

Springfield Area

EMMAUS NEWS

February 2008

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Please Forgive Me. There was a period in my checkered past when my job was to write product and material specifications. I really wasn't that good at it. It was a better job for a qualified engineer type rather than a washed up accountant or material manager wannabe. One principle I did try to incorporate though, along with color specs, tinsel strength, number of strands, high or low-density polymers, etc., was to state everything in a positive mode as much as possible. Instead of "don't do" or "don't allow." I would say what it specifically should be as much as possible.

I ignored that principle when we announced the Praise Gathering. I was trying to encourage people to come if at all possible with the promise that it wouldn't be a long or disappointing evening. Some need to get home early because of early morning jobs, baby-sitting relief, just not able to last beyond a certain time, or the day has already been a long one.

There has been concern about low attendance at the gatherings. The Praise Gatherings have always been so special that I was hoping there would be many who would attend and be blessed. But, you know, it's okay if attendance is low. For one thing, many have responsibilities at their church or simply need to support their church service. And that should be their first priority. Bless them, bless them! Keep it up. Others have other responsibilities and needs. Bless them. We emphasize that Emmaus is not your new church.

So why have a gathering? I'm glad you asked. It provides a time for vital fellowship, to express needs and receive prayers for those needs, to share blessings which is a blessing in itself, to sign up for service on upcoming walks which is another blessing for both the giver and the receiver, to get answers to questions, to find encouragement, to meet new believers, worship and celebrate communion. And, of course, when we meet we eat.

The one thing we have tried to do is to start on time, end on time, and make the time in between worthwhile. Hope to see you there unless you have a more important place to be.

Be blessed to be a blessing.
DeColores,
Gene

Prayer for Women's Walk #52

Please remember to pray for the Pilgrims and Team during Women's Walk #52 (February 21st—24th).

Also, because of the December gathering being cancelled and low attendance at the January gathering, we are still in need of people to pray during the prayer vigil for **Women's Walk #52**. The prayer vigil for the weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and runs through Sunday at 6:00 p.m. It is in 1 hour slots.

Please contact Mary and/or Larry Cogan at (937) 969-8193 or via e-mail at masalaco@sbcglobal.net if you are willing to fill a slot or slots.

Pilgrim, Church & Sponsor List
Springfield Area Emmaus Women's Walk #52

Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Tricia Blanken	Renewed Strength	Roy & Lois Anne Miller
Kathy Brantley	Second Missionary Baptist	Bette Brown
Tracie Brim	The Father's Heart International	Brian Brim, Sr.
Linda Campbell	None Listed	Maggie Myers
Emily Carney	Southgate Baptist	Sim Bowen
Christy Carty	First Christian	Loretta Vernon
Sheley Chamberlain	Urbana Church of the Nazarene	Lori Tavenner
Sabrina Collins	St. John Missionary Baptist	Norman & Dee Moore
Kristen Delawder	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim & Corina Bowen
Rebecca Dollinger	Bowlusville UMC	Rev. Steven Beck
Martha Goodbar	Petre Baptist	Marvin Flory
Joyce Grimes	Fellowship Christian	Bruce Grimes
Tisha Grove	First Pentecostal Church of God	Corey Grove
Patricia Ham	Church of Jesus Family Worship	Tracey Freeman
Mary Hopkins	Salvation Army	Karen Speas
Summer Kemp	Urbana Church of the Nazarene	Lori Tavenner
Kellie Konakkuran	Nation Chapel UMC	Rev. Cindee Johnson
Jill Lambert	Fellowship Christian	Loretta Vernon
Nancy Lee	United Church of S. Vienna	Alice Donkin
Mary Napper	Temple of Compassion	Sue & Dan Bostick
Kathy O'Connor	Grace UMC	Cathy Boyd
Nancy Prater	Vandalia Christian Tabernacle	Ralyn Snyder
Michelle Riedinger	North Hampton Community	Deron & Candy Blakely
Lisa Sherrock	First Lutheran	Alix Payton
Rachel Siegenthaler	Bowlusville UMC	Rev. Steven Beck
Tonya Slauter	First Pentecostal Church of God	P.A. Rummel
Susan Smith	New Hope	David Southward
Sarah Smoyer	Shawnee Hills	Dorinda Jones
Hope Strodes	St. John Missionary Baptist	Dorothy Higginbotham
Cynthia Terrell	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Penny Thomas	Lawrenceville Church of God	Karen Speas
Marilyn Tooke	New Carlisle Church of the Brethren	Skip Castle
Sandy Trumbo	United Church of S. Vienna	Kelli Butts
Wanda Walker	Resurrection Power	John Blackburn
Pauline Weaver	None Listed	Mark Bennett
Jamie Webb	Fellowship Christian	Zac Coblentz
Tracy Wilson	Lake Avenue Christian	Jodi Fisher

**MEN'S WALK #35
TEAM ROSTER**

Dave Speas	Lay Director
Ray Harper	Spiritual Director
Dennis Moritz	Spiritual Director
Dan Morter	Board Representative
Bob Baker	ALD
Larry McMahan	ALD
Randy McHenry	ALD
John Chambers	LOG
Greg Bachman	LOG
Corey Pearson	Music Director
Tom Myers	Music Director

Table Leaders

Chris Ehrhard
Norman Moore
Deron Blakely
Mark Carpenter
Tyler Mayhugh
Ky Crain
Doug Parish

Assistant Table Leaders

Rick Clark
Dennis Carter
Douglas Gardner, Sr.
Dan Shroyer
Wayne Roth
Harry Weaver

EMMAUS -- PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

The Impact World Tour is a first class youth crusade that has been in over 2,000 cities around the world. The Lord spoke to the group about coming to the United States, specifically Ohio and Florida. The Ohio team is conducting a meeting at Fellowship Christian Church on Thursday, February 7th from 10:30 a.m. to Noon to present their Ohio goals--reaching into 88 counties in the Buckeye State to present the ministry of Jesus Christ. Please attend or spread the word throughout your churches. For more info on the ministry please visit their website at ywamkc.com.

