



# The Emmaus News

## Letter to the Community:

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### The Unity In Our Community

Give me some lists and I can entertain myself for a long time by just studying them. So, when I was handed the lists of information from Walks #55 and #56, I dug right in and started having fun! I want to share an impressive observation: members of **53** different Christian churches participated in these Kingdom-building events! **53!!** We saw many of their faces and heard them name their churches as they introduced themselves at May's gathering. And now we have over **2,500** members in our community representing nearly all denominations in Central and Southern Indiana!

It is obvious that the Lord desires unity among His believers because He asked for it, prayed for it, and commands it. The Walk to Emmaus invites and involves the participation of Christians of many denominations. This participation is one of the greatest strengths and joys of the Emmaus movement. The Lord must be pleased to see His children working, worshiping and playing together on these Walks and at the gatherings.

Remember that the Emmaus community is not to be anyone's church. But, by being involved in our Emmaus community for ten years, I have been able to make friends with believers from so many different churches. By serving side-by-side with many from the dozens of churches in our community and by visiting many of these churches who host gatherings, you too can have this bond of friendship and unity with other Christians.

Blessings & Peace, Bev Earley, Community Lay Director

DATES FOR UPCOMING FLIGHTS AND WALKS	
Flights #19 & #20	Sept. 3-5, 05
Men's Walk # 57	Oct. 20-23, 05
Women's Walk #58	Oct. 27-30, 05
Flights #21 & #22	Jan. 14-16, 06
Men's Walk #59	Apr. 20-23, 06
Women's Walk #60	Apr. 27-30, 06
Men's Walk # 61	Oct. 19-22, 06
Women's Walk #62	Oct. 26-29, 06



One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all. . .

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## Letter from the Lay Director—Walk #55

The Lord performed a mighty work at the Men's Walk #55!! Thirty pilgrims and a magnificent team assembled by the Lord experienced His love and awesomeness in a powerful way. Lives were changed forever, hearts were worked upon, and troubled marriages were healed.

His blessings began with the weather. What a wonderful, beautiful four days, with plenty of blue skies, sunshine, and warm temperatures. Morning chapel was done outdoors every morning, and dying moments and commissioning were both done in the beautiful, new amphitheatre. All of the talks were anointed, and on Sunday, one of the pilgrims in all seriousness asked a table leader how it was possible to assemble 15 professional speakers for such a time as the walk weekend. Of course, we realize that it was not so much the speakers, as it was the sweet Holy Spirit working through them.

The tables functioned well, as the pilgrims jumped right into a great time of discussion and overall participation. All were eager to learn and to grow in the Lord. Such a receptive, wonderful "spirit of cooperation" was present. New friendships were formed among the pilgrims that will be lifelong, and there were several creative posters and skits at the poster parties.

The team was totally amazing!!!! The food rated five stars, especially the fish fry on Friday night. The music team was just as great, as they led us in a wonderful blend of songs of praise, worship, and celebration, and yet still managed to teach us "a new song or two". And the Agape team was always one step ahead of every need. Who, of those who saw it, will ever forget the skit they performed for us at lunch on Sunday!

Again, I want to thank each member of the community for their sacrifices of time in attending sendoff, candlelight, and closing; for their many gifts of agape; and especially for their many prayers. The love you showed to both the pilgrims and the team was tremendous. Please continue to pray for the recent pilgrims, that the Lord will continue to be strong in their lives and guide their steps. May the Lord bless you all, and thank you for the privilege of serving as Lay Director on this most recent walk.

Mark Thomas, Lay Director, Walk #55



### COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE TRIENNIAL COMMUNITY TRAINING

My name is Sue Rhoades, Dayspring Walk #5, Table of Ruth. Being a pilgrim on that walk led to many changes in my journey with the Lord. As I became active in the community and served on several teams, my appreciation for the Walk to Emmaus ministry grew and grew. I was amazed to see the thought and prayer behind every detail of the 72 hours. While God is always in control, the structure and consistency of each walk insures that each pilgrim has the same opportunity to be touched by the Holy Spirit. I also love thinking each weekend at about 11:00 a.m. on Saturday that many pilgrims in different places around the globe are laying down burdens and dying to themselves in Christ. I can picture on Saturday evenings pilgrims seeing the light of Christ in the faces of people at Candlelight services.

