



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Greetings to the Columbus Emmaus and Chrysalis Community,

I want to welcome the newest members of the community. What a great set of walks God put together!!!! God is sooooo good!!!!

1 Corinthians 12 v. 4-5 says, there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. I saw a lot of gifts and service this past few weeks and I want to thank everybody that made this Emmaus experience happen so beautifully. We are all so blessed.

As I was blessed to be at the closing, I heard so many amazing responses to the 2 questions. Some were so eager to share they were standing in line!!! I heard JC IS IN THE HOUSE!!! I believe He was. Some comments made were; I am legally blind, but now I see, I saw love in the eyes of the clowns, I have seen results of the walk and now I've got it, candlelight was light walking in heaven, reborn, new lease on life, saw body of Christ in action and a lot of goofey smiles. Some responses to the question what am I going to do with it were; love more dearly. love is not mine to keep, turn myself fully to the cross, step out in faith, get my addict friends to turn their lives around, get out of His way, seize the day, listen, see people like God sees them, wow love people around me, be a God pleaser not a people pleaser, and get to work.

Again what a blessing this Emmaus experience is for all of us. See you all at the June gathering at First Baptist Church, Columbus.

Decolores, Cindy Massey

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #41 & #42	September 3-5, 2011
Men's Walk #81	October 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #82	October 27-30, 2011
Men's Walk #83	April 12-15, 2012
Women's Walk #84	April 19-22, 2012
Men's Walk #85	October 18-21, 2012
Women's Walk #86	October 25-28, 2012

Letter From Walk 80 Lay Director

Jeremiah 29:11-12 says “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you.”

I began this journey last fall after much prayer and conversations with Jesus. I kept this verse in my mind and heart as I prayed and as I made plans. Knowing that I would need to remove the “I” from the controls and let Him be in control, seeking His leadership first, then acting on those plans He set forth. This is what I kept repeating to myself and in my mind that this was His walk, His Team, His pilgrims. I was merely an instrument for His use.

I am still in awe of His mighty works-how He can take willing loving servants from different backgrounds and make this Walk to Emmaus such an instrument of His Love.

There are not words to express properly just how I feel (probably not enough space either) about the team Jesus called and put together. We were truly a team that served well together. When it poured rain, the Agape team was right there to transport, holding umbrellas so that no one got wet. This isn't in the manual, by the way, and they executed this with perfection. They overcame illness of not just one but several team members. But not one thing was out of place; everything was right where it needed to be at the time it was to be there. I still have not lost the 20 lbs I gained over the weekend and that was just from the meals the kitchen team prepared. Not once did we get a call to sing one more song or two because the kitchen wasn't ready. The food was hot and right on time. Table leaders what can I say? Jesus placed these leaders at the tables that needed them the most. Pilgrims were blessed and so was I to hear the talks they gave from the personal experiences they shared and from funny skits at the poster party. Pilgrims were blessed with just the right assistant table leaders to help the table grow and connect. This part of the team the pilgrims will remember most in the future--those that put their arms around them and hugged them, cried with them and laughed with them. Then there are those spiritual leaders, clergy men and women, who gave of their time of which lots of people were in need. Well what can I say, well what can I say? They told us about grace five times! It's there all the time, there are “stumblers,” it's free, there's a means to it, and it's sanctified. And my singing angels, plus Princess Pat, who sang, played and led us in worship throughout the weekend. Sing one more song; no wait, no more songs please! Flexibility is always the right key when you are on the music team.

Then there are the three who had the biggest responsibility of the weekend. The three Assistant Lay Directors took turns making sure everything was going, everyone was doing and mostly that I wasn't. They shared with the pilgrims, kept us on track and on time. Last but not least is the board representative who gave guidance when needed and answered those hard questions that we would give her and supported this team and this walk with love and wisdom. Everyone serving on Walk 80 was willing to move around and then move back. There was this “whatever you need me to be or do attitude” that was beyond comprehension that makes Team 80 true servants.

The pilgrims Jesus brought to this walk were great. They were funny, loving, and they got down to business leaving their dying moments there and then got ready for the next part of their faith journey. I am so blessed to have been a small part of their journey.

I have served on many walks and flights and they have all been great but Walk 80 will go down as the BEST walk I have ever served on or been a part of. Not because I was Lay Director or that it has anything to do with me because it doesn't. But because I removed myself from control, repeating the verse above, and was able to sit back and watch as Jesus' plan for Walk 80 unfolded. It was truly like a butterfly breaking out of the cocoon, stretching its wings for the first time, working to make the blood flow through its veins to expand its wings to fly. There's a lot of work and preparation that goes on behind the scenes: names to call, team schedules to fill, ice cream servers, Saturday night servers and the list goes on. That's just the blood flowing through the veins and it all expands on the weekend itself. It's a beautiful thing to watch and be part of. I am very humbled to have been asked to be Lay Director for Walk 80.

Verse 13 goes on to say: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Walk 80 went seeking Him and found Him. He wasn't far and never is. We have a better understanding of seeking with all of our hearts.

As I go onward to the next adventure in my faith journey I will seek Him with all my heart and soul! But I will always remember this walk as a very special blessing because of all the new friendships that I have found and how much it has strengthened my relationship with Jesus.

In His Service Always,
Carolyn Pool, Lay Director Walk 80



Time for Spring Cleaning

As you do your spring cleaning this year, check your book shelves and closets for those Emmaus Team Manuals that you forgot to return. Yes, we are still missing some manuals and would like to get them back before the fall walks. Return them to any board member or bring them to the next Gathering.

Do You Want to Serve on an Emmaus Walk?

Now is the time to submit your application to serve on the Fall 2011 men’s and women’s walks. You can get an application by going online at www.columbusinemmaus.org. The team selection committee is now gathering the names of interested individuals. **Previous applications will not apply. You must apply anew for each set of walks.**



Board Position Nomination/s for November, 2011 Election

Please complete form and return to:
Columbus In Area Emmaus
Team Selection Committee
P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202-2184

I hereby nominate _____ to serve on the Emmaus Board for the 2012-14 term.

Signed _____
Phone/email _____
Walk _____



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June Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2011—6 pm
Memorial Baptist Church
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

June Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2011—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

June Hoot Rally

Sunday, June 19, 2011 — 2-4 pm
Location TBD-check website

June Gathering

Friday, June 17, 2011—7pm
First Baptist Church
3300 Fairlawn Dr., Columbus, IN

