

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
Newsletter
February 2008

Dear Emmaus Family

What a wonderful time we had in the Lord at the January gathering. The music was great and Bro Chuck's devotion was just what we needed to hear. We had a wonderful attendance, but we know of some that couldn't be there due to many various reasons.

It is my prayer that if you weren't able to attend last month that you make every effort to be at the February 2 gathering. Isn't the word gathering such a "homey" word? I think of holidays and special occasions when friends and families we've not seen for a while come back home and we have a time to get reacquainted, to fellowship, to share a meal together. What a precious time! And isn't that what we do at our monthly meetings? The table is ready, the meal is there for all of us to come home and as the words of an old gospel song come to mind "old acquaintances renew"...but we need all our family there to make the circle complete. So as I asked of those that were there in January, if your sponsor wasn't there, or someone you've sponsored wasn't there, give them a call, drop them a note, just let them know we miss them and we would love to see them again.

Remember at the February gathering, we will be dedicating the Chrysalis team #41. Let's show them our love and support by our presence, lifting them up in prayer not only at the dedication, but at send off, candlelight, and the closing. These young people are our future, and I believe it's a very bright one. Keep Bobby Smith and Kasey Bratcher in your prayers as they lead the caterpillars on their journey. Don't forget that agape will be needed for this walk. Also, the soft drink machine isn't working at the campground, so we're asking everyone to bring 2 liter drinks to the campground when you come to sendoff.

As formations will soon be starting for Walks # 106 and 107, remember to cover Shelia Henson and Butch Bishop with your prayers as God has called them to lead. Also, remember to be praying for the pilgrims that will be attending. We don't want to forget either Steve Hart and REC #15 and Rod Brown and the Nicaraguan community.

Exciting days are just around the corner! God is alive and working. I pray His blessings on each and everyone of you. See you at the Gathering!

Behind The Cross,
Wanda Jean Elliott
Walk #47
Table of Deborah.

Chrysalis #41

Chrysalis is in need of table and snack Agape. If you can supply this need, it will be greatly appreciated. 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)

Sponsorship

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.

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.

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

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 2nd	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Saturday	Chrysalis #41	9:00 AM	Campground
February 16th	Sendoff		
Sunday	Chrysalis #41	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 17th	Candlelight		
Monday	Chrysalis #41	5:00 PM	Campground
February 18th	Closing		
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 1st	Gathering	7:00 PM	
March 6th -	Men's Walk 106		
March 9th			
March 13th -	Women's Walk		
March 16th	107		
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
April 5th	Gathering	7:00 PM	
May 16th -	R.E.C. #15		North Point
May 18th			

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