

**Elizabethtown Emmaus Community  
Newsletter  
May 2007**

## DeColores,

My Bishop always closes his monthly NETNEWS (our conference paper) article with this statement: "Remember, God's will for us is good. We must do the rest." God's will for us is good is a true and exciting statement that should motivate us to live out His will. Indeed, "We must do the rest."

The big question for most of us is how do we go about living God's will?

It's not a matter of exercising our brain in trying to figure it all out. Our natural mind is not capable of comprehending God's will and we end up masquerading our own will as God's. That leads us down a path of feeling frustrated and abandoned. But God has not abandoned us. We have abandoned Him.

Romans 12:2 tells us we must be transformed by the renewing of our mind before we can know what God's will for us is. In digesting God's Word and spending time in prayer with Him and yielding ourselves to His Spirit within us, we can and will experience a renewed mind.

Being in a reunion group can help us in this endeavor as we allow ourselves to be accountable to each other and also help each other in identifying our gifts and graces. If you are not in a reunion group please ask how you might start a new one or join an existing one.

Yes, God's will for us is good. Until next time let us be in prayer for each other as we endeavor to do the rest.

In Christian Love,

Coleman Howlett  
Community Spiritual Director

## Prayer Time

### COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Fall)
  - Steve Cutter (Men's Walk #104)
  - Judy Boone (Women's Walk #105)
- Chrysalis #40 Directors
  - Jennifer Kirkpatrick (Girls)
  - Eric Clemens (Boys)

## Sponsorship

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. 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!

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:: Link <http://www.etownemmaus.org/sponsorship.php>

## Piety: Giving our Hearts to Christ

From [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)

The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to six persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week.

Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, and support of one's stated discipline and plans.

You can get a current list of Reunion Groups and a copy of the Reunion Group Service Sheet on the website. And if you start a new Reunion Group or have a change to your Group's information, send the update to [reunion@etownemmaus.org](mailto:reunion@etownemmaus.org) or mail it to PO Box 2070, Elizabethtown KY, 42702.

Heather Holthouser, Walk #43  
Newsletter Editor

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## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday May 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday June 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday July 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday August 4th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Thursday October 11th	Walk 104 Sendoff	7:00 PM	Campground
Saturday October 13th	Walk 104 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Sunday October 14th	Walk 104 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Thursday October 18th	Walk 105 Sendoff	7:00 PM	Campground
Saturday October 20th	Walk 105 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Sunday October 21st	Walk 105 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground

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