



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

January 2009

To My Emmaus Family, Greetings!

By the time you read this newsletter, the Christmas season will be coming to an end. Decorations and lights that took hours, and some of us even days to put up, will soon be coming down. Numerous sale ads are in the newspapers and in store windows marking everything down 60 to 75% for that final year end sale. 2008 is coming to an end.

If you haven't already, I ask you to take the time, perhaps after you read this newsletter, to take just 20 minutes for yourself. Go sit in your favorite chair with the television off, no kids, no pets, no distractions at all, and just sit....think...reflect. What events happened in 2008 in your life? What things did you do that caused you to smile and be proud of what you said or what you did? Were there life changing events such as a birth, a death, a graduation, a job loss or a job found? Did you have control over all of the situations? Could you have changed any of the outcomes?

I look back at things that I've done this year...words that I said and wish with all my heart that I could take back. Prayers answered the way I wanted, and others answered, but not the way I was searching for.....BUT....I have learned and I am still learning, and I will be eternally grateful, that with the coming of the new year, I'm given another chance. I'm given another opportunity to be kinder, to be more caring to my family, to my friends, to strangers. I'm given another chance to serve my church, to serve this wonderful community, to be a better wife, a daughter, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a friend....I'm given another chance. My God is a God of second chances, third chances and more.... ever loving, all forgiving, always present, and always in control.....and that will be my New Year's resolution...to remember that and to grow in His love, and to share this with others.

What's coming up for our community? Can you believe that our spring walks are getting closer and closer and Chrysalis is just around the corner? Please continue to lift Doug Bagley and LeAnn Yarbrough in prayer as they listen to God in their team formations for Chrysalis Flight 43. Remember Larry Russell and Colleen Bagley as they are preparing to lead Walks #110 & 111 in March. Pray for Rod Brown and the Nicaraguan community. Pray for team selection. Pray for talks being written. Pray for good sponsors. Pray on how you will support these walks. Pray for our candidates. PRAY.

So, I look forward to worshipping with you at the January Gathering on the 3rd at 7:00 PM at Memorial Methodist. Remember childcare's provided. Come, let's start the year off together in worship and praise to the one who is worthy. The table is ready and Jesus is waiting.....Come.

Behind the Cross,

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Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Spring 2009)
 - Larry Russell (Men's Walk #110)
 - Colleen Bagley (Women's Walk #111)
- Chrysalis #43 Directors
 - Doug Bagley (Boys)
 - LeAnn Yarbrough (Girls)

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.

Continuing your Journey: Fourth Day

As the New Year begins, take a moment to reflect on your journey. In living our Fourth Days, we are encouraged to continue to grow in relationship with Christ and live as faithful disciples in all of life. How will you carry out these three core teachings in 2009?

- Piety: Giving our Hearts to Christ
- Study: Giving our Minds to Christ
- Action: Giving our Hands to Christ

Link :: <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/fourthday/>

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

Saturday January 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday February 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday February 14th	Chrysalis 43 Sendoff	9:00 AM	Campground
Sunday February 15th	Chrysalis 43 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Monday February 16th	Chrysalis 43 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday March 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
March 12th – March 15th	Men's Walk 110		Campground
March 19th – March 22nd	Women's Walk 111		Campground

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