



COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS



I have always been amazed as I watch a hot air balloon slowly glide across the sky. It seems a little risky to be held up by hot air. As long as the air in the balloon feels the heat of the fire it will continue to stay in the sky. That hot air temperature makes the balloon air lighter than the surrounding air and therefore keeps it from crashing to the ground.

As we go through our life there are times that we are like that hot air balloon, we feel the heat of the Holy Spirit and we rise into God's spiritual atmosphere, we rely on God's Holy Spirit and God's word to guide every aspect of our life. It is during this time that we seem to glide above the ordinary problems and see God's hand in everything that happens.

Every Christian longs to live their life in this manner but the reality is that many rely more on their own personal abilities rather than on God's guidance. Sometimes we are just so busy doing the things that need to be done in our everyday life that we fail to take time to just be with The Lord in prayer and in reading God's Word for our own situation. If we realize that we have drifted off course and are in need God's guidance all we need to do is turn back toward God. Take that first step of asking God to fill us with the Holy Spirit and begin to make God a priority in our life. It is just at this point that God's mercy steps in and brings a new wave of the Spirit into our lives and a spiritual renewal takes place.

When God's Holy Spirit brings renewal to the church the atmosphere around us begins to be heated up by the Holy Spirit fire and revival takes place. It is more than a little risky because when the Holy Spirit is in charge the unexpected begins to happen. We begin to see God's hand in everything that happens and we find that we are gliding through life as if we are on the wings of eagles.

All of us as members of the Springfield Emmaus Community have the opportunity to pray for spiritual renewal for not only ourselves but for the entire church and also for our family and friends who are in need of a deeper walk with the Lord.

Let God's blessings be poured out through the Holy Spirit fire upon each one of us.

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Carolyn Peacock

Community Co-Spiritual Director

WOMEN'S WALK #54 TEAM LIST

Springfield Area Emmaus
Women's Walk # 54
November 6 - 9, 2008

Position	Name	Talk
Lay Director	Betty Yoakem	Perseverance
Board Rep	Mary Casto	-----
Spiritual Director	Rev. Carolyn Peacock	Means of Grace
Co-Spiritual Director	Rev. Sherri Blackwell	Justifying Grace
ALD	Barb Baugh	Priority
ALD	Millie Luttrull	Fourth Day
ALD	Rita Chapman	Christian Action
LOG	Mary Cogan	-----
LOG	Viki Hyslop	-----
Music	Janene Pearson	-----
Music	Diane Page	-----
Table Leader	Lori Vineyard	Closing Example
Table Leader	Pat Dever	Priesthood
Table Leader	Cheryl Jurkat	Changing Our World
Table Leader	Donna Freeman	Grow through Study
Table Leader	Sharon Williams	Life in Piety
Table Leader	Pat McBeth	Discipleship
Table Leader	Karen Packer	Body of Christ
Ass. Table Leader	Rhonda Crist	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Yolanda Bell	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Barb Gathers	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Corina Bowen	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Alma Glenn	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Bonnie Blumenshine	-----
Ass. Table Leader	Stephanie Carnes	-----
Clergy	Rev Cindee Johnson	Sanctifying Grace
Clergy	Rev Deb Holder	Obstacles to Grace
Clergy	Rev Marcia Rummel	Prevenient Grace

A MESSAGE FROM YOU COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

We, in the community all remember the wonderful events on our Walk that brought us into a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit...the talks; the clowns with the sound of the hammer hitting the nails; dying communion freeing us from our burdens; the music; and the candlelight service, which gave us a sense of the Holy Spirit being all around us so thick we felt and perhaps saw it. Of these, we as a community, have only the privilege of being a part of the candlelight service. But, as participants in it, we must be very sensitive of how we act so as not to interfere or grieve the Holy Spirit. We must keep in mind that the Spirit's presence is there specifically for the Pilgrims. We should do nothing to distract the Pilgrims' attention from His presence.

Before the candlelight service, the Pilgrims are in the conference room laughing, singing, and having fun! Then they walk out into the hallway and meet the Community, where they receive a ton of expressed love. By the time they get to the front of the sanctuary, they are overcome by the experience of receiving God's blessings and are usually in tears. They feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and stand in awe of what they are seeing -- many loving people who have loved them through the darkness.

This is when, we as a Community, need to be especially sensitive. We must not interfere with the emotions that Christ has placed upon the Pilgrims' hearts.

How must we respond? When the name of our city is called out, we should just lift our candles. This is not the time to cry out and bring attention upon us and away from the Holy Spirit. Even candles of a different color bring special attention to the candle holder. Christians, it's not about us, it is all about the Pilgrims. It's a time for quiet reverence because we are in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who is working upon the hearts of the Pilgrims. Following the holiness of candlelight, many Pilgrims go to the altar to accept Christ for the very first time or to rededicate their lives to Christ. We do not want to be held accountable for interrupting the intensions of the Holy Spirit. Do we?

That's why we need to keep a low profile. After we go down the center isle of the church to say goodbye to the Pilgrims, we must quietly exit in order NOT to be an interference. Should you want to continue conversations, be thoughtful and immediately leave the sanctuary. You can always talk with your friends outside the church.

God asks us to make this a time of reverence. Please honor it. We need to be obedient and sensitive to His leadings. Thank you, Springfield Community. Blessings upon you His Servants of Love,

Yours,
in Christ's Service,
Larry McMahan

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, September 7, 2:30 PM - 7 PM:

*Picnic at the UAW local 402 Park on Derr Road
near Moorefield.*

Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 6 PM:

Reunion for Men's Walk #36

Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 7 PM:

Gathering.

*Starting in December gatherings will be held on the
second Sunday of the month.*

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

#37 April 23—26, 2009
#38 August 13—16, 2009

Women's Walks

#54 November 6—9, 2008
#55 February 19—22, 2009
#56 June 18—21, 2009
#57 November 5—8, 2009

**All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

SHARE GROUPS

If you don't have a share group, please contact our
good shepherds:

Women: Mary Ahlborn (937) 322-1958

Men: Sim Bowen (937) 605-1066

Emmaus Walk Applications needed!

We are in need of more men's and women's applications to fill the upcoming walks.

Find us online:

www.spfldemmaus.com / www.highstreetumc.com