



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Well here I am, doing something that just a few years ago, I would have never thought that I would be doing. My life style in my previous relationship with Christ did not include any kind of provision for listening to what God had to say about what I was doing – or at least very little listening to Him. Now, I pretty much consult with Him about everything. I even talk with Him each morning to get my day started. I still sometimes have trouble listening real well but God has ways of getting my attention when I stray a little too far down my own path.

When I was asked to consider becoming the next Community Lay Director, my first thought was – well never mind what my first thought was. My second thought was I could probably do that. Then I thought, maybe I should ask God what He thought. My reply to the request was that Robin and I were going on vacation the following week and I would take the week and pray about it and have an answer when I returned from vacation in Florida. I jokingly said that maybe while I was walking along the beach, God would send me a bottle with his message in it. Well, to make a long story short when we arrived at our destination, Blake and I told Robin that we were going to the beach. It was early in the morning and Robin was going to take a nap. Blake and I walked down to the beach and straight for the edge of the surf. Guess what was floating along the edge of the water. That's right, a bottle, the only bottle that I saw on the beach the whole week. When I saw the bottle, I laughed and said, OK, you're just showing off now but I had my answer.

Anyway, I want to take this opportunity to thank God for what He has done in my life again and give witness to the fact that if we talk with Him and Listen to what He says, He will direct our path.

Our Community has truly been blessed with so many things from the growth that we have had to the leadership that He has provided. I pray that I can follow in the path that those before me have traveled. This past year Renée has blessed us with her spirit-lead leadership and we have seen how God continues to lead our community through those who listen to Him.

## 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



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I do have a couple of favors to ask as we look forward to the upcoming Chrysalis flights and walks. I would like to ask the entire community to please pray for full flights and walks so that even more people can experience what God can do in the lives of caterpillars and pilgrims who come seeking to draw closer to Him. Secondly, pray that if God is asking you to sponsor someone, He would make it clear to you and give you the guidance that you need to follow that direction. Keep in mind that it is never too early to get the sponsorship arrangements made.

I know that we are not supposed to anticipate but I am looking forward to serving this year as the new Community Lay Director and seeing what this year, serving our Lord together, is going to bring.

Just another pilgrim on the path,  
Bill Everhart  
Community Lay Director

From the Community Spiritual Director:

“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN...” Jesus is born, our Savior has come, God’s promise is fulfilled and we must share the “Good News.” Following the celebration of Christmas and beginning a new year, our call and scriptural mandate is to proclaim the Good News. We are to be the heralds of good news in these stressful times and we begin with those most closely connected with us, our family and friends. Proclaiming the good news is most certainly our ministry and mission in our churches. And the mission extends through God’s transforming work on the Walk to Emmaus. God will continue to use this marvelous instrument of grace to rekindle the hearts of the faithful. So, dear friends, as we begin this new year, let us “go tell it on the mountain” and everywhere that the Walk to Emmaus for men and women and the Chrysalis Flight for young people is an opportunity to learn more about God’s grace and become God’s good news.

I’ll see you on the Walk to Emmaus,  
DeColores and Fly With Christ,  
Jon Carlstrom

**Chrysalis Flights 31 & 32 are fast approaching! Please think, pray, and ask the Lord whom you should sponsor! Chrysalis is for high school (tenth through twelfth grades) age young people. Chrysalis is especially meaningful for young people who are ready to think and share about the realities and struggles of life on a more adult level. You may find the Chrysalis application on our website @ [www.columbusinemmas.org](http://www.columbusinemmas.org) It’s the first item under “Chrysalis” on the left-hand side of the page.**

**Fly with Christ!**



**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.

**Did you know**....that there are currently over 2800 members listed in our Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community? That is nearly as many people as in the town where I grew up! Keeping this database of community members up to date is extremely important to be sure all of our members are kept informed on all the activities going on within our community. This database of members is also used for team selection for walks, contacting members for special project needs, and many other needs of our growing community. Maintaining this database is the responsibility of the Data Coordinator on the Emmaus board. If you move to a new address, need to update your telephone number, have a new email address or have any other contact information changes or maybe want to change from receiving your newsletter in the mail to your email (or vice-versa), please drop a note to [datacoordinator@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:datacoordinator@columbusinemmaus.org) or send a note to:

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community  
Attn: Data Coordinator  
P.O. Box 2184  
Columbus, IN 47202-2184

We'll get your information updated in the database. Also, if you think you could help serve in the community by assisting in keeping our growing membership database up to date, please let us know. We're always looking for helping hands!

Thanks, and **DeColores**,  
Chuck Goode  
Data Coordinator



**Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.**

**Home Page:**

[www.columbusinemmaus.org](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org)

**Emmaus Information Page (for community members):**

[www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members](http://www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members)

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**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.

**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

