



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

October 2009

Dear Emmaus Family,

I would just like to take a couple moments and share something personal with you. The past few weeks have been one of the hardest weeks of my life. I lost my best friend. I didn't realize this until lately that she was indeed my best friend. My mother, who would celebrate her 87th birthday the 29th of this month, went to be with her Lord on September 7. I rejoiced in her homecoming, but grieve for my loss. Now, how can this information have anything related to Emmaus you might wonder? Well, let me explain just a little.

These past 9 months while my mom was in the nursing home, she and I would talk about family, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, neighbors, her great-grandchildren some more, and then I talked about Emmaus....**a lot**. Before my mom got sick, I would just let know if I was working a walk, but now I really talked to her about Emmaus. I will admit, I "broke the rules" a little and shared with her some about the special services, the workings behind the scenes, about the agape that is given, and described some of the past dining room settings. The times that I was over the kitchen, I would tell her about our menus and the grocery shopping that was involved. I would also tell her about the songs we sang at formations and at the walks. She seemed to enjoy hearing about another way that her God was working in other lives, and especially in her daughter's. My mom made God real to me when I was a little girl, and hearing me talk about Him and His love, and how Emmaus was important to me, was another affirmation to her that she did a good job in raising me.

So, in my round about way, I'm trying to say this lady never attended an Emmaus walk, and was "never on a team"; however, I know she was there praying for me and supporting my efforts. And that's what all of us as a community can do for these upcoming walks. If you're not one of the 50+ people at the campground next month physically serving there from Thursday night to Sunday afternoon that doesn't mean you're not part of the "team". I cannot stress enough how proud and honored I am to know those people that serve in the background to make these walks the best they can be for the pilgrims. If you attend opening, participate in the 72 hour prayer chart, pray for a speaker, provide agape, serve a meal, scrape and wash a plate, mop a floor, hold a candle at Candlelight, provide a meal for the team during formations, write a letter, attend closing, you are part of the team, not Keith's, not Cindy's, but our Lord's.....and WOW!...What a team!

With all of that said, the walks are just around the corner. Pray for the lay directors, Keith Bond and Cindy Givan. Pray for the Chrysalis that will follow a couple of weeks later. Pray for the YAC that will be held in January. Pray for the candidates as they are getting a little anxious. Remember your walk? Pray for good sponsors. Let's just show God's love to the pilgrims all during the weekend!

Gathering will be October 3 at Memorial Methodist at 7:00 PM. This will be an exciting service, not only having our teams dedicated, but Chrysalis will be in charge of the service, and that's always an extra treat. Remember childcare is provided so don't worry about getting a babysitter for that night. Come, let's worship together and praise the One who is worthy!

Until then, you have my heart and my love.

Behind the Cross,

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Mark Your Calendars

Saturday October 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Thursday October 15th	Men's Walk 112 Sendoff	7:00 PM	Campground
Saturday October 17th	Men's Walk 112 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Sunday October 18th	Men's Walk 112 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Thursday October 22nd	Women's Walk 113 Sendoff	7:00 PM	Campground
Saturday October 24th	Women's Walk 113 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Sunday October 25th	Women's Walk 113 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday October 31st	Chrysalis 44 Sendoff	9:00 AM	Campground
Sunday November 1st	Chrysalis 44 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Monday November 2nd	Chrysalis 44 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
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		

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)

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

Previous Information:

Change to:

Return to:

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

We're on the Web

Visit the Emmaus website at www.etownemmaus.org or the Chrysalis Website at 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!

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.

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

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