



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

December 2009

Greetings Emmaus & Chrysalis Families,

First of all, let me say "Welcome" to our new brothers and sisters from Walks #112 and #113. We were so blessed to hear 4th Day stories at the last Gathering. It was so evident that God was there on those walks.

I also want to welcome our five new board members who will start in 2010. Those elected are Sheila Calbert, Arnel Megino, Doug Shepherd, Jayna Bond, and Peggy Salmon. I know these people have a heart for God and Emmaus and will do a super job on the board. We also have five members that will be rotating off the board this year - Darrell Adams, Becky McGlone, Dennis Castiner, Betty Bishop, and Mitch Willis. I just want to say "thank you" for making my job easier, and for your willingness to serve this community. I ask you the community, to thank those that served, and to pray for the new board as they begin their term in January. I also ask you to cover Tom Crittenden up in prayer, as he will begin his new duties as the Community Chairperson for 2010.

Exciting things are just around the corner. The first Elizabethtown YAC (Young Adult Chrysalis) will be January 9-11. Remember Eric Clemens and Kasey Bratcher as they lead this first walk. Also, Chrysalis and the spring walks are not that far away. Please remember all of these walks and lay directors in your prayers.

The next Gathering will be December 5 at Memorial Methodist at 7:00 PM. For new pilgrims don't worry about getting a babysitter for Gatherings and Candlelight. Childcare is provided for both services. We know it is so hard for those little ones to sit still, so we have that covered. Also, the Chrysalis rally will be held in the gym the same time as Gathering, so you new Butterflies, be sure to come.

This is the last letter I will send to you as your community chairperson. I think back over these last two years, and to be honest with you, there were some days I thought "what did I get myself into?" This was so totally out of my comfort zone. But, I pray that God has used me some way or somehow to bring glory to Him. If there is just one message that I could convey, and I hope that maybe I have in some way, is that this community is so special. We are FAMILY. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one of us laughs, we all rejoice. When there is a need, we're there. And isn't that what our Father wants us to be? I have been so truly blessed beyond measure and honored to be part of this precious family.

So, for the next few days, let's not look back on the Emmaus Road. Let's go back to that road to Bethlehem where it all started and remember - the stillness of the night, the Star, the baby's first cry, the miracle the animals witnessed, the angel choir singing, the shepherds and wise men travels....the birth of the King! Salvation has come! Rejoice!

Have a blessed Christmas! Remember that you will always have my heart and my love.

Behind the Cross,

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Chrysalis Youth Rally

A Chrysalis Youth Rally will be held Saturday, December 5th. Be in the Gymnasium of Memorial United Methodist Church at 7 PM or you will miss all of the excitement.

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.

More :: <http://www.etownemmaus.org/sponsorship.php>

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Chrysalis Reunion Group
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Spring 2010)
 - Bobby Smith (Men's Walk #114)
 - Vickie Green (Women's Walk #115)
- Chrysalis #45 Lay Directors
 - Leah Riggs (Girls)
 - Jake Riggs (Guys)
- Young Adult Chrysalis #1 Lay Directors
 - Kasey Bratcher (Girls)
 - Eric Clemens (Guys)

We're on the Web

Visit the Emmaus website at www.etownemmaus.org or the Chrysalis Website at www.etownchrysalis.org to get the most current information on:

- Events
- Reunion Groups
- Upcoming Flights
- Upcoming and Past Walks
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Volunteer Forms and Applications
- Sponsorship Information
- And 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 December 5th	Board Meeting Gathering & Youth Rally	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday January 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
January 9th - 11th	Young Adult Chrysalis 1		
Saturday February 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
February 13th - 15th	Chrysalis 45		
Saturday March 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday April 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday May 1st	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

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