do anything but have faith in Him and to be ready to walk where He leads. We need to have that much love for others that we want them to have what we received, and, you know God, someone may need loving a little more than we did.

As all of you know that have worked on a team, a lot of hard work, time and effort go into each and every walk. It takes commitment and if no one sponsors anyone we have wasted all that. We also will miss our blessing. I hope you will love someone enough to ask them to go. God has already put it into hearts of ones waiting.

DeColores,
Jeannie Wheeler

INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS – WE WANT YOU!

Emmaus seeks instrumentalists to do music for events and walks. Please contact Lee Marshall, 376-6592; llkm@sbcglobal.net. Thanks.

ROADIES & TECHIES – WE WANT YOU!

Emmaus wants to form a team to help with events' music equipment set-up, sound systems, and tear downs. Knowledge of sound systems not required but would be helpful.

Please contact Lee Marshall, 376-6592; llkm@sbcglobal.net. Thanks.



SAVE THE DATE
Reunion Group Informational Events
Coming February 21st

Interested in Joining a Reunion Group?

Plans are being made for two informational events for those interested in joining a reunion group. Both events will on February 21st. The Seymour location will be Central Christian Church at 8:00 AM and the Columbus location is Memorial Baptist Church also at 8:00 AM. Check the Emmaus website for more details or contact Ron Walker, Emmaus Board member, rwalker@columbusinemmaus.org.



Meet a New Emmaus Board Member

Name: Timothy Metz

Walk: Columbus IN Area Emmaus #19

Table: Andrew

Church membership: College Park Church of Columbus

Board Position: Facilities and Transportation

Family Information: Wife Julie, Daughters Clair , Rachel and Emma

Hobbies, interests: Blacksmithing and Dirt Bike Riding.

Personal thoughts on Emmaus and/or serving on the board: The Emmaus movement has been a good grounding tool for me. It has kept my eyes focused on the prize. Saying no to work on Emmaus projects is like saying no to Jesus himself.



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Home Page:

www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members

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February Hoot

Sunday, February 8, 2009, 2-4 pm

First UMC

201 E. 3rd St., Seymour

February Board Meeting

Saturday, February 14, 2009—9 am

Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus

February Gathering

Friday, February 20, 2009—7 pm

Petersville UMC, 2781 N 500 E, Columbus

J-Z bring snacks, drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 & under

March Gathering

Friday, March 20, 2009—7 pm

Check website for location

A—I bring snacks, drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 & under