-John & Mary Ahlborn

Newsletter Help Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to serve within the Springfield Area Emmaus Community? We are looking for someone to take over the monthly creation of the Springfield Area Emmaus Newsletter. The person will be responsible for creating the newsletter with information that is provided by various people within the community (i.e. Spiritual Director, Lay Director, Purchasing, Chrysalis, Kairos, etcetera) and then getting it to the next person in the process for printing and coordinating mailing.

The newsletter is currently created using Microsoft Publisher, however, Microsoft Word could potentially be used as well. If this is something that you are interested in, please contact Tom Dever at 937-399-3199.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Dear Friends of the Springfield Emmaus Community,

Can you believe it? Lent is coming up in just a couple weeks. Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is February 6th. It marks the day in the Christian year when we confront our mortality that is a result of our sinfulness and when we confess those sins to God. (How ironic - that day will be my first day back to work from surgery! God willing.)

Lent is the period of intense preparation of individuals and congregations through repentance, fellowship, prayer, fasting and obedience to God as signs to us and to the world of the reality of Jesus' resurrection and Lordship in our lives. I do call us to a more regular and deeper study of God's Word, a more faithful attendance at worship, greater sacrifices made on behalf of others, abstaining from things we know do not lead us to God.

John Wesley wrote out a set of guidelines for holy living that would serve us all well, especially in this season of Lent. They are listed at the end of this letter. Pick out one or two and make them an object of sincere effort during this time. Set some concrete goals, like attendance at church every Sunday, establishing regular morning devotions, whatever you feel God calling you to do. As you make these efforts, however, keep in mind that what most needs to be done in your life, and in history, has already been accomplished.

You all know I love to play my bass. It sounds in the depths of my soul with the praise of God. You also know (well, you may not, so here I confess) that sometimes I play a wrong note here and there. I'm not up to David in my skill level. Wouldn't it be great if when I picked up my bass, the sounds of a truly great bass player like James Jamison or Jack Bruce came from under my fingers! A player-bass like a player-piano! I would play my absolute best, but despite any mistakes I made, the music would never suffer!

Beloved, God has promised the same to us! If we will just pick up the instrument, from under our fingers will come the sublime music of salvation, the grace notes of the Gospel.

For in Jesus Christ, all of us who believe are made maestros, players in the divine symphony.

But the music isn't ours; it comes from God.

"We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Cor. 4:7)

No, we don't get the credit for the music that is played. The glory is all God's. No one knows better than we who deserves the praise. But we are still all members of the band. So go ahead and do your best to grow in Christ and honor God with your life in this season of Lent. As you do, be sure of this – you can't fail. You can't play a wrong note. Because in Jesus, the song will be perfect, every note true. And to Him be all the glory.

*Your Co-Community Spiritual Director and friend
Rev. Bill*

John Wesley's Rules for Holy Living

- 1st - By doing no harm – avoiding evil of every kind especially those most generally practiced such as
- Taking God's name in vain.
 - Drunkenness or the use of drugs.
 - Fighting, quarreling, returning evil for evil
 - Unkind or careless conversation
 - Enjoying entertainments that don't tend to the knowledge and love of God.
 - Softness and needless self-indulgence.
 - Laying up treasure on earth.
 - Borrowing without a probability of paying.
- 2nd – By doing good of every possible sort to all people
- Giving food to the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick.
 - Instructing and encouraging all those we come in contact with
 - Doing good to those of the household of faith
 - Being diligent and frugal, so that the gospel isn't blamed.
 - Running with patience the race set before us, denying ourselves and taking up our cross daily.
- 3rd – By doing what God has asked us to do like;
- Worshiping God in public.
 - Praying as an individual and as a family.
 - Studying the Bible.
 - Observing the Lord's Supper.
 - Fasting or abstinence.

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REUNIONS

One hour prior to the Gathering on February 17th, the following walks will hold their reunions:

Men's Walk # 28

Jim Yoakem, LD

Meet in the Choir Room

Women's Walk # 39

Lori Vineyard, LD

Meet in the Cafeteria

Walk Dates

Men's Walks

35 April 24—27, 2008

36 August 14—17, 2008

Women's Walks

52 February 21—24, 2008

53 June 19—22, 2008

54 November 6—9, 2008

Please Note:

Kim Bachman will be the Lay
Director for WW #53 in June.

*All Walk Dates Are Tentative

UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

(Spring Celebration)

Sunday, May 18, 7:00 p.m.

(Specials provided by Kairos)

The August gathering will have specials provided by Chrysalis

Food & Fellowship: After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship and food. *If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.*

**A THANK YOU
FROM PURCHASING**

Due to everyone's support, we ended up getting a 5% rebate from Gordon Food Service (GFS)! Please remember to mention this is for Emmaus when you check out!