



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

June 2010

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community,

June is upon us and the halfway point of 2010 is already here! The school year is winding down, proms have been held, graduations will be occurring and soon it will be vacation time for many families. This is a great time of year for friends and families to fellowship through outdoor activities. There are several exciting events taking place in the Elizabethtown Emmaus and Chrysalis communities as well.

On June 5th at 5:00pm, there will be a Chrysalis Youth Rally at Memorial United Methodist Church (MUMC). The Chrysalis Community and friends are invited for food and fun. Those who have not yet been on a Chrysalis flight are welcome to attend along with the Chrysalis youth. Following the Youth Rally, the Chrysalis Community will lead the 7pm Gathering, also at MUMC. This is a great way for the Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities to kick off the summer!

Here are a few other upcoming dates. Mark your calendars!

June 5 – World Environmental Day

June 6 – Anniversary of D-Day

June 14 – Flag Day

June 20 – Father's Day

July 3 – No Gathering, Picnic on July 10 instead

July 4 – Independence Day

July 10 – Emmaus Picnic at Elizabethtown American Legion Park (next to MUMC). More information to follow later!

In a book titled "Hard Call" by John McCain, former U.S. Presidential candidate and former prisoner of war (POW), there is an interesting story about Air Force Major George "Bud" Day. Bud Day had been a fighter pilot who was shot down and captured on August 26, 1967 north of Vietnam's DMZ (demilitarized zone). He had broken his right arm in three pieces, severely sprained his knee and battered his face when he ejected from his F100 fighter jet. Bud received crude medical treatment for his injuries from his captors who also bound his ankles together and put him in a hole in the ground. During his first night of captivity, Bud was able to free himself and quietly begin traveling toward an American airfield on the other side of the DMZ, about twenty miles away to the south.

For the next two weeks, he traveled at night and slept during the day. He ate and drank what he could find along the way. He became ill and burned with fever but kept moving south anyway.

Near the end of the thirteenth day, he came within a mile of the American airfield. He could see helicopters and other aircraft taking off and landing but was unsuccessful in gaining their attention. Darkness was setting in so he decided to stay put for the night. His main concerns were that the area around the airstrip was probably mined and that an American sentry may mistake him for the enemy and shoot him if he attempted to approach the airstrip at night. Bud decided to spend one more night in the wilderness and approach the airstrip in the morning.

Bud's decision resulted in him being shot and captured by the North Vietnamese the next morning as he made his break toward the last section of jungle between him and freedom. He was tortured for his escape attempt and spent the next six years as a POW.

John McCain writes "As unfortunate as his capture was for Bud, it was salvation for many others. Few leaders in Vietnam's prisoner-of-war camps were as honorable, brave and inspiring as he was. The courage of his heroic escape attempt was recognized by a Medal of Honor, which was also given him for the trials he so bravely endured on behalf of all of us in the long years ahead. Included in the credit he can always claim is my life. But for Bud Day and his misfortune, I do not think that I would have ever left that prison."

We never know how God will utilize our experiences and, at times, our misfortunes to strengthen us for serving others who are in need around us now or in the future. I pray that God will utilize your experiences and challenges as blessings for others. As a good friend of mine always writes, "and in the meantime...be a Miracle".

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.

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 (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)

We're on the Web

Visit the Emmaus website at www.etonemmaus.org or the Chrysalis Website at www.etonchrysalis.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:

Change to:

Return to:

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

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday June 5th	Chrysalis Rally Board Meeting Gathering	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday July 3rd	NO Meeting NO Gathering		
Saturday July 10th	Emmaus Picnic	TBD	American Legion Park
Saturday August 7th	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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