

Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
September 2006

Dear Emmaus Friends,

Our Community Lay Director gave me the opportunity to write something for the newsletter this month, and I appreciate this moment with you by means of this writing. Like so many of you, Emmaus has become such a vital part of my life, that I wonder what I did B.E. (Before Emmaus).

Sometimes things come along that God just simply puts His hand on. The Walk to Emmaus experience is, in my estimation, one of those things. I am confident that 99.99% of the people who experience Emmaus will acknowledge that it makes a huge difference in their spiritual lives and their relationship with God. Blessing upon blessing has come upon those who prayerfully dedicated themselves to this 72-hour experience. I am positive that those who have been through this Walk will never forget it.

But when God gives us such a powerful blessing and unique experience, shouldn't we be thankful? I believe that the appropriate response to a touch from God is worship and thanksgiving. You remember the story from Luke 17 about the 10 men who had leprosy. When they met Jesus they called out to him for mercy and compassion, and Jesus cleansed them. But only one of them came back and fell at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Even as Jesus accepted the worship and thanksgiving of the one cleansed leper, he questioned, "But where are the other nine?" A cleansing touch from God deserves that we return and give thanks.

Each of us received such a cleansing touch from God at some point in our Emmaus Walk. Now we have opportunity to return and give thanks. Each Walk gives us an opportunity to serve either on the week-end team, in the dining room, at the Candlelight service, through participation in the 72 hour Prayer Chain, or through Sponsorship of other candidates. And each Gathering is an opportunity for us to come together as a family to worship the God of Grace, to encourage each other, and to give thanks to God for what He did for us on our respective Emmaus Walks.

I want to encourage you to re-connect with the Emmaus family if you need to. And I encourage you to come back and give thanks. Serving as your Community Spiritual Director this year has been a blessing to me. I thank you for the privilege. And I look forward to seeing you at the next Gathering and the upcoming Walks this Fall.

DeColores,
Wayne Hensley

CHRYSALIS
September 30 – October 2.

Please be in prayer for the team members for the upcoming Chrysalis:

Chastity Yates**Jennifer Kirkpatrick**Sharon Riordan
Lindsey Skaggs**Leah Yates**Margie Schory**Kasey
Bratcher**Christy Waddle**Tara Tillotson**Pam
Bolton**Matt Black**Joanna Black**Meg Langford**
Karen Quesenberry**Pam Earles**Lori Biggs**Kelli
Shaw** Chelsi Roberts**Amanda Earles**Dawn
Skipworth**LeAnn Yarbrough**Cherise Mingus**Kelsey
Routt**Lydia Shaw**Alison Cox**Jessica Richardson**
Marcy DuPlessis**Pam Cox**Baptista Choate**Beth
Smith**Holly Lewis**Barbara Cone**Lauren Mensch**
Taco Wesley**Amber Weakley**Bethany Riggs**Ashley
Mulder**Jordon Douglas**Ernie Carter**Travis
Vaughn**Chico Poe**Matt Hess**Eric Clemens**Mike
Steele**Doug Bratcher**Doug Bagley**Ben Henry**
Andrew Schory**Seth Clements**Andy Sims**Jesse
Aleshire**Scott Turner**Justin Line**Todd Brown**
Blaine Routt**Conner Hassman**Brennan Pace**Josiah
Nolan**Chris Yates**Roger Henson** Marty Fulkerson**
Gordon Deming**Brian Hammer** Mark Riordan**Matt
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TENS STEPS TO GOOD
SPONSORSHIP

Remember the time someone invited you to attend a weekend event called the "Walk to Emmaus"? At the time you had no idea what was involved other than you would spend 3 days away from home talking about your relationship with God. Now that you have been through the walk, you know not only there was a lot more to the weekend than you realized, but there was a lot your "sponsor" had to do to get you there and make sure you enjoyed your time away with God.

Sponsoring someone on an Emmaus weekend is a special blessing in itself. But just as you realize now how much effort went into your Emmaus Walk, you should also realize there is more to sponsoring someone than just asking them to go. Our Emmaus Handbook lists ten steps to good sponsorship. These

are a good checklist for the first time sponsor or a good check up for the more experienced sponsor:

1. PRAY! Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship (not how to get him/her to go on the Walk).
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple to discuss their participation in an Emmaus Weekend.
3. Extend an Invitation. Invite your friend to go for a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Explain the basic elements of the walk, its purpose and follow up dimensions that help us live close to God the rest of our lives. You are presenting your friend with a wonderful gift.
4. Ask your friend to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If married, speak with both spouses and encourage each to commit to the weekend.
5. Continue to Pray for your friend(s), prepare agape letters and enlist the support of their pastor. Try to collect at least 10 letters. (And please do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the weekend.)
6. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil and your presence at Send Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing. Support your friend's family by house sitting, baby sitting, feeding pets or just checking in with their spouse to make sure everything is all right.
7. Encourage your friend in his/her Fourth Day. Let them talk about their experience on the Walk. Take them to a Reunion Group to help them plug in. Take them to the first Gathering after their weekend.
8. Help your friend reenter his/her church as they consider ways to contribute with their new enthusiasm.
9. Inform them of ways to serve in the Emmaus Community and future Walks.
10. Help your friend sponsor another on an Emmaus Walk!

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, your friends, the local church and for the Emmaus Community. It demonstrates agape love, making us instruments of prevenient grace. **DECOLORES**

INSPIRATIONS FROM THE EDITOR

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmmm.

..where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing --unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. OUCH!! Sure made me think about my priorities!

BOARD NEWS

The 72-hour prayer chart will be on the web-site starting with the upcoming walks.

The board will be electing 6 new members in December. If you would like to recommend anyone to serve on the board please contact a member of the nominating committee (Larry McKenzie, Pat Belden or Roye Wilson) .

ELIZABETHTOWN EMMAUS CALENDAR

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

PRAYER TIME

*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

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