

**Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
Newsletter
September 2007**

Dear Emmaus Family,

By the time you read this Larry McKenzie will be recovering from back surgery and I know both he and Judy would appreciate your prayers during this season in their lives. Larry has done a great job as Community Lay Director so far this year and our thoughts and prayers are with him as he is recuperating from an extensive and involved surgery. "We miss you Larry and can't wait to have you back with us and may your recovery/healing time be quicker than expected."

Once again our Emmaus family came through in shining colors. I think we scheduled the annual picnic on one of the hottest days of the summer but we had an unbelievable turnout! Many, many thanks to all that came to enjoy chicken and all the fixings and the best group to fellowship with anywhere. To all of those that came early and stayed late to help with set up and clean up - and there were many - thanks for the help. With so many willing hearts and hands it was easy to do. My apologies for the mix up with the inflatables not being there, as promised, for the kids. Personally, I missed the competitive volleyball matches this year...but we'll look forward to that again next year, along with cooler weather. A special thanks to Mickey and Tina Lord for always going above and beyond at Camp Nikao and to Chris Yates for all his behind the scenes help with the picnic.

I know Larry would want me to ask you all to especially pray for the upcoming Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis and as always remember to pray about sponsoring someone and get those registration forms in as soon as possible. Please keep this wonderful Emmaus Community in your prayers. May we always seek to have the heart and mind of Christ and look for ways to be His hands and feet while we are here on earth. And let us all "Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you."

Blessings,
Colleen Bagley

72 Hour Prayer Chart

Everyone is encouraged to sign the 72 Hour Prayer Chart. These are available during the Gatherings and also at the Campground during Sponsor's hour.

The prayer chart is also available on the Emmaus Community website, <http://www.owntownemmaus.org>. You can view and sign the 72 Hour Prayer Chart for the upcoming walks. Click on the walk page, available on the top of each page, 'Walks' on the left side and select the walk you want to view.

Chrysalis

Change in Chrysalis closings: Due to concerns about transportation issues, from now on, all Chrysalis closings will be held at the Camp Nikao.

How to Become a Sponsor

In order to sponsor someone on Walk to Emmaus, a person must first have been on The Walk itself. A sponsor should also be active in Fourth Day. Having been through the experience and being engaged in ongoing spiritual formation through Fourth Day gives one perspective on how to sponsor. Your local community may require specific training in order to be a sponsor, so be sure to inquire about such requirements from the Community Lay Director.

Beyond these requirements, the basic attitude of a sponsor is one of prayerful discernment. This results in intentional acts of unconditional love, or what is often termed "the first act of agape." A resource for further help is the Emmaus Library Series booklet, Sponsorship, by Richard and Janine Gilmore. The following is an excerpt from Sponsorship:

"Sponsorship can be unwise or wise. Unwise sponsorship results from unbridled enthusiasm that wants everyone to have the same experience. Sponsors with unbridled enthusiasm approach anybody and everybody with the admonition that "you need to go on The Walk," and that open invitation is the primary (sometimes the only) emphasis. This approach lacks discernment and will result in a burden for the church. Such efforts in sponsorship frequently result in religious fringe groups within the church or possibly a parachurch of "Emmausites." While the individual being sponsored may benefit, that individual does not go back into the church to foster growth and renewal. The lack of commitment at this point is contrary to the purpose of Emmaus.

Wise sponsorship is careful, intentional, prayerful, and purposeful because it results from God's leading. The pilgrims return to their churches and community renewed in their commitment to be effective disciples."

About Servant/Leadership

The Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekend Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ. The questions asked at the closing - "What has this weekend meant to you?" and "What are you going to do with it?" -- help pilgrims begin to comprehend the kind of servant leadership that God may require of them in the future.

:: Link <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/servant/about.asp>

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Fall)
 - Steve Cutter (Men's Walk #104)
 - Judy Boone (Women's Walk #105)
- Chrysalis #40 Directors
 - Jennifer Kirkpatrick (Girls)
 - Eric Clemens (Boys)

Have you had a change of Address, Email address, or Name?

Previous Information:

Change to:

Return to:

Elizabethtown Emmaus Community
 PO Box 2070 · Elizabethtown KY 42702
 Or Email: reconnect@etownemmaus.org

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
September 1st	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 6th	Gathering	7:00 PM	
Thursday	Walk 104	7:00 PM	Campground
October 11th	Sendoff		
Saturday	Walk 104	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 13th	Candlelight		
Sunday	Walk 104	5:00 PM	Campground
October 14th	Closing		
Thursday	Walk 105	7:00 PM	Campground
October 18th	Sendoff		
Saturday	Walk 105	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 20th	Candlelight		
Sunday	Walk 105	5:00 PM	Campground
October 21st	Closing		
Saturday	Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Memorial UMC
November 3rd	Gathering	7:00 PM	
November 3rd-	Chrysalis 40		Campground
November 5th			

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