

**Elizabethtown Emmaus  
Newsletter  
September 2002**

**DeColores,**

**From the Chairperson**

Blessed are those who strength is in you. Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5. Our children or grandchildren are journeying back to school whether it be the elementary down the street or a college across many miles. Where are you journeying this school year? Each year as school begins I tend to renew my resolve to study more. This past year I have begun and finished several studies that have drawn my head and my heart closer to Christ. Just like in the Growth Through Study talk I could recommend a few of them and then there was the one I didn't finish (but have taken up again). In the Growth Through Study talk we learned that growth suggests a willingness to change and mature. We learned that study suggests a discipline and a willingness to inform our desires, emotions and intuitions about the Christian life. Those thoughts alone should keep us in study. Growing through study is an important part of the process of journeying closer in our relationship with Christ. Paul spoke to this study thing in Romans 12:2 when he wrote that we are transformed through the renewal of our minds and in Philippians 4:8 he reminds us to apply our minds to those things which are most worthy. What are you studying on your journey? Many are impeded in their spiritual journey by simple ignorance of the truth. So, as our children head back to school and we become aware of back to school sales, packing lunches and driving 24 miles an hour in school zones, let us look again at our plan for growth through study. Plan to travel more knowledgeable and in truth with Christ. Let us start today.

DeColores – Bonnie

**A Word from Your Chairperson**

Twice each year the community chairperson is required to ask one past lay director for women and one for men to form a committee of at least two other past lay directors to choose the lay directors for the upcoming walks. These committees meet and go over the list of those persons who have qualified to fill the position of lay director and then present the community chairperson a list of three people for each walk who are qualified and God has led them to recommend for this position. The community chairperson then calls the people on the lists in the order they were presented until a new lay director is confirmed.

Presently we need to update our lists. If you know someone who is qualified please have them contact me (ph.737-4245 or e-mail pillperson@hotmail.com) so I can add their name to the list to be given to the next community chairperson.

To qualify a person must have served the following positions on a team:

1. Agape or kitchen
2. Assistant table leader with a talk
3. Table leader and
4. Assistant lay director.

The person must also be active in the community, in a reunion group and have persevered. Presently our men's list has the following names: Frank Belden, Keith Bond, Cletus Coats, Steve Cutter, Bill Hay, Doug McAfee, Larry McKenzie, Johnny Malone, Tommy Metcalf, Joe Newton, Doug Powell and Mark Riordan. Our women's list has the following names: Rhoda Baumfaulk, Pat Belden, Cheryl Benitz, Margaret Cecil, Kim Drake, Lydia Gieseke, Jodi Kiger, Kim McAfee, Shelia Robey, Bonnie Russell, Darlene Stokes, and Sharon Whitfield.

Also on our lists are the names of people who need only one positional requirement to qualify. This part of the list is very important since our lay directors pray over those names and use them often in the position they need. This fall I am already aware of five people who will qualify when walks 82, 83 and 84 end. However, I am not aware of some of you who are qualified or who only need one position. Please contact me at Gathering, or by phone at either

270-737-4245 or 270-769-3717 or by e-mail at pillperson@hotmail.com.

Thank you. Praying for you in the journey,  
Bonnie Russell, Community Chairperson.

**An Important Announcement**

We will have snacks after the September gathering and invite you to bring snack food items and 2 liter sodas to the September Gathering at Memorial. The board will take care of set up stuff like ice and paper goods and the community can bring food, drinks and we will need volunteers to serve and clean up.

**Emmaus Calendar**

SEP 7 - 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ MUMC  
OCT 5 – 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC  
NOV 2 - 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ MUMC  
DEC 7 – 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ MUMC  
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  
FEB 15-17 2003 Chrysalis #31  
MAR 13–16 2003 Men's Walk # 85  
MAR 20–23 2003 Women's Walk # 86  
\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THE SEP GATHERING\*\*\*

**Nominations for the Emmaus Board**

We are taking nominations for next year's class of board members. The class is a three-year commitment. If you are or know of an interested person please contact Ron Smith at [rsmith@bbtel.com](mailto:rsmith@bbtel.com) or call him at 737-4912. We have 13 open positions from the class of 2000 that have fulfilled their commitment.

## **A Hearty Thank-you**

Thank you to all the current and former members of the board who have given of themselves and their time to help make this a strong, supportive and vibrant Emmaus Community. Many of us never know what goes on behind the scenes to make this a wonderful loving place committed to serving in Kingdom-building affairs.

### **Inspirations from the editor**

Matt, 19:13,14 says "Some children were brought to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. The disciples told them not to bother him. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.' "

Oh that we could all have this kind of faith like that of a child's. I got this off my e-mail it touched me and I hope it blesses you. Enjoy...ed.

### ***You'll Find Jesus***

"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart..."

"You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted.

The surgeon looked up, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done..."

"But when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there."

The surgeon looked to the parents, who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next."

"But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart."

The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well."

"You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there."

The surgeon left. The surgeon sat in his office, recording his notes from the surgery, "...damaged

aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure.

Therapy: painkillers and bed-rest.

Prognosis:," here he paused, "death within one year."

He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said, "Why?" He asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?"

The Lord answered and said, "The boy, My lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is a part of My flock, and will forever be. Here, in My flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and My flock will continue to grow."

The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?"

The Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, shall return to My flock, for he has done his duty: I did not put My lamb with your flock to lose him, but to retrieve another lost lamb."

The surgeon wept.

The surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him.

The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?"

"Yes," said the surgeon.

"What did you find?" asked the boy.

"I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

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