



# Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

September 2009

## Greetings Emmaus Family!

Have you looked at the calendar lately? Already the end of August, and in just a few short weeks from now, the men and women's walks will be here. Where has the time gone this year?

Each time a walk is close I think about my own walk. I will admit, I wanted to go home when I got there, and I was so ready to go home on Sunday afternoon. I sat at a table that was extremely quiet, not like the other tables, but I was blessed by my assistant table leader's singing. Her voice soothed and calmed my anxious spirit during that weekend, and that many months afterwards, I discovered what I had learned from the walk.

I learned how to worship....I mean really worship...not just opening a hymnal, recite a prayer, listen to the preaching, but to worship....to praise the Creator for his faithfulness and forgiveness...to be ever thankful for my salvation...to fall in love again with my Lord. I also have been so truly blessed with friends...friends that have been by my side that I can call at a moment's notice, or sometimes, I don't have to call. They call, or they just show up at the right time with a hug, or an "I'm here for you" message through cards, phone calls, and prayers. I don't know if God would have ever placed these angels in my pathway in my life if I hadn't been on the Emmaus walk, but I am eternally grateful that He did. And now some of these friends have touched me again through my grandchildren.

For those of you who know me, my granddaughters are the love of my life. They can do no wrong, well at least not in my eyes. We had a children's musical at my church recently where my oldest granddaughter participated. You could tell by her actions sometimes that she would really rather be somewhere else than on the stage, but she sang, and said her few lines, and her Papaw and me were so proud. After the play, the other granddaughter ran up to the music director to give her a hug and to love on her. Her little cousin who is the same age (6) was with her, and Sissy wanted him to meet her music teacher, that she just pushed him into the music director's arms for him to be hugged too. I just stood there at this tender moment, and thought how sweet that this little girl wanted her cousin to know someone that she loves. And yes, this music teacher was someone that I had met through Emmaus. Again, all of this was through God's timing. He is so good!

I want to thank Johnny & Marilyn Scott, Roye & Pat Wilson, Tom Crittenden, Wanda Wiley, and Ernie Bagley for helping setting up the pavilion for our Emmaus picnic on August 1. If I left anyone out in helping, please forgive me and chalk it up to a "senior moment"; I appreciate everyone's willingness that jumped in and made the day enjoyable. We had plenty of food, games, kids enjoyed the pool, and we were so blessed with such beautiful weather after a week of rain.

Remember the upcoming Men's and Women's walks, Chrysalis, and the YAC. Continue to pray for good sponsors, the pilgrims, the team, the talks, how you can serve, and of course, our lay directors – Keith Bond, Cindy Givan, Joanie Turner, Tommy Irwin, Kasey Bratcher, and Eric Clemens. I'm excited to see what God has planned for these walks.

So mark September 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for Gathering. We'll worship together at Memorial Methodist at 7:00 PM. Don't forget that childcare is provided.

Until then, you have my heart and my love.

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.)

More :: <http://www.etonemmaus.org/sponsorship.php>

## Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Chrysalis Reunion Group
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Fall 2009)
  - Keith Bond (Men's Walk #112)
  - Cindy Givan (Women's Walk #113)
- Chrysalis #44 Lay Directors
  - Joanie Turner (Girls)
  - Tommy Irwin (Guys)
- Young Adult Chrysalis #1 Lay Directors
  - Kasey Bratcher (Girls)
  - Eric Clemens (Guys)

## We're on the Web

Visit the Emmaus website at [www.etownemmaus.org](http://www.etownemmaus.org) or the Chrysalis Website at [www.etownchrysalis.org](http://www.etownchrysalis.org) to get the most current information on:

- Events
- Reunion Groups
- Upcoming Flights
- Upcoming and Past Walks
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Volunteer Forms and Applications
- Sponsorship Information
- And More!

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

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## Mark Your Calendars

Thursday September 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday October 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 15th - 18th	Men's Walk 112		
October 22nd - 25th	Women's Walk 113		
October 31 <sup>st</sup> - November 2nd	Chrysalis 44		
Saturday November 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
January 9th - 11th	Young Adult Chrysalis 1		
February 13th - 15th	Chrysalis 45		

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