



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

December 2008

Greetings Emmaus Family!!

I'm sitting here just reflecting of where the year has gone. Some "special sisters" remind me as we get older how much faster the year will past, and I will admit I find that to be true. It seems like it was just a couple of months ago we were getting ready for the walks, and now all of them have been completed for this year.

Looking back, our Emmaus family has grown. The table is bigger. The bond is tighter. New friendships made; old ones rekindled. We sang an old song in church last Sunday that is so appropriate for this season "Count Your Blessings". How very blessed we are....as a nation....as a state....as a community, as a church....as a family. We have such freedoms. Even in the hard economic time we're facing daily, we still have that assurance that God is in control. Everything belongs to Him, but that He loves us so much that He promised He would take care of us, provide for our needs if we only let Him and trust Him, and for that let us all give thanks.

Also, I want to thank the community for supporting our Chrysalis walk earlier this month. How we were blessed with almost 60 young people attending. Our future is in good hands if this is any indication. Thank you Amanda and Mark and your entire team for a job well done. While we are attend the Gathering on December 6, there will be a Chrysalis Youth rally in the gym at Memorial, so you new Butterflies, come and have a time of fellowship and fun. (Just a note, the kids that go to the gym during Gathering, will go to the Sunday school class across the hall from the gym.)

We have some people that will be finishing up their term on the Emmaus board. I want to thank each one of them for their prayers, their support, and their love for our community in their willingness to serve on the board. Roye Wilson, Paula Pennington, Pat Belden, Johnny Scott, Larry McKenzie – each one of you have my utmost respect, my thanks, and a special place in my heart....God bless each one of you.

In the same token, I want to welcome those new board members that will be serving for the next three years – Pat Morgan, Sabrina Brock, Tom Crittenden, Steve Hart, and Bobby Smith. I look forward to serving with you, and know that God has great things planned in the months ahead for us.

It's not too early to start praying for our spring walks and the lay directors. Team selections will be underway soon. Pray for our leaders as they listen to God's direction. Pray for how you can support these walks.

So remember, Gathering is on Saturday, December 6, at 7:00 PM at Memorial Methodist. Come...let us fellowship at the table together. Come... let us be thankful for each other.....Come.. let us not only remember "our walk to Emmaus", but the "journey to Bethlehem". Come.... let us celebrate...the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ!

Behind the Cross,

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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 2009)
 - Larry Russell (Men's Walk #110)
 - Colleen Bagley (Women's Walk #111)
- Chrysalis #43 Directors

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 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!

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 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
Saturday February 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday February 14th	Chrysalis 43 Sendoff	9:00 AM	Campground
Sunday February 15th	Chrysalis 43 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Monday February 16th	Chrysalis 43 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday March 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday April 4th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

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