

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #37

Team Roster

Begins April 23, 2009

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MEN'S WALK #37 PILGRIMS

<u>Pilgrims</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Frank Beel	LACC	Jacob Berner
Brian Bell	St John's Missionary Baptist	Irene Bell
Mike Blevins	Upper Room	Sim Bowen
Dale DeGroat	Second Missionary Baptist	Cheryl Dover
Huston Evans	Lawrenceville Church of God	Billy Evans
James Finley, Sr.	Freedom Road	Joe Chapman
Brian Fout	New Moorefield United Methodist	John Baugh
Ernest Glenn	Phillips Chapel CME	Alma Glenn
Darryl Grayson	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Verna Reed
Mark Hollis	Changing Lives Now	Sim Bowen
Joseph Jackson	N/A	Michelle Rockfield
Robert Jones	St. Teresa	Nancy Feltner
Shawn Kellis	Fellowship Christian Church	Jerry Peterman
James Kennedy	LACC	Jacob Berner
Joe Mathe	Central United Methodist Church	Dave Speas
Christian Moat	First Church of God	Chip Comer
James Moerch	Vineyard Dayton	Shannon Moerch
Cody Palmer	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Caleb Perry	A House Church	James Myers
Don Rayome	Enon United Methodist	Ken Rogers
Steve Reichard	Apex	Sue Neves
Kenny Ronk	Takin' the Streets Ministries	John Chambers
David Sands	Renewed Strength Church	Jene Gaver
John Schilliger	Mutual Grace Methodist	Charles Pendleton
Ralph Schaffer	Freedom Road	George Chapman
Kyle Shahan	F P C G	Sim Bowen
Clarence Smith	Little Miller Grove Baptist	Sim Bowen
Derrick Smith	F P C G	Sim Bowen
Jason Smith	None	P A Rummel
Bishop Thomas Smith	Little Miller Grove Baptist	Sim Bowen
Jack Storts	Nation Chapel UMC	Rev. Cindee Johnson
Roger Teets	North Hampton Community Church	Robert Teets
Rick Weber	Nation Chapel UMC	Bonnie Logan
Russ Whyde	Xenia Grace Chapel	Chip Comer
Harry Jones Wright III	Little Miller Grove Baptist	Sim Bowen
Denny Volz	LACC	Jacob Berner

THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A SPONSOR

“We are simply God’s servants...Each one of us does the work which the Lord gave him to do: I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:5-6

One of the goals of the Emmaus Board is to help educate and train potential Sponsors. Being a Sponsor is a privilege and joy, but it does carry some definite responsibilities. Our Walk experiences generally bring us an awareness of how much we want our new found joy in our walk with Christ to be shared; consequently, we begin to think of family and friends we’d like to sponsor on a Walk.

Before deciding whom we’d like to Sponsor there are several “musts” we need to consider:

First...Is this a gift of love? Or am I trying to help them “**fix**” a situation in their life?

Secondly...Do they have a Christian orientation—a longing for a deeper relationship with Christ? Do they want to grow spiritually? Are they willing to change their priorities? After thinking through these questions, the real work of a Sponsor begins:

PRAYER – Pray for how a three-day Walk with Christ will affect their faith and ministry. Share with God your love, concern, and desire for “MORE” for them.

TALK TO THEM – Share your Emmaus experience with them. Explain how much Emmaus has benefited you and enriched your faith.

INVITE THEM – Explain in detail that Emmaus is not just a weekend experience—it’s a part of a whole new way of life. Tell them that each day following the weekend is an opportunity for witness and ministry within their family, church, and community. Explain share groups (reunion groups) and community gatherings. —BUT, please don’t overwhelm them! Answer all their questions, but it is not necessary to tell about all of the “surprises” (candlelight, agapé, personal agapé letters) or go into such great detail that it will spoil some of the special moments.

HELP THEM FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM – Ask them to fill out the form while you’re with them so you can answer any questions they may have. If your person is married, ask their spouse to fill out a form too. Explain the weekend cost, that the Walk is a 72-hour commitment (Thurs -7:00 P.M. until Sun - 7:00 P.M.) away from any outside activities, and that there is a waiting list, plus it is not possible to reserve a date to attend.

NOW-GET BUSY – Continue to pray for them. Talk to their Pastor and ask for prayerful support for your person. (If the pastor has not attended a Walk to Emmaus, tell him/her of your experience.) Stay close to them in case more questions arise.

PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND – Once you’ve been advised by letter that your Pilgrim has been given a Walk date; send out requests for agapé letters. Contact your Pilgrim to tell them when you’ll pick them up, what the weekend sleeping and showering arrangements are, meal times, what to wear, and express that there is no contact with family or their businesses, except for emergencies.

WEEKEND RESPONSIBILITIES – Pray, pray, pray. Be available for their family and prepared to assist them when needed. Bring your Pilgrim to the Walk, show them around the church, help them register, if necessary, pay for their additional fees, attend Sponsor’s Hour, sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil, bring their agapé to the church that you have collected from family and friends, attend the candlelight service and closing. Help during the weekend by serving in the kitchen or with logistics, if possible. Be sure to give your Pilgrim his/her SPACE. If you are serving on the live-in Team, you must have someone assume your sponsor responsibilities.

DAY FOUR – Continue to pray for them, spend some time with them and talk about their Walk experiences. **Help them find and actively participate in a Share Group.** Help them understand how they can serve in the Emmaus community. Help your Pilgrim be a Sponsor! Encourage your Pilgrim to return to his/her church with a new enthusiasm for service (touched with a bit of sensitivity for those who have not yet attended Emmaus).

Remembering you often in prayers,

Your and His servant, Larry McMahan