

REMEMBERING OUR EMMAUS WALK TALKS

“...with a clean sheet of paper, pen in hand...”

Priority - The first talk with the big question, “Do we have a priority for our lives?” Was it conspicuous-- God was never mentioned in the talk? How could that be on a Christian retreat? Think about it – ‘cuz that’s what we’re supposed to do. Begin our Walk with Christ “thinking” about what is first in our life.

Prevenient Grace – What is the speaker talking about? Prevenient grace--God “invites” us to come to Him, what a beautiful concept. God woos us with His love from the very beginning of our lives.

Priesthood of All Believers – “Me, a priest—no way,” was probably our first thought. Then as the talk proceeded, we caught on. We can all be “priests” to a hurting world and work together while doing so.

Justifying Grace – Responding to God’s wooing! Just saying, “YES!!” to Jesus!! If we want our love for God to grow, we say “yes” to trusting and having faith in Him.

Life of Piety – Piety, isn’t that connected to “pious”? Like wearing a “pained expression”? No. It’s giving our whole heart to God. The talk on “Piety” shows us how to give God our “first best” not our “second maybe.”

Grow Through Study - Study? Sounds awfully boring...until you discover all the unique and interesting ways of study—from Christian books, to audio tapes, to videos, to radio and, of course, there’s the “BIBLE” we can read and study – wow, God provides so many ways to help us grow in our faith. In this talk we learn how we can give our minds to God. We learn that God loves to talk with us, too.

Means of Grace – The two-part talk—the one that the most jokes are made about because of its length, not it’s content. In this talk we learn about celebrating the sacred moments of the church—baptism, Communion, confirmation, marriage, forgiveness, healing, scripture, and prayer. We learn how Believers receive God’s grace though all the channels He has given to the Church.

Christian Action – This talk allows us to think about how we can give our hands and feet to God for service. We are shown how to help with ministries at our church or how to begin new ones that may be needed in order to present Christ to others through our actions.

Obstacles to Grace – Oh, no, now we learn about the S “I” N word and about S-E-L-F-L-O-V-E. Thankfully, the talk not only makes us aware of how we put up obstacles to our relationship with God, but also tells us how we can overcome them and respond to a fuller, more meaningful relationship with Him.

Discipleship – The Speaker relates the various ways he/she has strived to live as a Disciple through study, celebrating God’s grace, Christian action, removing obstacles, and living a lifestyle of faith.

Changing Our World – An awesome task; however, it’s doable because we can begin first with ourselves, then family; next our community, and our world. Remember to “make a plan.” And, always we can “make a friend, be a friend, and bring our friend to Christ.”

Sanctifying Grace – Through God’s loving, sanctifying grace we learn He is the power source who will help us change our world. We equip ourselves for the work of service God has set before us through devotional practices and disciplines in our lives. We never stop growing towards sanctification.

Body of Christ – We learn through this talk that we are more effective instruments when we work together to bring Christ to the world. With Christ as the focus, any group can be a body of Christ.

Perseverance – The Lay Director presents this talk to tell us how he/she has persevered in life as a Disciple of Jesus Christ and how we will be supported in the Christian life by being active in a Share Group. The talk expresses the importance of Share Groups and how they encourage us to be accountable for our spiritual growth. Share Groups allow you to extend your Emmaus experience beyond the Walk.

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Fourth Day – The last talk summarizes what we have learned in order to equip ourselves for our “real pilgrimage” in the world. “Piety, study, action—giving our heart, mind, hands and feet to God.” We are encouraged to become church leaders and to remember our church comes first, to attend monthly Emmaus reunions, and to participate in future Walks.

Truly, we do receive a short course in Christianity!

THANK YOU

“It has been a pleasure to serve the Springfield Area Emmaus Community for the past four years first as your Treasurer, then as Community Lay Director and for the past year as the Leadership Chairman. God has truly blessed the Springfield community in so many ways. It is so wonderful to sit and watch God at work in the members of the community. Service to God and our fellow person has shown brightly and is why God’s Love is so apparent to those who we meet every day. May God continue to bless the community and I look forward to serving Him and you in other ways.

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Tom Dever”

PRAYER VIGIL

We still have a lot of empty slots on the prayer vigil. Anyone who would want us to put their name in a slot can either call us at 969-8193 or email at masalaco@sbcglobal.net We don't mind getting multiple names in a slot. We can't have too much prayer.

