



The Emmaus News

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Men's Walk #67	April 10-13, 2008
Women's Walk #68	April 17-20, 2008
Chrysalis Flights #29 & #30	Aug 30, - Sept 1, 2008
Men's Walk #69	Oct 10-19, 2008
Women's Walk #70	Oct 23-26, 2008

Letter to the Community:

A Little Change

It was Monday morning and I was standing in the middle of all the work left unfinished from a whirlwind weekend. Not a pretty sight and messiness, if it is mine, makes me feel overwhelmed. I felt like crying. I had so many jobs I didn't know where to start. But with a God like ours, we are never far from provision.

Each morning when I have devotions, I write down a verse or a passage that stands out to me. I write a prayer about it or just copy the verse on paper and put it where my eyes will fall on it during the day.

That morning, as I tried to assess the damage, my hand closed around a slightly crumpled piece of paper stuffed into my pocket. On it was Zephaniah 3:17. From the New Living translation it says: "For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing a happy song".

Provision!

If God could exult and sing a happy song over me, there was no need for me to be all grumped up over some jobs that could be accomplished in just a few hours. He changes everything doesn't He? He came as a Savior and changed our eternal destination. He, for some unknown reason, is glad when He thinks of us. But my favorite part is thinking of God singing a song, a happy song, over us. We are so blessed. He came to make a difference. He came to change our lives for the better and forever.

Although we cannot make the kind of change God can, sometimes we make changes that may be helpful. That is where the Emmaus board finds itself. As we met in January, we discussed the 4th Day meeting. This meeting falls on the first Tuesday evening after the walks. The pilgrims are taught about responsible sponsorship and about reunion groups. It provides information that will be very helpful to the new pilgrims, to those they will sponsor, and to those in accountability groups with them.

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We had discussion about the 4th Day Meeting being so close to the walks. 1.) The pilgrims are tired, the sponsors are tired, especially if they have sponsored a couple with all the activities of the two weekends. 2.) Because the 4th Day Meeting was in tandem with the Walk Evaluation Meetings, many of those present needed to attend both meetings. 3) We wondered if the pilgrims had enough time to process all that had happened to them and what the Lord had shown them.

We decided to take no action, but to think and pray about the change for one month. On coming together at the February board meeting, we were of one accord. We felt placing the 4th Day meeting at a new spot on our calendar was something we should try. We did not get out our chisels and stone. We did not make motions or need seconds. We came to a consensus to move the 4th Day Meeting to one hour before our Pitch-in Gathering following the walks.

The change will look like this: The new pilgrims and their sponsors will meet at 6:00 for the 4th Day Meeting. Then at 7:00 they will join the assembled community in the large room for the pitch-in meal and their first Gathering.

We will try the change this year. We have the Spring Walks to experience it, the Fall Walks to work out kinks in it. After that, we all can access it. Maybe then we will get out our chisels and stone and make our motions and seconds. We, as a board, thought it was a worthy change.

After trying it, maybe we all will feel like "singing a happy song over it".

To adventure in serving,
Renée Kasting
Community Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Emmaus,

We are fast approaching another set of Emmaus Walks and I, like former Board Members before me and the Emmaus Saints before them, encourage you to be praying about whom our Lord may place in your heart to sponsor.

Remember, this is your responsibility so the walks can be a success. After God has placed those names in your heart, if they would happen to be a married couple, please try to meet with both husband and wife when talking about the walk.

If they choose not to go please don't badger them, if they are meant to be on a walk let God do the work. It is all in God's timing!

Pilgrim forms can be found on the Emmaus Web site, but if you don't have access to the internet, please contact Judy Drodgy at 317-729-5080 or myself at 812-343-1926 and I will be pleased to send you a form. My email address is jameshoppus_sr@comcast.net

Our community has a check off list of responsibilities of sponsors. If you don't have one of these forms they can be found at gatherings or I will be glad to send a copy to you by mail.

Thank you and DeColores,
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March Gathering

Friday, March 14, 2008, 7 pm,
Memorial Baptist Church, 2320 7th St., Columbus

Spring Team's Dedication

J—Z bring snacks and drinks

Childcare provided for ages 6 & under



No April Gathering due to Walks