

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
Newsletter
March 2008

Greetings Emmaus Family!

Hmm...I think I recalled stating in the last newsletter that God has great and exciting things in store for us, and WOW did He ever! I want to thank the community for supporting Chrysalis #41 by your attendance at sendoff, at candlelight, and closing. Prayers were lifted and answered. Lives were changed, and we've not even seen the beginning yet! God blessed us so with these 24 young ladies and 10 young men who attended the walk. I want to thank Kasey Bratcher and Bobby Smith for their hard work and faithfulness as they led this flight. Not only just them, but the entire team of Chrysalis #41. THANK YOU....WELL DONE!

Now, we have two other walks just a few weeks away. And guess what? They need the same support. Sometimes, and I'm including myself on this, I'll ask someone if they're working the walk. Did you ever stop and realize how big the Emmaus team is that "works" the walk? We sometimes think of the 50 or so people that's at the campground for the weekend, but that doesn't even come close. Our team is made up of the whole community. If you're praying for a candidate, you're on the team. If you're a sponsor and taking care of the needs of your candidate, you're on the team. If you serve a meal, if you wash a dish, if you serve a drink, if you mop a floor, if you hold a candle, if you participate in the 72 hour prayer time, if you pray for a speaker, if you're at closing, you're on the team. And the list goes on. It takes all of us...no one is more important than the other. We're all the team.

But, two individuals have been called by God to lead the Spring walks, Shelia Henson and Butch Bishop. As we've been praying for them already for months, let's continue to lift them up as the time draws near. Pray for the formations; pray for the talks that are being written and previewed; pray for the pilgrims that will be attending, and pray for their sponsor. Come to the March Gathering, as the Men's Walk #106 and Women's Walk #107 teams will be dedicated.

Now, I have the pleasure of announcing to the E'town Emmaus Community the next Chrysalis lay directors for Flight #42. Amanda Earles will lead the girls, and the boys will be led by Mark Ott. Thank you for saying, "Yes", and your willingness to serve. Congratulations and God bless you both!

Again, don't forget Gathering on Saturday, March 1st. And as we say in the country, "Y'all come!"

Behind the Cross,

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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 #42 Directors
 - Amanda Earles (Girls)
 - Mark Ott (Boys)

Welcome Chrysalis Butterflies

Welcome to our 34 new Butterflies. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their Forth Days.

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.

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

Previous Information:

Change to:

Return to:

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

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 1st	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Thursday	Men's Walk 106	7:00 PM	Campground
March 6th	Send Off		
Saturday	Men's Walk 106	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 8th	Candlelight		
Sunday	Men's Walk 106	5:00 PM	Campground
March 9th	Closing		
Thursday	Women's Walk	7:00 PM	Campground
March 13th	107 Send Off		
Saturday	Women's Walk	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 15th	107 Candlelight		
Sunday	Women's Walk	5:00 PM	Campground
March 16th	107 Closing		
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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