



# Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

August 2008

## Greetings Emmaus Family!!

As an old TV show used to come on with "Do you know what time it is?" Well, it's PICNIC time. Yes, the annual Emmaus picnic is right around the corner on August 2 at the campground. This will take the place of the gathering this month. We'll start around 5:00 PM. The pool will be opened from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM and lifeguards will be present. We'll have games for the kids, and I'm sure, they'll be one or more corn hole boards there.

Fried chicken, ice, and paper products will be provided. The rest will be potluck. Bring enough in your "pot" to feed your family and a little extra. We'll put all together and what a feast we'll share. I know of several good cooks in our community, and this is the time to shine with your favorite recipes. Also bring a couple of 2 liters to drink.

This will be a wonderful time for your table to get back together to share stories and Emmaus experiences. Hey, past lay directors? We would love to see all of you again, the old timers and the most recent ones. In other words, everyone come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Just a reminder, that the walks are just a few months away now. Teams are being selected; talks are being prayed about and written; sponsors are praying for pilgrims. Lift up in prayers all our lay directors for Chrysalis, Men's & Women's Walks, the Nicaraguan community. Pray for God's will to be done in all of these walks.

Our next regular Gathering at Memorial Methodist will be Saturday, September 6th at 7:00 PM. Bring a friend!!

So, I'll see you at the campground on August 2...come ready to eat and play!! God bless you all!

Behind The Cross,

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## It's Picnic Time!

Don't miss the Annual Emmaus Picnic on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:00PM at the Campground.

## 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.

## Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- 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)

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

#### Previous Information:

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## Elizabethtown Emmaus Online

There is a wealth of information about our Emmaus Community available on the Internet 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Visit [www.etownemmaus.org](http://www.etownemmaus.org) to get the most current information on:

- Events
- Reunion Groups
- Upcoming and Past Walks
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Volunteer Forms and Applications
- And Much, Much More!

## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday August 2nd	Emmaus Picnic	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday September 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday October 4th	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
Saturday November 1st	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday December 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday January 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

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