



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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DATES FOR UPCOMING WALKS & FLIGHTS

Men's Walk #59	Apr. 20-23, 2006
Women's Walk #60	Apr. 27-30, 2006
Flights #21 & #22	Sept. 2-4, 2006
Men's Walk #61	Oct. 19-22, 2006
Women's Walk #62	Oct. 26-29, 2006

Luke 24:32

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Letter to the Community:

Could You Walk To Emmaus If You Had To?

The Walk to Emmaus gets its name from the story in Luke 24:13-35. On that very first Easter afternoon the risen Christ appeared to the two disciples who were walking together along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Today the Columbus Walks help our Pilgrims and Teams to take a spiritual walk with the very same risen Christ.

The last time that I read and meditated on this passage, I was impressed that these two disciples were literally walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The "walk" is mentioned so quickly and casually that it seems effortless. They "went" or "were going" to this ancient city located somewhere between 7.5 and 20 miles from Jerusalem. This distance caught my attention because I had been training for the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon (13.1 miles) and knew that even covering this distance, either by running or by walking, is something most people today are unable or unwilling to do. Today we even have the benefit of smooth roads, high-tech shoes and power drinks. (By the way, I finished the 2005 Mini in 19,145th place. Don't laugh too hard. . . there were 5,883 still behind me.)

The "Walk to Emmaus" will be celebrated three weeks in a row this month. The first time will be Easter on April 16. Then, our community will be holding Walks the two following weekends. I'm not going to suggest that you take a seven mile walk, . . . but at least let your fingers do the walking through your Bible pages and realize afresh what He did for us that first Easter and what He will continue to do for us on Walks #59 and #60.

De Colores, Bev Earley, Community Lay Director



In loving memory...

The Emmaus Community lost a very much loved board member on March 3rd, 2006. Marianne Green was a minister as a member of the clergy for the past twelve years. She served the Lord with her whole heart as she was pastor of two churches, Mt Zion First United Methodist and Valonia First United Methodist. Marianne was also a hobo clown named Murphy. She was instrumental in founding the clown ministry of Smiles Unlimited's Seymour Chapter; Giggles and More. She was a pilgrim from the Indian Lake Emmaus Community, Indianapolis, and served the Lord with Emmaus for the past almost twenty years! We count it a great privilege to have served our awesome Lord with this humble servant and we will miss her greatly.

Remember -

Bring your candle to Candlelight!



Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc. Home Page:

www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

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Staying Connected to God Through Prayer

by Victor Pérez

In a recent meeting we shared about the major challenges mainline Christian denominations face today. We learned at that time about some of the trends in youth behavior and thinking. The first two statistics were gathered by the *Seattle Post Intelligence* and the third by the Gallup Poll:

91% of the young people interviewed (in the United States) believe in a higher power.

65% of the same group say they do not attend church on a regular basis.

85% of the youth interviewed said they believe in the power of prayer.

These statistics are exciting and present a great opportunity for Chrysalis! The reasons given by young people for not attending church are varied, and many youth do not see any connection at all between the spiritual disciplines and their own personal faith. Because Chrysalis is not a church, but rather a dynamic spiritual renewal experience for Christian youth who desire to grow deeper in their relationship with the Living God, the Chrysalis weekend is an awesome tool and a sacred responsibility divinely placed in our hands!

Let us tell others, and remind each other, that the Chrysalis environment offers young people:

a common ground, with others their age, on which to share their struggles as well as God's grace in their lives.

the realization that God has equipped each of them to be witnesses of God's grace and of how valuable they are in God's sight

further insight into the importance of prayer and the opportunity to practice personal and community prayer with other young people.

an experience of learning more about how Jesus loves them through sharing in the breaking of the bread and passing of the cup.

the realization that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was because of his incredible love for them.

a way of staying connected with each other by encouraging participation in reunion groups and their local Chrysalis Community Hoots, as well as encouragement to stay connected to their local church.

If we do our part, God is faithful and many young people will be blessed. Let us continue our commitment of praying for the youth who have yet to experience Chrysalis, and for each other as we continue to be channels of God's grace in our own community.

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Chrysalis New Board Member Profile:

My name is Nate Smith, I am 21 years old. I was on Chrysalis Flight #5, Table of Servants Three Sixty Twenty-Four Seven/Paint Grandma Red. I attend Ivy Tech Community College in Columbus. I am studying Early Childhood Education, and hope to be a teacher someday. I also aspire to be in a Youth Ministry position of some sort. I attend LifeGate Church where I play drums in the worship band. I also assist with the youth group. Music and writing are two of my passions. On the Chrysalis Board I am the Data Coordinator and am responsible for reminding the Chrysalis Community of upcoming events. I look forward to serving the next 2 years. God Bless you all in His Service!



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April Hoot:

Sunday, April 2, 4:30 pm
Methodist 1st United Church, Fellowship Hall
201 E 3rd St., Seymour In

- No April Gathering due to Walks -

Men's Walk #59

Thursday, April 20, 7 pm—Men's Walk Send-off at Camp Lakeview
Sat., April 22, 8 pm—Candlelight at Asbury UM Church, Columbus
Sun., April 23, 3:30 pm—Closing at Camp Lakeview

Women's Walk #60

Thursday, April 27, 7 pm—Women's Walk Send-off at Camp Lakeview
Sat., April 29, 8 pm—Candlelight at Asbury UM Church, Columbus
Sun., April 30, 3:30 pm—Closing at Camp Lakeview

