



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

September 2010

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community,

Autumn is fast approaching and soon we will be seeing God's handy work as the leaves change color and the air begins to chill. Soon thereafter, the leaves will fall and the temperatures will drop as winter appears. As we travel this journey called life, we are constantly finding our situations changing like the seasons. Sometimes warm and pleasant like spring or fall, sometimes extremely hot or cold like summer or winter. Life gets a little complicated when our relationships and experiences are all cycling through various "seasons" simultaneously. Who can make sense of all this? The one constant in all of this, of course, is our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. He promises us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. This commitment provides us the reassurance that, through all of life's challenges, we are never alone. God's perfect love drives out fear, doubt, frustration, loneliness, anxiety and all other troubling feelings through our Savior's sacrifice for us.

I want to thank Doug Shepherd, Wanda Jean Elliott and Ernie Bagley for filling in for me at the August Board Meeting and Gathering. A very cold "season" hit me in the form of a challenge at work. For 36 straight hours beginning Friday morning before the Saturday Gathering and Board Meeting and ending Saturday night, I was at work. A situation occurred that required constant and focused effort to diagnose, troubleshoot and resolve. It was not easy, in fact, it was very difficult. Through deep prayer and focused effort, my colleagues and I experienced a situation that changed from literally no hope for resolution to one that slowly began to change and evolve- drop by drop, moment by moment, step by step into a barely workable solution. There is no doubt in my mind that God's hand drove the events that improved the situation during that 36 hours and with the following two weeks. This situation was a very far away experience that resulted in a close experience with Christ. Not only did He provide ideas and results where there were no ideas or hope, He provided endurance and determination as well as the right people with the right skills at just the right time. Part of my prayers during the 36 hours and the weeks that followed were "Lord, I give this all to you. There is no way that I can do it without you. I will work, though, like it all depends on me and I am praying like it all depends on you." Prayers of thanks and requests for wisdom, courage, enthusiasm, focus and hope continue to be part of my day. My hope is that you, too will always remember that you are never alone and that there is always hope in Him.

Please keep Charles Young and Portia Oldham in your hearts and prayers as they prepare for the upcoming Walks. Please also keep Rachael Chenault and Casey Drane in your hearts and prayers as they prepare for Chrysalis #46. God is surely doing a great work through them and their teams. Please consider the Sponsorship section of this newsletter as you reflect and pray about those who God may have in mind for sponsoring. Please have a blessed autumn season!

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Tom Crittenden
Walk #67
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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.

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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 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
Saturday November 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 19th – 21st	Chrysalis 47		Campground
May 21st – 23rd	YAC 2		Campground

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