

Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
January 2007

DECOLORES,
E-Town Emmaus Community:

I pray that this writing finds everyone in good health and that each of you have been blessed with a **CHRIST** filled Christmas. As 2006 comes to an end, if I could speak on behalf of the E-Town Emmaus Board of Directors and our entire Emmaus Community, I would like to say a very heartfelt "Thank You" to Colleen Bagley and Wayne Hensley for their outstanding leadership this past year, and to those departing board members who have graciously served the past three years. The faithfulness, humbleness, and dedication with which they served have been a tremendous blessing to this community. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!!!

As the New Year approaches, we are all afforded the opportunity to renew our commitment to this community and grow together in the Body of Christ. As we run into old friends who have walked with us on The Road To Emmaus in the past, let us reach out to them and invite them to an upcoming gathering or candlelight. In fact, the first gathering of 2007 will be on Saturday, January 6th, starting at 7:00pm, Memorial United Methodist Church, and that would be a great time for you and a friend to join us.

At this time, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Coleman Howlett as the Community Spiritual Director for 2007. Coleman and Linda were residents of Elizabethtown for several years before receiving GOD's call to serve in Versailles a few years ago. They have recently returned to Elizabethtown earlier this year and Coleman is serving as the District Superintendent for the United Methodist Churches in this district. Welcome home Coleman and Linda and thank you for your willingness to serve this Emmaus Community.

I know that this community will be blessed tremendously under Coleman's leadership during 2007 and I humbly ask for your prayers as I begin the role as Community Lay Director. May GOD continue to bless you and yours is my prayer.

In Christ's Love,
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Board News

Welcome to the Emmaus Board of Directors:
Coleman Howlett: Spiritual Director, Darrell Adams,
Betty Bishop, Wanda Jean Elliott, Mitch Willis, Dennis Castenir, and Becky McGlone

Prayer Time

COUNTRY--LEADERS--WORLD--CHURCHES

- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directory (Spring)
 - Danny Raisor (Men's Walk #102)
 - Jodi Kerger (Women's Walk #103)
- Chrysalis #39 Directors
 - Becky Higdon (Girls)
 - Dennis Castiner (Boys)

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
January 6th	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 3rd	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Saturday	Chrysalis 39	9:30 AM	Campground
February 17th	Send Off		
Sunday	Chrysalis 39	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 18th	Candlelight		
Monday	Chrysalis 39	5:00 PM	Grace
February 19th	Closing		Heartland
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 3rd	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Thursday	Men's Walk	7:00 PM	Campground
March 8th	Send Off		
Saturday	Men's Walk	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 10th	Candlelight		
Sunday	Men's Walk	5:00 PM	Campground
March 11th	Closing		
Thursday	Women's Walk	7:00 PM	Campground
March 15th	Send Off		
Saturday	Women's Walk	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 17th	Candlelight		
Sunday	Women's Walk	5:00 PM	Campground
March 18th	Closing		

Have you had a change of Address, Email address, or Name?

Previous Information:

Change to:

Return to:

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
PO Box 2070
Elizabethtown KY 42702
Or Email: reconnect@etownemmaus.org

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P.O. BOX 2070
Elizabethtown, KY 42702
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Inspirations from the Editor

"The Godwink" By Squire Rushnell

You've had another one of those days. Everything seems uncertain.

You think: Wouldn't it be great to wake up one morning and have everything be certain? Certain in love? Certain about your job? Certain about your future?

Who could you talk to about this? Bigger question, who'd listen?

Tentatively your eyes drift skyward.

Hello? Are you there, God?

Then your mind quickly assesses the immensity of your request. You want God to listen to you, right now. How ridiculous. There are six billion people on this planet. What if they're all calling God at the same time?

You slump. Deeper into the dumps.

Then--something happens.

A little silly thing.

Someone you just thought about for the first time in years phones out of the blue--a silly little coincidence, so silly you shrug it off. Or a prayer you didn't really expect to be answered--was! Immediately, your left brain repeats something you once heard: There's a mathematical explanation for everything.

"But..." you say, "mayyyyyybe...it's not just coincidence or chance!"

Maybe God is communicating with you.

Yes directly to you!

You shake your head.

Naw. Couldn't be.

But...what if God is communicating with you--in a nonverbal way--making a little miracle happen, right in front of you? After all, God doesn't speak to people in a human voice. He's God...He'd do something no one else could do, just to show you it's Him!

If so, that would mean that He is listening! Right? He has heard you!

What if through this odd little coincidence, or answered prayer, He's sending you--you... out of all of those billions of people--a direct personal message of reassurance? To stop worrying? To keep the faith? That everything will be all right? Every time you receive what some call a coincidence or an answered prayer, it's a direct and personal message of reassurance from God to you--what I call a godwink. It's similar to when you were a kid at the dining room table. You looked up and saw someone you loved looking back. Mom or Dad or Granddad. They gave you a little wink. You had a nice feeling from that small silent communication. What did it mean? Probably--"Hey kid...I'm thinking about you right this moment. I'm proud of you. Everything is going to be all right."

That's what a godwink is. Every so-called coincidence or answered prayer is God's way of giving you His small, silent, communication. A little wink saying, "Hey kid! I'm thinking of you...right now!" It's a clear message of reassurance--that no matter how uncertain your life seems at the moment, He will help move you toward certainty. And it's a sign that you're never alone. In fact, you're always on His GPS--a global positioning system I like to call God's Positioning System...