



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

August 2010

Emmaus Community,

I hope you're having a terrific summer and are able to keep cool! Vacations are winding down and many of our children will be returning to school soon. Fall sports will be starting as well and some practices are already occurring. It's truly exciting to see our students continue to learn, grow and take an increasingly positive role in our Christian society.

The Emmaus picnic was fun! The Lord blessed us with great food, great company, great weather (mostly) and a gigantic tent top. When the afternoon rain came, we stayed safe and dry under the "big top". As the rain stopped and the sun came out, the swimming pool was the place to be. Several happy swimmers took advantage of the cool, crystal clear water. The corn hole games also took place with several games occurring simultaneously! There were a lot of laughs and fellowship throughout the day. Thanks to all who helped organize the festivities and to all who were able to attend. It was a truly blessed time together.

Summertime is also a time when many people display their classic tractors, trucks and cars at festivals and vehicle shows across the area. There is a real camaraderie among those who have preserved or restored the good condition of their vehicles over time. Many have chosen to find vehicles that have become worn out or broken down. Some of these vehicles had been abandoned and forgotten about for years. Recently, my son and I finished restoring an old Datsun 280Z (2-seater sports car) that had been tucked away in a Virginia garage for years. It has been so invigorating to put in the work, overcome hurdles, deal with frustration, make repairs, try to keep hope, come back and try another day and then finally see a finished product that is appealing and makes people smile.

Sometimes people's lives and their hearts are like those old tractors, trucks and cars. We're sometimes tired, worn out, banged up, tucked away and forgotten. Through Jesus Christ and his teachings, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can become restored and renewed in our lives. Like the refurbished vehicles, our restored and renewed lives will be appealing to others, will bring them hope and will make them smile. There is a real camaraderie that takes place when a group of these "restored" people gather together for fellowship and worship. There are many others, however, who still need help becoming renewed again. Perhaps we can seek them out and help lead them to the Master Restorer, Jesus Christ.

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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:

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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 August 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday September 4th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday October 2nd	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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