



# Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

January 2010

## Greetings Emmaus Community,

Happy New Year and welcome back after what I hope was a very festive and heartwarming Christmas season. I pray that you were able to spend some meaningful time with your loved ones.

This is my first newsletter as the Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Chairperson. It is an honor for me to serve the Community and our Heavenly Father in this role over the next twelve months. Please join me in thanking Wanda Jean Elliott for her love and service to our God and our Emmaus Community as the Community Chairperson over the past twenty four months. I would also like to thank the Board members who have recently finished their terms and welcome the Board members who are beginning their terms. Please also welcome Ernie Bagley, who will be serving as the Community Spiritual Director for 2010.

Each year about this time, many of us set goals and New Year's resolutions for the upcoming twelve months. More often than not for most people, some of the goals will be met while others will not be accomplished over the upcoming year. Although it can be disappointing when all of our goals are not met in the time frame that we expect them to be, it is always comforting to know that God is in control. He can and does use all situations for good. Even though 2009 was a difficult year for many (myself included), it is refreshing to know that a new year has begun, we have a new starting point and exciting days are ahead.

There is currently a Bible study ongoing in my church which is based on the theme of "Thirty Days to Live". The concept is that we should ask ourselves what we would do differently with our lives if we knew that we only had thirty days to live. Who would we spend time with? What relationships would we mend? Where would we go? What would we do? How would we spend our last thirty days on this earth? The study calls for us to live passionately, love completely, learn humbly and leave boldly! The thirty days concept can help some of us to realize that relationships with our Lord, our family, our friends and those in need are really what is important in this world. Some of the material things that we strive for would be insignificant if we only had thirty days to live.

As we set our goals and plans for 2010, let's pray for guidance and wisdom for what is important in our relationships and for eternity. My prayers are that we will have an abundant and fulfilling 2010 as we focus on priorities which are significant from God's viewpoint.

May God Bless you and yours in 2010,

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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.

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

## 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 (Spring 2010)
  - Bobby Smith (Men's Walk #114)
  - Vickie Green (Women's Walk #115)
- Chrysalis #45 Lay Directors
  - Leah Riggs (Girls)
  - Jake Riggs (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?

#### Previous Information:

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#### Change to:

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#### Return to:

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PO Box 2070 · Elizabethtown KY 42702  
Or Email: [reconnect@etownemmaus.org](mailto:reconnect@etownemmaus.org)

## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday January 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
January 9th - 11th	Young Adult Chrysalis 1		
Saturday February 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 13th - 15th	Chrysalis 45		
Saturday March 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 11th - 14th	Men's Walk 114		
March 18th - 21st	Women's Walk 115		
Saturday April 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

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