



# Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

May 2010

## Greeting Emmaus Community,

What a terrific Gathering we had in April! The Gathering was held on Easter weekend, a very special time of year. In addition, many new members of the Emmaus Community from Men's Walk # 114 and Women's Walk # 115 participated in the Open Microphone activity or "Open Mic.," for short. This event allowed those who had recently completed their Walk to share with the Emmaus Community how their Fourth Days are going. It was a very special time of heartfelt sharing, with a lot of laughs and a few tears (of joy). Thank you, new members. Welcome to the Emmaus Community!

Following the Gathering, a time of fellowship took place with cakes, cookies, pies, snacks, coffee and soft drinks being shared in the church dining area. What a wonderful success! The children from the child care and nursery areas joined their families and friends for a spirited and jovial time of eating and fellowship. Thanks to Doug Shepherd for leading the set up and clean up of the church dining area. As always, many folks jumped right in to help Doug. Thanks to all! Let's do it again later this year!

May 13 has been designated as Ascension Day on the 2010 calendar. Ascension Day commemorates the ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven. According to the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to many of his disciples during the 40 days following his resurrection on Easter Sunday. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day, he came again to the Apostles and took them to the Mount of Olives. He instructed them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit. As they were watching, they saw him ascend to the clouds. Two angels appeared and assured the Apostles that Jesus would one day return in glory. This promise from the angels provides a sense of hope to us for the glorious and triumphant return of Jesus Christ. It is also a reminder of the Holy Spirit that is within us and of God watching over and protecting us as we witness for him in our daily lives.

Here are a few other noteworthy dates in May to keep in mind: May 6, National Day of Prayer; May 9, Mother's Day (Don't forget!); May 15, Armed Forces Day!

Soon Kentucky Derby #132 will be upon us (May 1). This is a great opportunity for Kentucky to be showcased around the world. The Derby's charm, beauty and Kentucky hospitality will be experienced by those attending the race and will be viewed by those who tune in via their TVs, computers, cell phones, etc. I was recently reading about Eskendereya, one of the favorites to win this year's Derby. It seems that the trainer, Todd Pletcher, may have up to eight horses (that he trained) in the race. In addition, this will be Todd's 25<sup>th</sup> time with horses in the Derby. So far, he has trained horses that participated in 24 Kentucky Derby races without winning one. Now that is true perseverance! Best wishes to Todd and best wishes to you as you persevere through life's challenges and look forward to that day when Jesus Christ will return in glory.

In His Name,  
Tom Crittenden  
Walk # 67, Table of John

## 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.

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## 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 2010)
  - Charles Young (Men's Walk #116)
  - Portia Oldham (Women's Walk #117)
- Chrysalis #46 Lay Directors
  - Rachael Chenault (Girls)
  - Casey Drane (Guys)
- Chrysalis YAC #2 Lay Directors
  - Amanda Drane (Girls)
  - Carl Stoltzfus (Guys)

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

#### Previous Information:

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#### Change to:

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

## 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!

## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday May 1st	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday June 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday July 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 14th – 17th	Men's Walk 116		Campground
October 21st – 24th	Women's Walk 117		Campground
TBD	Chrysalis 46		Campground
TBD	YAC 2		Campground

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