

Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
August 2006

Dear Emmaus Family,
You are all such a blessing! Thanks for your continual involvement and support with this ministry. The picnic was a big success and we really appreciate the great participation. How neat to see the Emmaus Community come together as a big family.

I hope you are all planning to be a part of the Gathering on August 5th (7PM at Memorial United Methodist Church). We have asked our Chrysalis Community to be in charge of this Gathering. Looking forward to worshipping with them and seeing our Community's future in action. Chrysalis is just that - our future - and let's support them with a great turnout. I know it will be a blessing!

Formations are right around the corner for Walks #100 & #101 (as well as the upcoming Chrysalis). Just a reminder to keep these walks in our constant prayers. If God is speaking to you about sponsoring someone on a fall walk, please don't wait until the last minute to get those applications turned in. I was recently asked about why we are making such a big deal of Walk #100. I want to take a minute to clarify that Walk #100 is no more special than any other walk that has or will take place. They are all of equal importance. In celebrating Walk #100 I think we are just recognizing a milestone of

sorts and rejoicing in what God and the founding members of this Community have done.

A heartfelt Welcome Back to the Community to two of our Community's Clergy couples: Rev. Coleman and Linda Howlett and Rev. Charlie and Connie Hatfield. We are so excited to have you back in the E-town Emmaus Family.

Thanks for being my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so blessed to be part of this "family". Hope to see you at Gathering, Colleen Bagley Walk #64

BOARD NEWS

There was no July board meeting. The next board meeting will be August 5 at 6 p.m. It will be a combined July/August meeting.

CHRYSALIS RALLY/COOKOUT

Our local Chrysalis Community will be having a Rally/Cookout prior to the August Gathering on Saturday, August 5, 2006.

This will be held at Memorial United Methodist Church beginning at 5 PM. For more information contact Geoff Clark 769-0410. If you are a part of the Chrysalis Community (or interested in getting involved) I'm sure they'd love to have you join them. Many, many thanks to Geoff Clark who has been the Chrysalis Community Lay Director for the past year and has done an outstanding job. We appreciate you Geoff!

PRAYER TIME

Matthew 5:44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

- *COUNTRY--LEADERS—WORLD--CHURCHES
- *NICARAGUAN COMMUNITY
- *EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS FAMILIES
- *EMMAUS LAY DIRECTORS (FALL)
 - DARRELL ADAMS (MENS WALK #100)
 - BETTY BISHOP (WOMEN'S WALK 101)
- *CHRYSALIS 38 DIRECTORS
 - CHASTITY YATES (GIRLS)
 - MATT HESS (BOYS)
- *EMMAUS 100 & 101 TEAM MEMBERS
- *CHRYSALIS 38 TEAM MEMBERS
- *R.E.C. - THE INMATES THAT HAVE COMPLETED THE WALK AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVEN'T

PICNIC WRAP UP

A great big thank you to all that participated in the Reunion Picnic at Camp Nikao. We had a great turnout with over 47 different walks represented as well as several Chrysalis flights. Special thanks go to the Picnic Committee for their organization and involvement. Members were Brad & Meg Langford, Johnny Scott, Sharon Whitfield, Linda Funk and Ernie Bagley. Thanks also to John "Chico" Poe for donating the inflatables for the kids to enjoy. Paper products were donated by Gerald Heavener and Jim Schory and much appreciated. Besides lots of fun, food and fellowship, families enjoyed miniature golf, swimming, hillbilly golf, corn hole and some serious volleyball competition. All leftover food was donated to Springhaven (shelter for women and children). Thanks also to Mickey Lord at Camp Nikao for his efforts in making our day extra special.

INSPIRATIONS FROM THE EDITOR

WHAT IF *(author unknown)*

*What if God decided to stop leading us
tomorrow
because we didn't follow Him today?*

*What if God couldn't take the time to bless us
today
because we couldn't take the time to thank
Him yesterday?*

*What if we never saw another flower bloom
because we grumbled when God sent the rain?*

*What if God didn't walk with us today
because we failed to recognize it as His day?*

*What if, God took away the Bible tomorrow
because we would not read it today?*

*What if, God took away His message
because we failed to listen to the messenger?
..... THINK ABOUT THIS ONE.....*

*What if, God didn't send His only begotten Son
because He wanted us to be prepared to pay
the price for sin?*

*What if, the door of the church was closed
because we did not open the door of our
heart?*

*What if, God stopped loving and caring for us
because we failed to love and care for others?*

*What if, God would not hear us today
because we would not listen to Him?*

*What if, God answered our prayers
the way we answer His call to service?*

What if, God met our needs

the way we give Him our lives???

What if....

ELIZABETHTOWN EMMAUS CALENDAR

August 5 5:00 p.m. – Chrysalis Rally
6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

Sept 2 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

Sept 30 – Oct 2 Chrysalis #38

October 7 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

November 4 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

December 2 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

2006 WALKS

CHRYSALIS #38– FALL (SEPT 30 – OCT 2)

LAY DIRECTORS

- MATT HESS (BOYS)
- CHASTITY YATES (GIRLS)

MEN'S WALK #100 FALL – OCT 12-15

LAY DIRECTOR: DARRELL ADAMS

WOMEN'S WALK FALL – OCT 19-22

LAY DIRECTOR: BETTY BISHOP

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