This happens because communities all over the world remain faithful to the Emmaus ministry as established by The Upper Room. This summer we will have an opportunity for training by a representative from The Upper Room. Cathi Eberly will discuss a variety of topics covering all aspects of the walks. She will help us to see why it is so important that we remain faithful to the basics of the program. If each community changed a little thing here or a small thing there, the walk would soon be very different.

If your Emmaus experience has been important to you and you would like to learn more, if you are going to serve on a team soon or in the future, if you are interested in serving on the Emmaus board, if you want to gain more from your experiences in the Emmaus community, please set aside Saturday, August 27, 2005 from 8:30-4:00 to participate in the Triennial Community Training.

## Letter from the Lay Director – Walk # 56

Walk #56 will always be a precious memory! The weekend seemed to fly by much too quickly. I am still amazed! I read a scripture from John 15:16 to the team Thursday night at camp before we left to greet the pilgrims, and again at the walk evaluation meeting following the Walk: "... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit --- fruit that will last." We did see much fruit in the lives of the pilgrims and the team! We saw the Lord's faithfulness in changing hearts and homes by the power of His Holy Spirit.

There were so many "God moments" during this Walk! We saw a spontaneous healing of a team member's back during worship on Sunday morning. She had been in pain for weeks, and had numbness in one leg. As she worshipped, her back popped, the pain left, and feeling flooded back into her leg. We rejoiced!! A pilgrim on this Walk had terminal cancer and had been told just a week before that there was nothing else that could be done. She went to the doctor on Wednesday after the Walk and her tumors were all gone!!! Wow! An agape team member "parked" her car on an incline, hopped out to deliver something, and when she got back in, saw that she had left the car in NEUTRAL! Angels were working hard on that one! After candlelight Saturday night, the bus and the 15 passenger van unloaded everyone back at camp, and somehow the automatic lock on the van was bumped so when the door was closed, it was locked and running! What do you do at 11:00 at night, out in the middle of nowhere, locked out of a vehicle?? Believe it or not, the BUS key unlocked that van! It was a God moment! All these things are a joy to tell, but just as amazing were the inner healings and changed lives, restored homes, and friendships that will last a lifetime!

The Lord called together an incredible team – each one was an essential part of the whole, and the Lord placed each one in just the right spot. We were all stretched, and we all grew. He met each one of us at our point of need and showed us that His grace is sufficient! I want to say thank you again to all who sacrificed to show agape love to the pilgrims and the team and especially for the covering of prayer! As a community, please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will seal all that was done in each life, and that He will complete whatever work was started on this Walk to Emmaus. God bless you, and thank you for this opportunity to serve!

Karen Thomas

Lay Director, Walk #56

### AGAPE FOR FALL FLIGHTS/WALKS

Karen Morris and Anita Beeker would like to remind everyone to please make items of agape for pilgrims on the fall walks. The last few walks have not had the usual number of items and by late in the weekend there were not as many things to put on the tables or beds as we are used to. Remember, one of our purposes is to show God's

EXTRAVAGANT LOVE.

We need 100 pieces of any item for each walk and Karen and Anita will share ideas with you of things you could make. Please plan now for you or a group of your Emmaus friends to make something for the Chrysalis Flights in September and the Emmaus Walks in October. And let Anita or Karen know you are making something, so they will be sure the agape teams have what they need.



At a recent gathering people signed agape letters for other communities while enjoying good food and fellowship.

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**June Hoot:**

Sunday, June 12, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church, Seymour

**June Gathering:**

Friday, June 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.  
Central Christian Church  
1434 W. 2nd Street, Seymour  
N-Z bring snacks and drinks  
Childcare provided for children ages 6 and younger.

**July Hoot:**

Sunday, July 10, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.  
Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus

