



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

September 2008

Greetings My Emmaus Family!!

Can you believe it? The summer's coming to a close. Where has the year gone? I've noticed the days seem to be getting a little shorter, leaves are starting to change color, and the air in the morning has that "school smell" with the buses running up and down the highway. These are just a few of the changes around my home. Then I turn on the television and in the world of politics (which I don't dare discuss) there will be new changes in our own country's political stature. We will either have the first African-American President or the first woman Vice President. Changes are coming.

But, the one thing that I'm so very grateful for is my Lord. My God doesn't change. His word doesn't change. He is as strong, and steadfast, and mighty TODAY as He was in the days of Moses. That is what I cling to. He is my hope and my strength.... yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

For those of you that weren't able to make it to the Emmaus picnic in August, we had a good afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship (plus a couple of flies were there too!). The facility was great, the pool was wonderful (just ask the kids and one big kid - I think his name is Danny). I believe there were even a few excited games of corn hole. I want to thank Roye Wilson and his reunion group for the setting up and cleaning up at the picnic and the many others who stayed and pitched in. Your work was so appreciated.

Please continue to lift up in prayers our walks just around the corner. Pray for our lay directors: Fritz, Lydia, Amanda, Mark, Rod and the Nicaraguan community. Pray for our candidates. Pray for good sponsorship. Be praying and planning how we as a community can be supportive of our teams and our pilgrims through acts of agape, attendance, sendoff, closing, etc.

I look forward to worshipping with you again at Gathering on Saturday, September 6 at Memorial United Methodist Church. Till then, you all have my heart and my love.

Behind The Cross,

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Sponsorship

Our Emmaus Handbook lists ten steps to good sponsorship. These are a good checklist for the first time sponsor or a good check up for the more experienced sponsor:

1. PRAY! Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship (not how to get him/her to go on the Walk).
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple to discuss their participation in an Emmaus Weekend.
3. Extend an Invitation. Invite your friend to go for a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Explain the basic elements of the walk, its purpose and follow up dimensions that help us live close to God the rest of our lives. You are presenting your friend with a wonderful gift.
4. Ask your friend to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If married, speak with both spouses and encourage each to commit to the weekend.
5. Continue to Pray for your friend(s), prepare agape letters and enlist the support of their pastor. Try to collect at least 10 letters. (And please 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. Support your friend's family by house sitting, baby sitting, feeding pets or just checking in with their spouse to make sure everything is all right.
7. Encourage your friend in his/her Fourth Day. Let them talk about their experience on the Walk. Take them to a Reunion Group to help them plug in. Take them to the first Gathering after their weekend.
8. Help your friend reenter his/her church as they consider ways to contribute with their new enthusiasm.
9. Inform them of ways to serve in the Emmaus Community and future Walks.
10. Help your friend sponsor another on an Emmaus Walk!

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, your friends, the local church and for the Emmaus Community. It demonstrates agape love, making us instruments of prevenient grace.

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Spring 2008)
 - Fritz Giesecke (Men's Walk #108)
 - Lydia Giesecke (Women's Walk #109)
- Chrysalis #42 Directors
 - Amanda Earles (Girls)
 - Mark Ott (Boys)

Elizabethtown Emmaus Online

There is a wealth of information about our Emmaus Community available on the Internet 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Visit www.etownemmaus.org to get the most current information on:

- Events
- Reunion Groups
- Upcoming and Past Walks
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Volunteer Forms and Applications
- And Much, Much More!

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

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| Saturday September 6th | Board Meeting Gathering | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Memorial UMC |
| Saturday October 4th | Board Meeting Gathering | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Memorial UMC |
| October 16th - 19th | Men's Walk 108 | | Campground |
| October 23rd - 26th | Women's Walk 109 | | Campground |
| November 1st - 3rd | Chrysalis 42 | | Campground |
| Saturday November 1st | Board Meeting Gathering | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Memorial UMC |
| Saturday December 6th | Board Meeting Gathering | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Memorial UMC |
| Saturday January 3rd | Board Meeting Gathering | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Memorial UMC |

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