

**Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
Newsletter
January 2008**

Dear Emmaus Family

I pray as you read this you have had a wonderful and a blessed Christmas and now looking forward to the New Year.

The New Year....have you ever stopped for just a moment to really think about what this means? Another new beginning....new – like fresh fallen snow; new – like a new baby and the wonderful baby softness and smells as you cuddle her close to your heart...new – a child's grin with the sign of his first big tooth coming in....all of these things are new....and precious.

What can this year mean to you and your walk with Jesus? This can be a time that old hurts and wounds are settled between family members, friends, and even our church families. We can be "refreshed" and "revitalized" in our commitments to our family, church, work, friends, and even our own quiet time with God.

But maybe for a just a moment, please think back when your love for our Lord and your salvation was so new, so exciting, so fresh, that you just couldn't keep it to yourself....you had to tell someone or you would just bust....or what about your Emmaus walk? The love you felt, the love you shared, the talks you heard, the friends you made, the mountaintop you were on for those three days....

As we start this New Year, let's all as a community make a fresh start; make a new commitment to our church, to each other, to our Lord. Let's call upon each other for support. But most importantly, let's all call upon God for him to lead our community in the direction He wants us to go in 2008.

I don't know what's in store for us this New Year, but I do know the ONE who holds the New Year. To God Be The Glory!

Behind the Cross,

Wanda Jean Elliott
Walk #47
Table of Deborah

Chrysalis #41

Get involved by supporting Chrysalis #41. This flight will start before you know it. Mark you calendars for February 16th through the 18th today.

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Spring 2008)
 - Butch Bishop (Men's Walk #106)
 - Sheila Henson (Women's Walk #107)
- Chrysalis #41 Directors
 - Kasey Bratcher (Girls)
 - Bobby Smith (Boys)

Inspiration from the Editor:

From: The International School of the Bible

Wisdom is knowing that all things have been reconciled through the Cross. Not just people, but all things.

"And through Him having made peace through the blood of His cross, it pleased the Father to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, whether the things on earth or the things in Heaven." (Colossians 1:20).

Reconcile is a powerful word. Strongs Concordance calls it "to bring back a former state of harmony." It is defined "to repair, to put back into working order, making peace between two opposing views or groups." Vines Bible Dictionary defines it "to change from enmity to friendship."

The Cross of Jesus Christ takes all of our "enemies," whether they be people, demons, circumstances, sickness, poverty, everything, and changes them into a friend. This is Wisdom! Christ crucified! (1 Co. 1:23-24).

2 Corinthians 5:18 says, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:"

This is our ministry here on earth, to take all the enemies of our lives, dip them into the blood and Cross of Jesus Christ, and turn them into friends. I can tell you by the Word of God and by my own experience, that this is true, it works, if you believe beyond ordinary believing as Abraham did.

"Yet he [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God" (Romans 5:20).

Action: Giving our Hands to Christ

From www.upperroom.org

Group Reunion

Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for mission in the community. Reunion groups are also a support base for acts of agape for Emmaus weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian action. Some groups, where members relate to the same church, find a shared ministry within their congregations. Other groups choose to serve together in the kitchen for an Emmaus weekend or make it their mission to set up facilities for Emmaus weekends. Many groups spend time making table agape, creating banners, and writing general agape letters to support their own and other Walks to Emmaus. Some Emmaus groups take on ministries in their local communities.

As valuable as group activities and a sense of common mission can be, Emmaus groups must remember that these efforts are "extracurricular." Always make time for the primary work of the group -- reviewing the service sheet and reflecting on Christ's presence and call.

Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebrations

The Walk to Emmaus International Office helps to sponsor celebratory events all over the US for prior Emmaus participants.

:: Link <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/fourthday/>

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Previous Information:

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

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday January 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday February 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday February 16th	Chrysalis #41 Sendoff	9:00 AM	Campground
Sunday February 17th	Chrysalis #41 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Monday February 18th	Chrysalis #41 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday March 1st	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 6th - March 9th	Men's Walk 106		
March 13th - March 16th	Women's Walk 107		
Saturday April 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

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