

# The Emmaus News

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## Letter to the Community

The February Emmaus Gathering at Camp Lakeview was truly blessed by the Holy Spirit. With attendance being well over 150 people and childcare highly used, the dining hall facility provided ample room. The camp tours included the pilgrim cabins, conference room, prayer chapel, registration, team cabins, kitchen, and of course the dining room. Early in the evening we learned new Walk "before and after meal" songs provided by National. Next month the Emmaus Board will determine if Columbus Community will use these songs at the Walks. Our 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker supplied us with tears and laughter with his latest 4<sup>th</sup> day experience. We were touched with his sharing of the difference between physical challenges and his spiritual outcome of his situation. I am inspired at each gathering on how God is working in each one of you and look forward to seeing you at the next Gathering on March 19<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church, Columbus. This gathering will include team #51 and #52 dedication.

DeColores,

Dan Kirkling, Community Lay Director

## Be a sponsor for upcoming walks

### What is Sponsorship?

Each person who attends The Walk to Emmaus has a sponsor. A sponsor is a person who has been through an Emmaus walk and is willing to share that experience with another new Emmaus participant.

**The aim of a sponsor** should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, the aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community.

### Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love.

A sponsor will:

- Pray for the participant's openness to God's call to discipleship.
- Make time with the participant (or participating couple) to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus.
- Invite the participant to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor shares his or her faith, explains the basic purpose, elements, and follow-up dimensions of the Walk.
- Ask the participant to make a commitment by filling out a registration form. If the participant is married, the sponsor will speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- Support the participant's Walk through prayers and otherwise. The sponsor will also support the participant's family by

*Mens Walk # 51 Needs*

*More Pilgrims.*

*See this article on  
sponsorship to find out  
how to sponsor someone  
(April 15th—18th)*

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## Want to Serve on an Emmaus

One of the important aspects of your Fourth Days will be the opportunity to serve on an Emmaus team. If you have never worked a walk before you may be interested in knowing what to do to be on a team. Please make sure that you have completed and returned an information sheet. These sheets are available at the Gatherings and will be sent in the newsletter quarterly. These information sheets help the team selection committee to know where your interests are and how you would like to serve.

Another important part of being asked to serve on a team is being active in the Emmaus community. You may be active by attending Gatherings, Candlelight, Send-Off, Closing and by sponsoring a pilgrim. Of course the most important part of your Fourth Day experience is being active in your home church.

If you are asked to serve on a team you should be aware of the following. Serving on a team requires a mandatory 23 hours of team training. This is a time for the team to bond and to form relationships to carry to the pilgrims. The 15 talks that are to be presented on the Walk will be previewed. Team members pay Walk fees just as the pilgrims do. But the most important part of serving on a team is the blessing you will receive by serving the Lord in this way.

Please prayerfully consider serving on an Emmaus team. For more information please contact Lisa Reuter at 376-6344 or by e-mail at [ednlisreuter@iquest.net](mailto:ednlisreuter@iquest.net).

## New Member Profile

My name is Bev Earley, Columbus Area Emmaus Walk 11, table of Martha. I appreciated how I was able to grow in my relationship with Christ with the walk I attended in 1995 and have been supporting the community ever since. I am now a new board member and I serve as the secretary. My job is to record the minutes at each board meeting. I also keep a file of correspondence and pertinent information.

My husband, Keith (Walk #10), and I have been married for 22 years. We have two sons, Keith Jr. (21) of Gainesville, FL and Jon (19) of Sunnyvale, CA. It's a tough decision on who to visit if we need some sunshine! We have lived in Columbus since 1992. Keith is a pilot for Fed Ex. I am active in Bible Study Fellowship, Columbus City Band and our church. I enjoy arts & crafts and exercising.

Keith and I are members of Community Church of Columbus. I am the nursery coordinator there, support the children's ministries, and also enjoy cooking for the youth retreats.

I was appropriately placed at the table of Martha as a pilgrim and am happiest when serving the Lord. I am going to enjoy this new job and hope to serve the community well.

Blessings, Bev Earley

## Community Directories and Newsletter Via Email

The 2004 Community Directories are now available for a price of six dollars. Copies will be available at the March gathering. Please email me at [mikeriley@insightbb.com](mailto:mikeriley@insightbb.com) if you would like a copy so I will be sure to have enough on hand.

If you haven't filled out a Community Information Sheet in a while be sure to do so, especially if any of your information has changed. Also, when filling out the sheet, if your church has the initials CCC please write out the whole name and not just the initials. There are at least six different churches in our database that can be called CCC. Please note that there is now a place on the form for you to select if you want to receive the newsletter by email or by ground mail. We are encouraging as many people as possible to receive the newsletter by email. This will help cut expenses for printing and postage. The email newsletter is available in PDF, Word, and plain text format.

DeColores  
Mike Riley  
Community Data  
Coordinator



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## Telling others about the Walks

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be

the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends.

During and after the three days, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow-up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world.

The Upper Room, a ministry unit of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, sponsors the Walk to Emmaus and offers it through local Emmaus groups around the world. Although connected through The Upper Room to The United Methodist Church, The Walk to Emmaus is ecumenical.

*Excerpted from the Emmaus website "About Emmaus: Program Overview"*

*Do you wonder how to tell others about the Walk to Emmaus so that they may consider attending a walk? Here's what you can tell them!*

## Monthly Emmaus Board Highlights:

**Closing** for Walk #51 Sun, April 18<sup>th</sup> and #52 Sun, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be at Camp Lakeview dining room 3:30pm community arrival & 4pm pilgrim entrance.

