

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
Newsletter
May 2008

Greetings Emmaus Family!

I pray as you read this newsletter that you have enjoyed the sunshine, the beautiful flowers and trees, and weather. I have two friends at my work that we've committed to walk mornings and afternoons, and while walking, I've enjoyed listening to the birds and their new life this spring has brought, but I often wonder where the older birds are? I don't see them as much.

Now this may seem a strange thing to say, but it reminds me of our gatherings. Our new family members from the spring walk joined us at the last gathering and some shared their 4th Day experiences with us (and how we were blessed!). And then many of our older family weren't there, and some we haven't seen for such a long time. What a blessing they are missing, and the blessing WE are missing by their absence.

Now speaking of young people, please be in attendance at the May Gathering. Our Chrysalis community will be leading the worship service and I know we will sing, pray, and celebrate our Lord in an uplifting way. What an exciting service we'll share together!

Also, at this service REC#15 team will be dedicated. Their walk will be May 16-18. Please keep Steve Hart and his team covered in prayers and that mighty works will be done in God's name.

Pray for all our lay directors that have been called by God: Amanda Earles and Mark Ott (Chrysalis); Rod Brown (Nicaraguan community), and Fritz and Lydia Giesecke (Walk #108 & #109). Start preparing on how you can support these walks through agape, sponsorship, prayers, etc.

So, mark your calendar for May 3. Bring a friend! I'm looking forward to seeing you again. God bless you, my friends....my family!

Behind The Cross,

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Welcome Pilgrims of Walk 106 and 107

Welcome to the Pilgrims of Men's Walk 106 and Women's Walk 107. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in their Fourth Days.

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Spring 2008)
 - Fritz Giesecke (Men's Walk #108)
 - Lydia Giesecke (Women's Walk #109)
- Chrysalis #42 Directors
 - Amanda Earles (Girls)
 - Mark Ott (Boys)

Study: Giving our Minds to Christ

From www.upperroom.org

A mature Christian is an informed Christian -- informed about the mind and heart of God by knowing scripture. A Christian knows about the world and its needs and works toward gaining the best insights on how to alleviate the hurting world's agonies. Human beings rise above the animal world of simple instincts when they become knowledgeable and use that knowledge to help build God's kingdom. Study, like piety, can be approached in an intentional, systematic way, resulting in a deepening of your relationship with God and an empowering of your Christian discipleship.

Piety: Giving our Hearts to Christ

From www.upperroom.org

Group Reunion

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.

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

From: My Utmost for His Highest What Do You Want?

Do you seek great things for yourself? —Jeremiah 45:5
Are you seeking great things for yourself, instead of seeking to be a great person? God wants you to be in a much closer relationship with Himself than simply receiving His gifts— He wants you to get to know Him. Even some large thing we want is only incidental; it comes and it goes. But God never gives us anything incidental. There is nothing easier than getting into the right relationship with God, unless it is not God you seek, but only what He can give you.

If you have only come as far as asking God for things, you have never come to the point of understanding the least bit of what surrender really means. You have become a Christian based on your own terms. You protest, saying, "I asked God for the Holy Spirit, but He didn't give me the rest and the peace I expected." And instantly God puts His finger on the reason-

you are not seeking the Lord at all; you are seeking something for yourself. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you . . ." (Matthew 7:7). Ask God for what you want and do not be concerned about asking for the wrong thing, because as you draw ever closer to Him, you will cease asking for things altogether. "Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8). Then why should you ask? So that you may get to know Him.

Are you seeking great things for yourself? Have you said, "Oh, Lord, completely fill me with your Holy Spirit"? If God does not, it is because you are not totally surrendered to Him; there is something you still refuse to do. Are you prepared to ask yourself what it is you want from God and why you want it? God always ignores your present level of completeness in favor of your ultimate future completeness. He is not concerned about making you blessed and happy right now, but He's continually working out His ultimate perfection for you— ". . . that they may be one just as We are one . . ." (John 17:22).

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Mark Your Calendars

Saturday May 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
May 16th - May 18th	R.E.C. #15		North Point
Saturday June 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday July 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday August 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday September 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday Oct 16th - 19th	Men's Walk 108		Campground
Saturday Oct 23rd - 26th	Women's Walk 109		Campground

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