



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I think of November I think of Thanksgiving and to be thankful. The scripture that comes to mind is Psalm 100:4. *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.* I am so thankful for this instrument He gave us called "Chrysalis/Emmaus". I am so thankful for you faithful servants that put forth all the effort to make these flights and walks happen. There is so much that has to be done and I appreciate everything everyone has done. Praise God!!!!

It warms my heart to hear these new pilgrims' responses to the two questions at closing. Some of the responses to the first question were *the outpouring of love, born again, one blessing after another, I could feel again, came with pain and hurt, kept people at arms length, aha moments and fear and anxiety robbed me of my joy.*

Some of the responses to the second question were *you ain't heard the last of me, I want to pay it forward, show love to others, let Him lead me to where I need to go, buy stock in Kleenex, work on listening, and Satan, I got my joy back- get out of my way.* Isn't it wonderful to be a part of this great community and His plan?

Let's be in prayer for the Morans, lay directors for the spring flights; Tom Bailey, spring men's lay director; and Trish Kelly, spring women's lay director. They will soon start planning and gathering the teams God wants to be there. Also please be in prayer for whom God is leading you to sponsor.

Let's make the new pilgrims feel welcome and attend the November Gathering at St. Peters on Nov. 16th at 6 p.m. for new pilgrims and sponsors, and 7 p.m. for the community. Remember it is a pitch-in. See you all soon and let's be about His work.

De Colores/Fly with Christ,  
Cindy Massey

## Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #47 & #48	March 9-11 2013
Men's Walk #87	April 11-14 2013
Women's Walk #88	April 18-21 2013
Men's Walk #89	October 17-20 2013
Women's Walk #90	24-27 2013



## WISE SPONSORSHIP

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*  
-- James 1:5 English Standard Version

Being a great sponsor for someone attending the next Flight or set of Walks doesn't happen by accident. Sponsorship should be an act of wisdom! As the verse above promises, God will supply such wisdom. But we can either put ourselves in a good position to receive it, or we can close off our minds and hearts from receiving it.

For instance, "wise" sponsors are prayerful. They first bring potential caterpillars and pilgrims to the Throne of Grace. They await God's response: which can come either by an affirming nudge, or by a troubling, uneasy sense in our spirits. But "less-wise" sponsors aren't fully committed to God's desires and timing, but prefer to invite others based upon their own feelings and desires.

"Wise" sponsors also seek Church unity and strength. They participate with the Holy Spirit in inviting those youth and adults who can further build up the Body of Christ. "Less-wise" sponsors are less concerned with the impact that their caterpillars and pilgrims might have on their local church, or may even ignore potential concerns. Examples of such questionable sponsorship can include:

- inviting non-Christians,
- inviting persons undergoing an emotional or family crisis,
- inviting those who seem to have an "axe to grind" with the church,
- or inviting those who have shown a need to further their own theological agendas.

On rare occasions, a Walk or Flight might transform the lives of such persons. But the Emmaus experience is a tool that was not specifically designed to address any of those circumstances. So when "less-wise" sponsors routinely invite such persons, they can actually burden a church rather than strengthen it. One unfortunate result could be the forming of a "religious fringe group" within a church, breeding division within Christ's Body.

God calls us to daily walk in wisdom, even when it comes to inviting others to join in a Flight or Walk! When we have given God the opportunity to direct our invitations, we can confidently anticipate a huge blessing: both for those who participate, and for the local church!

For the sake of Christ and His Church, be a "wise" sponsor!

Pastor Mike Seaney & Marlene Vandeventer

## WELCOME WALK 85

Thank you for the honor of serving as Lay Director for Walk 85. Your agape, your support, and your prayers before and during the Walk made this experience an unforgettable journey. As we always seem to say, it was the best Walk on which I have ever served.

Of course, the biggest reason for the success of Walk 85 would be the presence of our awesome God. His guidance was evident during team formation, team meetings, and the Walk. Another big reason for such a successful walk was the prayerful sponsorship of the Pilgrims. They came with open minds and hearts ready to take in whatever God had in store for them.

The spring walks will be here before we know it. The Men's Walk will be April 11-14 and the Women's Walk will be April 18-21. Continue to keep our lay directors in your prayers. Also, continue to pray for the pilgrims whom God will place on the walks. Good sponsorship is key to a successful walk.

Walk 85 Pilgrims, welcome to the Columbus Area Emmaus Community. May your hearts continue to be on fire all your 4<sup>th</sup> days.

De Colores,  
Ed Tower

## Emmaus Board Nominations for 2013

The Emmaus board has been in thought and prayer looking for God's choices for board members for the class of 2013-15. So far, the nominees for the Board of Directors are:

Mike Hien  
Nikki Kerlin  
Dan Cook  
Brooke Chowning

Please keep our nominees in your prayers and then vote for them at the annual meeting during the November Gathering.



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**November Community Gathering & Pitch-In\***

Friday, November 16, 2012

6pm - Fourth Day meeting (new pilgrims & their sponsors)

7pm - Pitch-in dinner

8pm - Worship

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
719 5th Street, Columbus, IN

\* Childcare is available

**November Hoot**

Sunday, November 11, 2012 - 2 pm

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**Board Meetings**

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, November 6, 2012 - 6 pm

**Emmaus** - Saturday, November 10, 2012 - 9 am

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**NO DECEMBER GATHERING**