There will be **donation containers** at candlelight at Asbury United Methodist Church for both Emmaus and Chrysalis. Funds will go to the respective organizations.

**Babysitting** at gatherings will now have at least one Emmaus board member responsible for monitoring sitters and children throughout the evening. This is in addition to the Emmaus Board Community Events member.

## Emmaus & Chrysalis Regional Celebration 2004

Each year the International Emmaus/Chrysalis (the parent organization of our local Emmaus/Chrysalis organization) has regional Celebrations. The purpose is to offer inspirational speakers and workshops to provide a deeper understanding of how to plan for the Emmaus/Chrysalis walk, etc. Board members and anyone who has been through a walk can attend. This year's celebration will be Friday evening and all of Saturday, September 24, 25, 2004 held at the First United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Workshops cover the following areas:

Sponsorship, Walk overview separate for Emmaus and Chrysalis, Lay Director Training, Spiritual Director Training, Team Selection Training, Music Workshop, 4th Day and Gathering/Hoots, Team Formation, Introduction into the Discovery Junior High Weekend, Spiritual Formation and Scripture

### Special Speakers

The Rev. Stephen D. Bryant: World Editor and Publisher, Upper Room Ministries

The Rev. Tom Albin: Dean of Upper Room Chapel  
Dr. Dick Gilmore: International Lay Director, Walk to Emmaus

Jean Johnson Green, Asst. Director, Walk to Emmaus

Cost is only \$50.00 plus your travel expenses if you register two weeks in advance. If you want to know more contact Dan Kirkling at [kirkling@hsonline.net](mailto:kirkling@hsonline.net) or 812-378-0955

## Chrysalis Flights #13 & #14

We can't thank the Lord enough for the wonderful opportunity of serving as Lay Directors for Chrysalis flights 13 and 14. After months of praying, planning and phone calls we learned that the only way a team comes together is through the power of God. The Lord brought together a truly fantastic servant-filled team, each one demonstrating the love and attitude of Christ in all they were called to do.

As is the norm for most Chrysalis flights, the caterpillar list was a little slow in getting filled until the last few days. It might have made a few of us just a little anxious. But again, the Lord was in control and brought 31 precious caterpillars to the week-end (13 boys & 18 girls).

On the Saturday morning of the flight, we were all a little nervous when we woke up to ice covered roads, but God is so good and everyone arrived safely. The Holy Spirit was definitely moving at Hilltop Camp throughout the week-end as we were blessed by the talks, ate together, sang songs of praise, shared agape, worshiped, and prayed to-

gether. We were truly amazed as the week-end unfolded and brought to life 31 beautiful butterflies.

Our prayer is that these young lives, who have experienced the touch of the awesome love of Christ, will continue "flying with Christ" steadfastly, and be zealous to show others how awesome is the love of God!

We would like to thank everyone who offered up prayers and helped in any way before or during these flights. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve Him in this way. We were sincerely blessed beyond measure!

### Fly with Christ

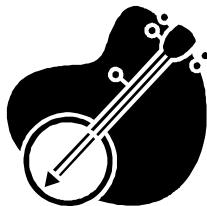
John and Pat Shoemaker  
Lay Directors,  
Chrysalis flights 13 & 14



Psalm 51:10: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

## Calling All Musicians

As the Emmaus board member responsible for music, I would like to invite you to attend a **very important** meeting for all musicians on **Tuesday, March 30th at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary of **Asbury United Methodist Church**. We will be making plans for the music ministry of Emmaus for 2004. I am hoping we can schedule teams for the remaining gatherings this year. Music has always been one of the important ways we worship together, and I am looking forward to working with you. In His Service, Sue Rhoades



## Childcare—Teenagers Wanted

If you have a teenager or know of one who is 13 or older and would be willing to help with baby-sitting at Gatherings, please contact Dick Yeaton at 812-372-1866 or ryeaton@juno.com. Sitters are paid by Emmaus each time and will work with 1 to 3 others. Need sitters for these upcoming dates:  
Fri., March 19th, Fri., May 21st, Fri., June 18th

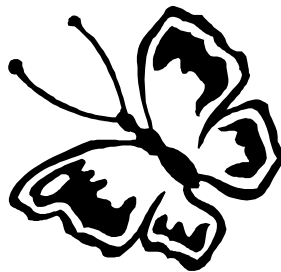
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house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help or support is needed.

- Encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to Emmaus "gatherings" after the Walk week-end.
- Help the participant re-enter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
- Help the participant sponsor others.

**How to become a Sponsor** A sponsor should be active in Fourth Day. Wise sponsorship is careful, intentional, prayerful, and purposeful because it results from God's leading. The pilgrims return to their churches and community renewed in their commitment to be effective disciples." For more information contact Rev. Marianne Greene, 812-358-5661

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**March Gathering**  
**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**  
**Spring Teams' Dedication**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**3300 Fairlawn Drive, Columbus IN 47201**  
**A - M bring snacks and drinks**  
**Childcare provided for ages 6 and younger**

**April Gathering**  
*No Gathering due to scheduled walks*

**Men's Emmaus Walk #51—Thursday,**  
**April 15th—Sunday, April 18th**  
**Camp Lakeview**

**Women's Emmaus Walk # 52—Thursday,**  
**April 22nd—Sunday, April 25th**  
**Camp Lakeview**

