



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

July 2010

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community,

This month we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. After nearly a year of trying to work out their differences with Great Britain, the 2nd Continental Congress convened and began working on the plan for the thirteen colonies to separate from British rule. Many families and communities will have picnics in July in commemoration of our country's independence.

The Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities will have our annual picnic in July as well. It will be held in Elizabethtown at American Legion Park, located next to Memorial United Methodist Church (MUMC), on Saturday July 10th. Please join us from 5:00 to 9:00pm for food, fun and fellowship. Please bring your favorite side dish or desert and 2 liter drinks. Meat, ice, paper plates, napkins and utensils will be provided by the Emmaus Community. Please bring lawn chairs and, if you have one, a portable shade "tent". The playground will be available for the little ones and the pool (with lifeguards on duty and already paid for) will be available from 7:00 to 9:00pm exclusively for the Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities. (Usage of the pool from 5:00 to 7:00pm is by paid admission only and is also open to the public.) In case of rain, the picnic will move indoors to MUMC.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the thirteen American colonies occurred on July 2nd, 1776, when the 2nd Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. A committee of five, which was led by Thomas Jefferson and included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Phillip Livingston and Roger Sherman, drafted a statement explaining the decision. That statement is called the Declaration of Independence and its final version was approved on July 4th, 1776. Contrary to popular belief, most delegates of the 2nd Continental Congress actually signed the Declaration nearly a month later, on August 2nd, 1776.

John Adams summarized the significance of the events best when, in a letter to his wife Abigail, he wrote "The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty... from this time forward forever more."

Although John Adams predicted July 2nd instead of July 4th as the day to celebrate independence, his recognition of "God Almighty" in the founding of these United States is clear. As the 56 American patriots declared their independence from British tyranny, let us also declare our independence from evil and death through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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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:

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!

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday July 3rd	NO Meeting NO Gathering		
Saturday July 10th	Emmaus Picnic	5:00 PM	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
October 30th November 1st	Chrysalis 46		Campground
February 19th – 21st	Chrysalis 47		Campground
May 21st – 23rd	YAC 2		Campground

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