

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
February 2005**

Greetings from your Lay Director:

We are off to a new year and the Walks are getting closer. I am always excited right before a Walk just thinking about what God is going to do in the pilgrim's lives and how that will affect the world we live in. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! (Philippians 4:13).

We need to be praying for the Lay Directors for the upcoming Walks; Marge Schory and Carl Stoltzfus for Chrysalis, Ann Thompson and Mike Roby for Emmaus. Pray for the teams God has put together through the team selection process and for the pilgrims and butterflies that will be on these Walks. We need to pray that God will remove all obstacles and provide good health for both the pilgrims/caterpillars and the workers. Chrysalis will be first and we need to support them with agape, prayers, and service at the send off, camp ground, special service, or closing.

If you are considering sponsoring someone on the spring Walks, it is a big responsibility and should involve prayer and planning. Here are ten steps from our manual on sponsoring a prospective Pilgrim:

1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a Walk.
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing their participation in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation. Invite them to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just a weekend to go on. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow-up dimensions which help us live in

grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go.

4. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
5. Continue to pray, prepare agape letters, enlist the support of their pastor. Collect at least 8 to 10 personal agape letters. Do not ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the weekend.
6. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil and your presence at Send-Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Look after your Pilgrim's family to make sure their needs are met while your Pilgrim is away.
7. Encourage the Pilgrim in his or her Fourth Day involvement. Allow them to talk about their experience; help them find a reunion group or start one with them; bring them to Gatherings for at least a couple of months.
8. Help the Pilgrim re-enter their church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
9. Inform the Pilgrim of how he or she can serve the Emmaus Community and future Walks.
10. Help the Pilgrim sponsor others.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace.

Hope to see you at the Gathering!

De Colores,
Fritz Giesecke
Walk # 57
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BOARD NEWS

Formations have begun for Chrysalis and have been scheduled for both the Women's and Men's Walks. All lay directors reports things are going well but have requested our continued prayers.

PRAYER TIME

Several members of our Emmaus and Chrysalis communities have shared prayer requests at Gatherings. As the list sometimes is very long and extensive we just ask that as part of your daily prayers you include the requests of your Christian brothers and sisters. God knows what their needs are—even if we don't have the specifics.

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ELIZABETHTOWN EMMAUS CALENDAR

February 5 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Gathering

February 19 – 21 Chrysalis 35
19 – Sendoff
20 – Candlelight
21 -- Closing

March 5 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Gathering

March 10 – 13 Men's Walk #94

March 17 – 20 Women's Walk #95

April 2 6:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting

TBA Chrysalis 36
October 13-16 Men's Walk 96
October 20-23 Women's Walk 97
October 27-30 OPEN – 2nd Women's
Walk (if needed)

2005 SPRING WALK LAY DIRECTORS

CHRYSALIS 35
FEMALE – MARGE SCHORY
MALE – CARL STOLTZFUS

MEN'S WALK 94 – MIKE ROBY

WOMEN'S WALK 95 – ANN THOMPSON

INSPIRATIONS FROM THE EDITOR

Too Blessed to be Stressed!!!
Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and
yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

"I AM Too blessed to be stressed!"
The shortest distance between
a problem and a solution is the distance
between your knees and the floor.
The one who kneels to the Lord
can stand up to anything.
Love and peace
be with you forever
Amen.

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