



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Greetings to the 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 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 goofy 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 May gathering and pitch in at First Christian Church (on 5th Street) May 20th at 6pm.

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

Men's
Walk
#81

October
20-23,
2011

Women's
Walk
#82

October
27-30,
2011



Letter From Walk 79 Lay Director

The opportunity to serve as Lay Director is an awesome and humbling experience. As the team building process begins, it is evident that God is working to form the team that He wants. It is often times difficult to "get out of the way" and trust God's Ultimate Will that will prevail in all circumstances. God formed an amazing team for Walk #79. Everyone on the team was very flexible in their willingness to serve wherever they were needed. The talks were fantastic and spoke to the pilgrims in a way that fueled their desire for spiritual growth and service.

The community really stepped up to the plate in sponsoring men for the walk. Praise God that we had a full men's walk, plus one! It was a miraculous sight to see eight tables in the conference room. I pray that Chuck Goode, Kathy Bush and all future walk lay directors have the opportunity to experience a full conference room.

Many men's lives were changed on Walk #79. They are better equipped to be the spiritual leaders in their homes, churches, businesses, and communities that God wants them to be. Their excitement and passion for Christ was evident through dying moments, candlelight and closing. Our challenge now, as a community, is to help keep them plugged into the Emmaus experience so that they can continue to grow and build the Body of Christ.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community as Lay Director for
Men's Walk #79. Phil Miles

Meet a New Board Member



Name: Beverly Clark

Walk: Columbus IN Emmaus #68

Table: Ruth

Church: Garden City Church of Christ

Board Position: Treasurer

Family: Joe (husband), Kari (daughter, Danville, IL), Kolby Baty (daughter, Columbus, IN), Trevor Baty (son-in-law), and grandchildren Lexi, Madi, Dillon

Hobbies/Interests: Likes to read, play golf, and would love to travel to every state.

Serving

Personal Thoughts on Emmaus and/or serving on the Board: My walk as a pilgrim started a "stirring" inside to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, but like experiencing any exciting event, the time afterward got caught up in everyday activities and that "priority" slid further down on my list.

I have been called to serve as an assistant table leader twice since that walk. Each time I have experienced something new—a stronger desire to continue that walk with Christ. This year, I've stepped out of my comfort zone and will be serving on your Emmaus Board as Treasurer.

Bev Clark

Former Pilgrims (both New and Old)

As Emmaus Community members, you are invited to continue your Walk to Emmaus experience by participating in future community events.



Columbus Emmaus Gatherings

Come the 3rd Friday of each month for worship, fellowship, and refreshments.

The May Gathering is at First Christian Church, 531 5th Street, Columbus, IN and is a pitch-in dinner. Meal time is 7:00 PM. New pilgrims don't need to bring anything other than your name tag and cross. A Fourth Day meeting will be held at 6:00 PM.

Sponsorship

Encourage others to attend a Walk to Emmaus. Help others to learn about God's love and ways to serve Him.

Send-Offs, Candlelights, Closings

As community members you can participate in future walks by coming to any or all of these walk weekend events. You can buy your own candle at the next candlelight for \$5.00.

Fourth Day Meeting

Come and learn about Reunion Groups, and how to make your Fourth Days better.



Make or Supply Agape for Walks

Express yourself with some "crafty" item that helps show God's agape love for the pilgrims and team members.

Serve on an Emmaus Team

Consider volunteering to be on a future team. Training will be provided. You can serve in the conference room, kitchen, or everywhere (Agape team member). Get an application at www.columbusinemmaus.org.

Pray and Write

Write agape letters for pilgrims and sign-up on the walk prayer charts.

It Is All About Sponsorship

Question - As a new member of the Emmaus community, how can I sponsor someone else to experience this fantastic weekend?

Answer - First, check the packet you received during your Walk. There should be some helpful information there. But as a summary, here are some highlights of how best to begin:

1. Keep in mind whom to sponsor. The Walk is not designed for everyone. Its purpose is to strengthen the local Church by strengthening its leaders. You can check the December 2010 newsletter sponsorship article on the website for more details.

2. Remember that wisdom would suggest that you only choose ONE person to sponsor for each Walk. You will have many responsibilities to carry out in order to bless your pilgrim & his/her family, so don't shortchange a pilgrim's experience by trying to sponsor several persons at one time. You can check the January 2011 newsletter for more on this topic.

3. When you are ready to talk to a potential pilgrim about attending a Walk, remember that if he/she is married, it's important to explain the Walk's purpose to both spouses. Never allow this wonderful event to become a divisive wedge in a relationship! Check out the article in the February 2011 newsletter.

4. More suggestions and expectations of sponsors can be found on our website. Simply go to www.columbusinemmaus.org. Then do the following:

- a. On the left side of the page, click on "Member Information Area",
- b. Use the user name and password supplied in this newsletter,
- c. On the left side, click on "Help Documents",
- d. Then on the left side, you can either click on the "Sponsors Checklist", or
- e. On the right side, you can click on "Suggestions for Sponsors" or "Emmaus Sponsorship".

Some of the information you received at your Walk, and found on the website, will be redundant. But that's an effective way of reinforcing what excellent sponsorship is all about. So do your homework, and then listen to God's leading as you consider sponsoring someone for this three-day adventure!

Pastors Jim Hoppus & Mike Seaney





Lost and Found



If you lost something on your walk, check the tables at the Gathering!!

Board Positions

It is not too early to consider being on the Emmaus board next year. If you feel a nudge in your heart to serve, pray about it and then contact any board member. They will be happy to answer any questions you have. A list of board members was published in the February newsletter.

Musicians Needed



Has God gifted you with musical abilities? Are you interested in using those musical abilities to serve Him? Music is a key element of the Emmaus Community. In addition to the music teams for the Spring and Fall Walks, there are nine (9) Gatherings throughout the year for which a music team is assembled. That's a lot of opportunities! **We are interested in creating a database of musicians in the Columbus IN Emmaus community.** We want to get as many folks involved as possible. If you love to sing or if you play an instrument (or both) and are interested in sharing your musical gifts with God and the Emmaus community, please contact Kevin Drerup at **812.375.1722** or **kdre-rup@columbusinemmaus.org**.



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May Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2011—6 pm
Memorial Baptist Church
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

May Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2011—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

May Hoot Rally

Sunday, May 15, 2011 — 2-4 pm
Location TBD-check website

May Gathering and Fourth Day Meeting

Friday, May 20, 2011—6pm Fourth Day meeting
Pitch-in meal at 7pm
First Christian Church
531 5th Street, Columbus, IN

