

**Elizabethtown Emmaus  
Newsletter  
MAY 2002**

**CHAIRPERSONS CORNER**

Psalm 84:5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

Well, how is your journey going? Are you walking with Christ on a daily basis in prayer, study and worship? Are you still on the mountaintop of Easter or of your walk if you have just come off the Spring Walks? I know some of you are running with Christ on level ground, some are being carried uphill by Him and some of you are dancing with Him on your journey. I want to dance!

Rosemary Berry, lay director of the Pennyrile Emmaus community, shared a story with me about a little boy who fell out of bed. When his mom asked him what happened, he answered, "I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in." She shared this to illustrate how tempting it is to stay where we got in on this journey and never move. "God," she said, "is not finished with you yet. Oh, you may think He is. You may think you've peaked. You may think He's got someone else to do the job. If so, think again."

Like the Pennyrile Community, our community needs each of our members. We have three walks to fill this fall so please follow God's prompting about sponsoring someone on the walk. We need volunteers to work the walks so make sure your updated volunteer sheet is mailed. Remember there will be about 53 team members for each walk but the need for workers is much greater. You may not be able to serve on a team, attend formations and give a whole weekend this fall but there is much you can do. In addition to prayer charts and serving charts there are many little jobs about which a lay director could use your talents. Could you do silence posters or "Keep Out" posters for the agape room or prayer chapel? Could you do special music during a chapel time? Could you make a special banner or a table decoration for the dinning room coordinator? (Remember there is no budget for decorations.)

Could you volunteer to help clean up, set up or pack the trailer on Sunday afternoon? Could you volunteer to move the trailer contents into the agape room on Wednesday or Thursday of a walk? Do you have the equipment (truck) to move the trailer that stores our supplies? Our lay directors would love to hear from you if you could do any of these tasks. (So would I)

There is great risk to resting on the edge. Step out on your journey and get involved with our community in little and big ways. Don't be like the little boy who fell out of bed because he stayed too close to where he got in. Step out on faith and be a servant with Christ, after all you might even get to dance with Him. - Decolores, Bonnie Russell

**CONGRATS**

Congratulations to our new lay directors for the fall 2002 walks. Walk # 82 Randy Allen  
Walk # 83 Kim Strange  
Walk # 84 Collette Starks  
Please keep these leaders in prayer as they follow God's lead in putting together our fall walks.

**A NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Having just announced our fall walk Lay Directors means I am about to call the selection committees to select our spring 2003 Lay Directors. If you have qualified to serve as a Lay Director and feel I might not be aware of you please let me know. I can be reached by phone at 270-737-4245 (home) or 270-769-3717 (work) or email at [pillperson@hotmail.com](mailto:pillperson@hotmail.com) or you can get a message to me through any board member.

To qualify as a lay director you must have persevered in the community, served as a Table Leader, served as an Asst. Table Leader with a Talk, served in the kitchen or on the Agape team and served as an Asst. Lay Director. You should be presently active in our community (attending gathering and candlelight) and you should be active in a reunion group. We need strong servant leaders so please don't be shy about letting us know you have qualified. - DeColores, Bonnie Russell

**SCARS AND STRIPES**

"Wounds. Bruises. Chastisement. Stripes. Scars. Theses are familiar words to most of us. Most of us have experienced wounds and bruises. Some of us have scars.....

Jesus had scars to prove to Thomas that He truly was the Christ. These were visible, believable scars. Few of us would be willing to die for someone or for our faith. Yes, we're told that, even today, multitudes of persons are martyred for being confessing Christians. Am I willing to suffer, even die, for my faith? What will faithfully serving my Master ultimately require of me?"

Of course, what will serving my Master gain me? How will serving my Master change my life and the lives of others here on earth? How could I do anything else on this journey except serve Him? By Kate R. Thomas in *NEW EVERY MORNING*. I think you might find this a beautiful addition to your quiet time with God. (available at Alpha-Omega Bookstore). I want to share part of one of her devotionals that has touched me dearly and stuck with me. Bonnie

**REMINDER!!!**

The May gathering is at College Heights United Methodist Church on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please bring a snack and a 2 liter drink for the social time afterwards. Community will furnish paper products and some of us will be needed to set-up and clean-up. Call me to volunteer (270-737-4245). I am looking forward to some relaxed social time with all of you. Bonnie

**A THOUGHT FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

We have just celebrated “Resurrection Sunday.” Didn’t knowing that Jesus Christ is “Risen Indeed” enhance the worship experience? Paul writes in Galatians 2:20,  
“For I have been crucified in Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...” If we are crucified in Christ then we are resurrected in Christ. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old is gone (crucified) the new is come (resurrection).” This scripture is brought to life symbolically through the service of baptism.  
Chrysalis and Emmaus provide an opportunity for people to evaluate their spiritual walk. Hopefully, the participant will come to a better understanding of God’s Amazing Grace!  
Do you recall your experience on your walk? Was there something that you died to and nailed to the cross? Remember what Paul said “...the old is gone!” Perhaps you sensed a resurrection of the Holy Spirit within you. I pray that you have become a “new creature” in Christ and that you’re allowing the Holy Spirit to mature you each day.  
Your Servant,  
Garland

**EMMAUS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

As promised last month here is The Elizabethtown Emmaus Community website  
“[www.etownemmaus.org](http://www.etownemmaus.org).”  
Please drop by and visit this fantastic site. It’s really well designed and has a plethora of information. The site has forms, a list of contacts of board members, calendar of upcoming events, the monthly newsletter, a comprehensive list of Reunion Groups sorted by day, and links to the Upper Room. It’s a great site and we in the community give a big hand and bunches of thanks to those who had / have a hand in the implementation and upkeep of this site (you guys know who you are).

**EMMAUS CALENDAR**

MAY 4 Gathering – 7:00 PM CHUMC  
JUN 1 Gathering – 7:00 PM CHUMC  
MAY REC # 9 May 17 - 19  
OCT 5 – 7 Chrysalis #30 Campground  
OCT 10 – 13 Men’s Walk #82  
OCT 17 – 20 Women’s Walk #83  
OCT 24 – 27 Women’s Walk #84

**INSPIRATIONS FROM THE EDITOR**

I got this from a dear friend and brother in Christ, Jesus. It helped me focus on the fact that my problems may seem gigantic to me but in perspective they may be (and mostly are) pretty tiny. I hope this helps you deal with your problems and puts them in perspective. ED.

A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing no way out, dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy of a cross to bear."

The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.  
And the Lord replied, " My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

**YOUR CROSS**

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,  
There will always be sunshine after the rain.  
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,  
But God's always there to help you through it all.

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