

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
January 2003**

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From the Chairperson

What a great year 2002 was for our community! Bonnie Russell served this community with a servant's heart as its Chairperson. Garland Hawkins and Bob Wood served as Spiritual Director leading us through the year. Davis Salmon, Tina Cutter, Randy Allen, Kim Strange and Colette Starks led over 250 pilgrims in their Walks to Emmaus. God anointed the community and showered his blessings on the walks of 2002.

As 2003 begins my prayer is that God will continue to rule this community and that we, the community, will seek His will in all that we do. Leading the community this year as Spiritual Director is Chuck Darland. Please extend a word of thanks to Chuck the next time you see him for providing the spiritual leadership in the community in 2003 and raise him up in your prayers, thanking God for Chuck's leadership in our community.

New in 2003 to the community board of directors are David Dozer, Heather Holthouser, Larry Holthouser, Mitzi Lynch, Dale Powers, Sherry Powers, Chris Yancy, Tom Yancy, Charles Young and Liz Young. All board members commit themselves to a three-year term on the board. They all bring different spiritual gifts to the board and will be using those gifts to God's glory, in support of the Emmaus Community and in the edification of the Body of Christ. Next month we will be communicating to you the functional responsibilities each board member will be taking on as a member of the board in 2003. Please raise the new and returning board members up in prayer as they begin a new year in God's service.

It doesn't seem like it has been that long since our last walk, but it is only a couple of months to our first walks in 2003. Larry McKenzie and Bonnie Russell are prayerfully filling out their teams for Walks 85 and 86. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they seek God's will. As I begin this year in service to the community I am overwhelmed by the responsibility that God has placed before me through Emmaus. While I can do all things through Christ; I must submit to His rule and will. Please pray that I will hear only His words and that I will submit to them so that only His will be done in all my actions.

Finally, as I have asked for your prayers, please know that the community and its board of directors continue to raise all of you up in prayer. We all are walking a different spiritual path and sometimes that path goes down into a valley and sometimes that path takes us to a high place. Wherever you are on that path, walk with the knowledge that the prayers of all your brothers and sisters in Christ have been raised for you.

Your brother in Christ,
Ron Smith, Walk # 67, Table of John

Extend an Invitation for an Upcoming Walk

God's spirit is working, tugging at the hearts of the faithful. If God is tugging at your heart to sponsor a Christian friend on an upcoming walk, please begin in prayer the process of sponsorship. Follow the Spirit's leadings and extend an invitation of God's grace to a potential pilgrim.

If you need forms for candidates they are available at any gathering, at some of our local churches and on the web at www.ETownEmmaus.org – just click on the "forms" link and print the form on your printer. If you are new to the community and need help in sponsorship there are a number of resources. First, talk to your sponsor, if they did a good job sponsoring you, they can help you be a good sponsor to someone else. Second, the "Fourth

Day" book that you received at the end of your Emmaus walk has great advice on sponsorship. Third, The Upper Room web site has an entire section on sponsorship at www.upperroom.org/emmasus/invitation/.

Agape Needed

Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters, as an Emmaus community we need to support each other and every walk that takes place within our community. We can all do this by providing Agape for both Chrysalis and Emmaus walks. Anybody can do it, and we all need to do our parts so each caterpillar and pilgrim feel the true unselfish Christ-like love that we all felt on our walks. For the Chrysalis, which is almost always in need of Agape – Table, Bed and snack (if you can image that!?!). We fall short, it seems at times to provide this love to our younger members. For a Chrysalis please provide 125 pieces. For men's and women's walks 100 pieces of agape is enough.

Check...one...two...

Most folks don't realize what it takes "sound-wise" to make it so everyone can hear during a walk. We are seeking donations to help purchase new or used sound equipment for the Emmaus Community. Perhaps you may even know of equipment available through a church, individual, or organization. Below is a "wish list" of what is needed to update our current sound equipment inventory. Please contact Greg Bolton at 369-9662, e-mail at gbolton1957@aol.com

- 1 each powered mixer, 6 channel minimum
- 1 each speaker cabinets to match above mixer w/stands
- 1 each main speaker cabinets (capable of 200 plus watts power handling)
- 4 each good quality microphones
- 3 each microphone "boom" stands
- 1 each cassette deck
- 1 each cd player
- speaker cables, mic cables, extension cords, power strips

Emmaus Calendar

JAN 4 – 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC

FEB 1 – 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC

MAR 1 – 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC

FEB 15-17 2003 Chrysalis #31

MAR 13–16 2003 Men’s Walk # 85

MAR 20–23 2003 Women’s Walk # 86

CHUMC = College Heights United Methodist

MUMC = Memorial United Methodist Church

Inspirations from the editor

Here is a nice little bit to start the year off on the right foot. Hoping this blesses you and that you had a joyous Holiday season in the love and warmth of Christ Jesus the reason for the season. Ed.

Beatitudes For The Home

BLESSED are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate and considerate, loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

BLESSED are they who have a sense of humor, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.

BLESSED are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vows of a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness to one another.

BLESSED are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

BLESSED are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it, and who set apart some time each day for the reading of the Bible and for prayer.

BLESSED are those mates who never speak loudly to one another and who make their home a place where “seldom is heard a discouraging word.”

BLESSED are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship service of the church and who work together in the church for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who can work out problems of adjustments without interference from relatives.

BLESSED is the couple who has a complete understanding about financial matters and who has worked out a perfect partnership with all money under the control of both.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and who practice the teachings of Christ in the home by being unselfish, loyal, and loving.

- Author Unknown