

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
April 2003**

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From the Chairperson

To the Pilgrims who have just completed their Walk to Emmaus:

Welcome to the Emmaus community! Each person is touched by God during the Walk to Emmaus in a different way. We saw at each Closing how each of you talked of God's love and all the variety of its manifestations during the weekend. The prayers and the acts of agape of the community, the planning of the lay leaders and the commitment of the walk team members all were just earthly ways that God shows his great love for you. It is our prayer that you will now take that love God has shown you and use it to His glory in the building up of your local church.

On Saturday, April 5th, 2003 a Gathering of the Emmaus community will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown. One of the ways you can show God's love to others is to share with the community how your Fourth Days have been since your walk. There will be a time during the Gathering that an "open mike" will be placed at the altar and all new members of the community will be invited to come forward if they wish to share their Fourth Day experiences. Please prayerfully consider attending the Gathering and sharing with the community your walk with Christ.

To the Community: Again, a job well done! Thank you all for your efforts these past two months. Buster Seaton, Shelley Hummel and their Chrysalis teams served God in their leading a boisterous and excited group of new butterflies. Larry McKenzie and Bonnie Russell

demonstrated servants' hearts in their leadership of the Men's and Women's Walks. It was a blessing for all of us to see God work through Larry, Bonnie and their teams. A special note of appreciation to the Community needs to be expressed for its dedication during the Chrysalis ice storm. For the safety of the teens and the team members the location of the Sunday night special service was changed to the campground. The Chrysalis leaders hoped that 25 to 50 members of the community would risk traveling to the campground for the service. God spoke and miraculously 250 members of the community were able to safely travel to and from the campground to attend the service. Praise be to God for His grace and thank you to the community for its demonstration of God's love and faithfulness. Your brother in Christ,
Ron Smith, Walk # 67, Table of John

A Special Thank You.

At the February Board meeting it was decided to purchase additional chalices and plates for the serving of communion during Emmaus events. When Carl and Judy Elmer of Mold Me Ministry in La Grange, KY heard that the chalices and plates were to be for Emmaus they graciously donated the needed items. Please raise Carl and Judy up in your prayers of praise for their work in God's kingdom.

Volunteer for Emmaus, Chrysalis and REC walks!

The Team Advisory Committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of the selection of the October Emmaus Walk teams. If you are interested in working on an Emmaus, Chrysalis or REC team you must fill out and send in a volunteer sheet. For the Emmaus Walks the volunteer sheets are held for three years. If you have not filled out a volunteer sheet within the last couple of years, you need to send in a new sheet. All the volunteer forms are available at the web site at www.ETownEmmaus.org – just click on the "forms" link and print the form on your printer.

Walk to Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration

Reminder: The Walk to Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration will be taking place July 24-27, 2003 in Nashville. Please consider attending the Celebration. Information about the Celebration is available at each of the Gatherings and at the Upper Room web site www.upperroom.org/emmaus/25th/.

Emmaus Calendar

APR 5 - 7:00 PM Gathering MUMC
MAY 3 - 7:00 PM Gathering CHUMC
JUN 7 - 7:00 PM Gathering CHUMC
CHUMC = College Heights United Methodist
MUMC = Memorial United Methodist Church

Inspirations from the editor

Greetings and salutations. I have had this for some time and found it most interesting. While I don't know if it's true it certainly makes a good read. I pray you enjoy it as I did – ed.

NASA and GOD

I found this interesting and thought you would also. For all the scientists out there, and for all the students who have a hard time convincing these people regarding the truth of the Bible, here's something that shows God's awesome creation, and that He is still in control. Did you know that the space program is busy proving that what has been called "myth" in the Bible is true? Mr. Harold Hill, President of the Curtis Engine Company in Baltimore, Maryland, and a consultant in the space program, relates the following development. "I think one of the most amazing things that God has done for us today happened recently to our astronauts and space scientists at GreenBelt, Maryland. They were checking out where the positions of the sun, moon, and planets would be 100 years and 1,000 years from now.

We have to know this so we won't send up a satellite and have it bump into something later on in its orbits. We have to lay out the orbits in terms of the life of the satellite and where the planets will be so the whole thing will not bog down. "They ran the computer measurement back and forth over the centuries, and it came to a halt. The computer stopped and put up a red signal, which meant that there was something wrong with either the information fed into it or with the results as compared to the standards.

They called in the service department to check it out, and they said, 'What's wrong?' Well, they found there is a day missing in space in elapsed time. They scratched their heads and tore their hair. There was no answer.

Finally a Christian man on the team said, 'You know, one time I was in Sunday school, and they talked about the sun standing still.' While they didn't believe him, they didn't have an answer either, so they said, 'Show us.' "He got a Bible and went to the

book of Joshua where they found a pretty ridiculous statement for any one with 'common sense.' There they found the Lord saying to Joshua, 'Fear them not, I have delivered them into thy hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.' Joshua was concerned because he was surrounded by the enemy, and if darkness fell, they would overpower them. So Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun stand still! That's right...'The sun stood still and the moon stayed and lasted not to go down about a whole day!' (Joshua 10:12-13)

The astronauts and scientists said, 'There is the missing day!' They checked the computers going back into the time it was written and found it was close but not close enough. The elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes... not a whole day. "They read the Bible, and there it was 'about (approximately) a day.' These little words in the Bible are important, but they were still in trouble because if you cannot account for 40 minutes, you'll still be in trouble 1,000 years from now. Forty minutes had to be found because it can be multiplied many times over in orbits.

As the Christian employee thought about it, he remembered somewhere in the Bible where it said the sun went BACKWARDS. The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Book and read these words in 2 Kings that told of the following story: Hezekiah, on his death bed, was visited by the prophet Isaiah who told him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked for a sign as proof. Isaiah said 'Do you want the sun to go ahead 10 degrees?'

Hezekiah said, 'It is nothing for the sun to go ahead 10 degrees, but let the shadow return backward 10 degrees.' Isaiah spoke to the Lord, and the Lord brought the shadow ten degrees BACKWARD! Ten degrees is exactly 40 minutes! Twenty-three hours and 20 minutes in Joshua, plus 40 minutes in Second Kings make the missing day in the universe!" Isn't it amazing?

References: Joshua 10:8 and 12, 13 and 2 Kings 20:9-11.