



# The Emmaus News

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## Letter to the Community:

### The Passing of the Torch

Recently we had our November pitch-in Gathering and our 4th Day Meeting. It was a celebration of the Body of Christ, gathered together, remembering what God has done for us. I am inspired by those who once again take a microphone in hand and tell that God has impacted their lives in ways during the 72-hour period that do not fade after they return to the world. Some remarked about the highs and lows, but I remember thinking that my highs were higher and my lows were not as low as they once were.

We honored the structure of the Walk to Emmaus and the Upper Room who oversees the discipline of the rules and guidelines, by electing our new board members, community lay director and spiritual director for Chrysalis and Emmaus. Our outgoing members laid hands on the incoming members as the torch was passed along to those who will follow us. In a steady stream of faithfulness, the new is introduced and installed and the older await a next assignment.

We say of Emmaus that it is for church leaders. Most of us get a rash when told that we will be leaders in our churches - yet He has put us on a path that will teach us leadership. It may be the leadership we have always pictured, the up in front, in command, everything under control type. It may instead be a revelation of a gifting that you did not know you had that will enable you to lead from the back. Remember it is not the destination that is the greatest part, it is the journey.

At the Gathering, we sang and we worshiped. I could not hear the harmonies of the voices from where I was sitting, but I could see the faces of the musicians. Their faces held that glow that happens when the gifting God has placed in them finds resonance in the participation of those they lead. That gift of music participation that leads another to look past the instruments and the voices and into the throne room of God.

We heard personal testimonies from youth and adults from the same family that showcased the different reactions that people have to their respective Flights or Walks. In all the expressed reactions we see fruit produced individual giftings and individual responses just like in the larger Body of Christ. It lifts us to hear these testimonies and see that it is a way of life not just a report on a three day retreat.

We received communion, we prayed for one another. We loved being together and being together with God. Then we adjourned to be the hands and feet of God, to watch for His hand of guidance and to hear the quiet Voice. Worship without the outlet of service is ingratitude; service without the worship is draining.

The test of the worth of an endeavor is the fruit it produces. I have been a member of the Emmaus Community since 1992 - 16 years. I have seen fruit produced in abundance. Lasting fruit that matches the quantities and qualities that Bruce Wilkerson discusses in his little book *Secrets of the Vine*.

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The progression he describes is “no fruit, fruit, some fruit and much fruit”. The pinnacle is found in John 15:8 as Jesus states, “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” There is ample opportunity to produce fruit and to celebrate with others who are doing likewise.

Once again the Emmaus Community has blessed me. Up front leadership is not my best strength, but I think this year has not been about that. It has been about obedience and the rest I will hear about in heaven. I leave it to His faithful processes and gentle hands.

And you are in good hands as Bill Everhart takes the podium. It has been my great pleasure to work with a gracious board of directors. From what I can see, the faces will change, but the grace will continue. My prayer for you is that you will have the best Christmas you have ever had. See you in January at the next gathering. We together, have more fruit to produce for the Father’s glory.

Your sister,  
Renée Kasting  
Community Lay Director

#### Lay Director’s Report to the Community—Walk #69

Here it is the middle of November and I’ve had time to reflect and rejoice about the men’s walk. First of all I would like to thank all of the men that said “Yes” to work on the walk. They did this with great humility and servanthood to glorify God. We have all thought that when we went on our walk it was the best walk ever; and I know that these pilgrims who are now part of the Emmaus Community have realized the Grace of God that is to be shared with each and every person. I have never seen a group of men come together so quickly and truly show the spirit of cooperation and charity to each other. Each pilgrim, like I said in my letter to the community at Candlelight, “were like the right seed planted in the right field at the right time!” Each one was nourished by the talks presented and by the comradery with each other. Our God is a truly wonderful God. Even though we as humans sometimes have our doubt we definitely can tell that He is in control. My prayer is that each and every pilgrim can go back to their respective churches and be a strong Christian leader to serve and show God’s grace to each and every person they encounter. A BIG “Thank You” to the community who supported each and everyone of us on walk. Without your prayers and dedication to help this walk go, it would not have been possible. May God Bless each and every one of you on all of your 4<sup>th</sup> days.

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Joe Bush,  
Lay Director Walk #69

Lay Director's Report to the Community—Walk #70

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ who is able to do ever so much more than we can imagine!! I must give God the glory for the mighty movement of the Holy Spirit during Walk #70. We at the Table of Concern could see physical changes in the facial expressions of those sitting around us as the Spirit began moving. It was a miracle and a privilege to see. All of your prayers and efforts came full circle as lives were changed.

I thank you, the Community, for entrusting me with the honor of being Lay Director and I thank my family and all who spent countless hours to make it happen. Truly, I would not have missed it for the world.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Julie Metz  
Lay Director, Walk #70

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #31 & #32	Jan 17- 19, 2009
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 15 - 18, 2009
Women's Walk #74	October 22 - 25, 2009

INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS – WE WANT YOU!

Emmaus seeks instrumentalists to do music for events and walks. Please contact Lee Marshall, 376-6592; [llkm@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 system not required but would be helpful for some. Please contact Lee Marshall, 376-6592; [llkm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llkm@sbcglobal.net). Thanks.



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**No December Gathering**      Merry Christmas !

**January Gathering**

Friday, January 9, 2009—7 pm

Cornerstone Community Church, 1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour  
~ ***Chrysalis Team Dedication*** ~

A—I bring snacks, drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 & under



**Chrysalis Flights #31 & #32**

**Sendoff/Sponsor's Hour** — Saturday, January 17, 2009

Registration begins at 8:30 am, Sendoff begins at 9 am—  
Hilltop Camp, Brown County

**Candlelight**—Sun, Jan 18, 2009, 8 pm, Asbury United  
Methodist Church, 1751 27th St., Columbus

**Closing**—Mon, Jan 19, 2009, 5 pm, Asbury UM Church, Col.