

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

Scriptures from a few of the walks:

“His word burns in my heart like a fire” (Jeremiah 20:9)

“Love one another” (1 John 3:18-24)

“For God so loved the world...” (John 3:16)

“I have lost all things” (Philippians 3:8)

“As the deer longs for the water brooks so longs my soul for You, O God” (Psalm 42:1)

“Though the mountains be shaken, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken” (Isaiah 54:10)

“But in your heart set apart Christ as Lord” (1 Peter 3:15)

Do you recognize any of these and know which walk it is from? I suspect the lay directors that chose these will know them because they meant something special to them and that is why they appeared on a badge. I'll bet that they hoped that the scripture would mean something to the pilgrims, too.

Do you have at least one scripture that has special meaning to you? I thought I remembered the one from my original walk but I was off a little (some will tell you that is my normal state of mind). I thought it was from Luke after Jesus left the two on the original walk to Emmaus and one of them said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us...?” Close but no prize. It was from the Old Testament in Jeremiah where he exclaims he cannot keep silent because God's “Word burns in my heart like a fire.”

We just completed a revival series where I attended and the minister said several things that burned in my heart. One was that he didn't believe that “even God's best people are in the word nearly enough”. That is, we don't read the Bible and pray our way through the Bible enough. That touches two of the legs on the tripod (or milk stool). Another thing he said was revival doesn't begin with a series, it begins with the people reading and doing the will of God. I think that covers the third leg - action.

Another wonderful walk has been completed and the ladies of #51 are beginning their 4<sup>th</sup> days. Pray for them, help them find and join a share group, share your joy with them, work for your own personal revival each and every day. Read, Pray, Love. That should keep you busy in the best way possible.

De Colores,

*-Gene Porter*

## SHARE GROUPS

**Attention Ladies:** If you are interested in a Saturday Morning Share Group, please contact Diane Duncan at [dduncan171@netzero.com](mailto:dduncan171@netzero.com).



Also, if you have room in your Share Group, please contact a Good Shepherd to let them know:

Women's - Mary Ahlborn (937)322-1958

Men's - Sim Bowen (937)605-1066

"I was a stranger and you took me in" - who said that and how does it apply to your share group?

There is a great need to help new (and a few not so new) pilgrims to find a few fine folks to meet with.

### EPIPHANY YOUTH PRISON MINISTRIES OF OHIO

October Weekend: October 26-28, 2007

Franklin Pre-Release Center, Columbus, Ohio

Lay Director: John Dunning

Spiritual Director: Ted Wittenbrink

Assistant Spiritual Directors: Diane Brown, Ray Harper, Paulette Wittenbrink

**Would you like to serve on a weekend?** You and your spouse can serve together. There are only three team meetings. There may be a ministry near you:

Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) – Marysville  
Madison Correctional Institution – London  
Scioto Village Juvenile Correctional Facility – Powell  
Marion Juvenile Correctional Facility – Marion  
Mohican Juvenile Correctional Facility  
United Methodist Children's Home – Worthington

#### Other Ways to Get Involved:

- Sign up for a half an hour on the prayer chain
- Donate \$5 for each meal ticket for the weekend
- Make posters and placemats
- Write letters
- Help supply food items for the weekend
- Supply items as needed

Provide a church for team meetings and weekend accommodations

If you can help in any of these ways, please contact Ray Harper at (614)861-2962 or [lam-bano07@yahoo.com](mailto:lam-bano07@yahoo.com).

Remember, Chris is counting on you!

Reporter:  
Pastor Ray Harper

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Each November our country takes time to thank God for the blessings we have received throughout the year. As children we learned about the first Thanksgiving that was celebrated by the Pilgrims who had survived the first year in the new land. Those who had fled the religious persecution from the Church in England found their first three months in the new land to be a severe test of their faith in God. In those first three months, half of their 102 members died. There were only 10 males left that were head of families out of the 17 that came. And out of the 17 wives there were only 3 left. Less than 50 people survived that first winter. Today the testing of our faith just doesn't physically compare to what our Pilgrim forefathers faced but spiritually, when the testing comes we often have a tendency to fall away and turn from God's ways.

I believe that the Church as a whole is in one of those times of testing and we who have been on the Emmaus Road with The Lord are being given the opportunity to stand firm in our faith, no matter what. This is a time to pray for God's mercy and grace to be poured out as God brings the Church through to the other side of the testing. This is a time to stand together in prayer as the body of Christ being united in God's love. The *Walk To Emmaus* has been and will continue to be a time for spiritual renewal and refreshing as God's Holy Spirit is able to touch the lives of ordinary believers turning them into committed Disciples of Jesus Christ.

In order to stand firm in our faith and to shine God's light brightly, we are invited to become a house of prayer. According to Cheryl Sacks in *The Prayer Saturated Church* "the single most distinguishing characteristic of a "house of prayer" is that it is filled with the tangible presence of God. A lack of spiritual appetite in the congregation is replaced by spiritual hunger...The spiritual objectives of the church begin to move forward, not so much by human ingenuity and hard work as by the supernatural assistance of God's Holy Spirit. Striving ceases; it often seems more is accomplished with less effort." I think this "house of prayer" description can be applied to our Emmaus community. Every Walk to Emmaus is saturated in prayer allowing God's Holy Spirit to move us forward toward spiritual maturity.

Now is the time to thank God for the blessings of lives that have been touched and changed this past year through each Emmaus Walk. It is also the time to recommit ourselves to helping The Emmaus Community continue to provide the atmosphere where God's light truly shines bright; leading each of us toward the spiritual maturity that God desires us to have. This is also the time to pray for a spiritual awakening for yourself and those who will be going on the walks this next year.

In Grateful Thanksgiving,  
De Colores  
Your Community Co-Spiritual Director  
-Carolyn Peacock

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### UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

**Sunday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.**

**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.

### 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

*\*All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

### TO ALL PRAYER WARRIORS

**Please Note:** There has been a change in the contact address for any Praises or Concerns to be put out on the e-mail Prayer Chain. Please contact Becky Master [[bamaster@ctcn.net](mailto:bamaster@ctcn.net) or (937)652-3507/ (937)508-1572] with this information.

Remember, there is no request too big or too small for the Prayer Warrior of the Lord to handle. Never try to handle an issue alone. The load is never too heavy when it is shared with those who love the Lord.

Stay on the Emmaus Road  
Love in Christ,  
Becky Master