



# Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

March 2014

## The Supporting Role

***I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ.***  
**Philippians 2:20-21**

One thing to be said in favor of the Academy Awards, the Oscars, is that while they acknowledge star quality and have probably done as much as anything to elevate people to superstar status, they do not overlook the value of the supporting role. Oscars are awarded for “best picture” and “best actor,” but “best costumes” and “best actor in a supporting role” are also recognized.

This is not just a matter of even-handedness – it is recognition of the fact that there would be no superstars without someone playing the supporting role. There are no superstar quarterbacks without offensive linemen! Violin virtuosos need someone playing the second fiddle as well.

Paul would have been horrified at the thought that he would eventually achieve superstar status in the worldwide church. Nevertheless, it is a fact. It is widely recognized, as far as we are able to ascertain, that no man, with the obvious exception of the Lord Jesus, has done more than Paul to establish the eternal kingdom. And yet even a casual glance at Paul’s letters reveals his deep indebtedness to his supporting cast.

Take Timothy, for instance. This young man was exemplary. Paul said, “I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ” (Phil. 2:20-21). Paul had found in Timothy a kindred spirit. Paul, who was never reluctant to admit his times of discouragement, actually looked to this young man to cheer him up (2:19) and considered him a “son” to him in his advancing years.

Then there was Epaphroditus, “a true brother, a faithful worker, and a courageous soldier (2:25). When Paul was lonely, he needed a brother alongside. When the work was overwhelming, he needed another pair of hands. And when the battle was raging, he needed someone watching his flank. And young Epaphroditus had come “to help me in my need” (2:25). Despite his serious illness, Epaphroditus, who was more concerned about his family worrying about him than he was concerned about his illness, carried on faithfully. Even mortal illness did not deter him.

Paul managed wonderfully well without the Web, the cell phone, the fax, or the computer. But I doubt if he could have managed without his Timothys and Epaphrodituses! Neither can men today.

Doug Stone  
Community Lay Director

## Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- 2014-15 Elizabethtown Emmaus Board and Leadership
- Sponsors and pilgrims for Chrysalis 53, YAC 4, Walk 130, and Walk 131
- Deployed Military Service Men and Women
- Those in your Reunion Group and those not in an Emmaus Reunion Group
- The Spiritually Lost
- Nicaraguan and Northpoint REC Community
- Leann Yarbrough and Casey Drane, YAC 4
- Hannah White and Aaron Tinker, Chrysalis 53
- Allen Tipton, Men’s Walk 130
- LaTina Adams, Women’s Walk 131

## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday March 1st	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
March 13th – 16th	Men’s Walk 130		Camp Nikao
March 20th – 23rd	Women’s Walk 131		Camp Nikao
Saturday April 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday May 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday June 7th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday July 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday August 2nd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday Sept 6th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC
Saturday October 4th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC Memorial UMC

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