<u>Thursday, June 19th:</u> 6-7 pm., 7-8 pm., 11- midnight.	<u>Friday, June 20th</u> 1-2 am., 2-3 am., 4-5 am., 5-6 am., 6-7 am., 9-10 am., 2-3 pm., 3-4 pm., 4-5 pm., 5-6 pm., 6-7 pm., 7-8 pm., 8-9 pm., 9-10 pm., 10-11 pm., 11- midnight.	<u>Saturday, June 21st:</u> 2-3 am., 4-5 am., 5-6 am., 6-7 am., 10-11 am., 11- noon, noon - 1pm., 2-3 pm., 4-5 pm., 9-10 pm.	<u>Sunday, June 22nd:</u> 1-2 am., 4-5 am., 5-6 am., 6-7 am., 8-9 am., 9-10 am., 10-11 am., 11- noon., 1-2 pm., 2-3 pm., 3-4 pm., 4-5 pm., 5-6 pm.
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VERY IMPORTANT

Updated Community Directories will be published after the June walk.

Please notify John Ahlborn if you have a new address or phone number.
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SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #53

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Vorita Ackley	Freedom Road	Janet Bostick
Geneva Bacon	St. John Missionary Baptist	Reva Hutchins
Billie Bartram	Grace UMC	Millie Luttrull
Alice Berner	Lake Avenue Christian	Kim Stehle & Silke Berner
Becky Christian	First Lutheran	Lisa Sherrock
Dee Copeland	St. Mary	Chris Copeland
RoxAnne Combs	Grace UMC	Dave & Karen Speas
Ann Craig	None Listed	Mark Craig
Tanya Davenport	Mt. Pilgrim Baptist	Rebecca Page
Margaret Davis	None Listed	Mary Cogan
Shannon Dooley	Fellowship Christian	Chip Comer
Sara Fessler	Fellowship Christian	Cameron Quick
Patricia Fisher	North Hampton Community	Pat Baker
Martha Goodbar	Petre Baptist	Marvin Flory
Clara Griffin	Lake Avenue Christian	Kim Stehle & Silke Berner
Patricia Ham	Church of Jesus Family Worship	Tracey Freeman-Elliott
Edith Hardy	Restored Life	Elizabeth Cox - Kathie Harbaugh
Tena Hopper	First Christian	Mikie McMahan - Randy McHenry
Amanda Lawrence	Urbana UMC	Michelle Rockfield
Bonnie Logan	Nation Chapel UMC	Cindee Johnson
Freda Lytle	St John Missionary Baptist	Reva Hutchins
Diana Masem	Nation Chapel UMC	Cindee Johnson
Darby McCullough	Concord UMC	Rita McCullough
Dawn McKee	Fellowship Christian	Shawn Clark
Linda Peca	Freedom Road	Janet Bostick
Tammy Pressnell	None Listed	P.A. Rummel
Janet Reeder	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Janet Rhoden	North Hampton Community	Esther Houseman
Carla Rice	High Street Nazarene	Ginny Brown
Kristal Smith	Journey of Faith Fellowship	P.A. Rummel
Janie Souders	Maranatha Baptist	Yolanda Bell
Robin Spencer	Salem Missionary Baptist	Dianne Jordan
Celesta Stevens	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Cathy Stewart	Emery Chapel UMC	Anne VanPelt
Patty Timms	None Listed	Karla Bray-Townsend & Sara Levesque
Kimberly Veatch	Dayton Vineyard	Heather Lonergan
Brenda Warner	High Street Nazarene	Mary Beth Cheeseman

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.

The August gathering - specials 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.

Walk Dates

Men's Walks

36 August 14—17, 2008

Women's Walks

53 June 19—22, 2008

54 November 6—9, 2008

* All Walk Dates Are Tentative

Lay Directors on upcoming walks:

Women's Walk #53	Kim Bachman
Men's Walk # 36	David Southward
Women's Walk #54	Betty Yoakem

Agape

We are requesting for anyone giving pilgrim (and/or) team agape in the form of a poem, message, or picture on a sheet of paper, to please fold or roll up the sheets. This makes it much more convenient for both the agape room and the logistic team to handle. The board has discussed and approved this request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Love & Blessings,

Barb & Mary

I again would like to say thank you to everyone that has helped in the Kitchen on Emmaus Walk weekends. Johnnie Williams

Kairos

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| • Ross Correctional #17 | Aug. 14-17 |
| • Ohio Reformatory for Women #29 | Nov. 13-16 |
| • Marion Correctional #24 | Oct. 23-26 |
| • Warren Correctional #2 | Nov. 6-9 |
| • Lebanon Correctional #37 | Sept. 18-21 |

They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 'He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Matthew 25: 44-45