



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask whatever you wish and it will be given you.
This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples."
(John 15: 7,8 NIV)*

Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters

What a wonderful promise Jesus has given to us in these words. If we come to God in prayer we can ask whatever we wish, and it will be given to us.

Of course there is a condition placed upon us but it is one that we should cherish with all of our hearts. That is that we remain in Christ as a branch is joined to the vine. Jesus had said just before this:

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man
remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.
Apart from me you can do nothing.*

*If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch
that is thrown away and withers; such branches are
picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."
(John 15: 5,6 NIV)*

So to be fruitful, to be heard by God, we must remain in Jesus. But you and I both know that "in Christ" is the only place true life can be found. All the rest is but sin and shadows, darkness and destruction. That is why we work and labor and pray and weep (yes, even this) for those who do not yet know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We also pray for those who once knew Christ and walked with him but now do so no more. What a loss and danger for their souls! I was speaking with a woman who, together with her husband had spent years apart from the faith and the Savior she once knew. In desperation over their broken marriage they sought Christian counseling and went back to church. They have discovered a wonderful healing that flows from the throne of God but she said to me, with tears in her eyes, "Why did we turn away from God? We almost lost so much." So we pray for these

We are also burdened for those who we know are ready for a deeper and closer walk with God but simply don't know where to find it. They are like the two disciples walking along the road to Emmaus, apart from the Lord, downcast in body and in spirit, never dreaming of the Resurrection joy that can be theirs.

We know that God's heart is for these dear people to walk more closely with Christ. He wants us to bear fruit in bringing them closer to the Lord and for them also to bear more fruit in their own lives for his glory. This is exactly the kind of prayer

God wants to answer. As we pray for these people we are actively entering into God's work in their lives. What a privilege is ours! What a power is available to us!

*If God is for us, who can be against us!
(Romans 8:31 NIV)*

I have heard for some time now that registrations for both men's and women's walks are down and waiting lists are short. I ask all of you to, first, remember what a blessing Emmaus has been in your life. Second, look around you at friends and family who could use this blessing. I mean REALLY LOOK with BELIEVING EYES. Then, third, begin to lift them to God in prayer. Rev. Carolyn Peacock and I want to join you in this prayer effort so email the names of those you are praying for to me at emerychapel@att.net.

I will share these names with Rev. Peacock. So far, we are praying for 45 names. PRAISE GOD! As we pray together I know that God will honor His Word and answer our prayers of obedience and faith.

However our work does not stop with prayer. Here is where the rubber of prayer hits the road of reality. True believing prayer is always followed by action. So, Fourth, get an application and talk over the possibility with those for whom you are praying.

Fifth, (yes, this is the last one, but one I believe is REALLY IMPORTANT) offer to pay the registration fee for him or her. I know this is not often done but if their attending is really so important that they should give up a long weekend of their time, isn't it important enough that we can give sacrificially to lower the threshold for them? They then will know that we are really serious about this.

I know that if we pray and work together as branches in the vine God will do a great work through us. I look forward to great things in the months ahead.

Your co-Spiritual Director

Bill Kelley

PS: Emery Chapel Praise Band is playing at the Gathering February 14th! Bring your Valentine!

GREETINGS TO THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Greetings to all of you who are shivering through this beautiful cold winter. The good thing is we're into February and on our way to spring. And February starts Emmaus off with our first walk of this new year. The team for Women's Walk # 58 is well into their meetings and as usual Satan has his hands where they don't belong and is trying to disturb things, but we all know the answer to that problem and after seeing the team first hand, I know this is going to be an awesome walk, but we need to **pray up** the team **and** the pilgrims just to make sure everything goes smoothly. So please keep Sarah and the team in all your prayers along with the pilgrims. Along that same line, John Chambers is busy putting together the team for the Men's walk #39 to be in April, so please keep John and his team in your prayers also. The board will be meeting with the trustees from High Street UMC at this month's board meeting to discuss the future of the Emmaus walks at HSUMC and you will be informed in the future to the outcome of those talks. The May gathering and board meeting will be held on the third Sunday in May, because of Mother's Day, so please mark that date on your calendar. This is the time of year when the board starts replacing the members who have served their time on the board and are due to be replaced, so if you are approached about serving on the board, please prayerfully consider serving.

Remember the gathering on February 14th, just bring your sweetie along for valentine's day and enjoy some great Christian fellowship. I would also ask that you keep Larry McMahan and Mikie, and also Mary Ahlborn and John in your prayers for healing and comfort.

I hope to see you all at the gathering, God Bless, John

WANTED: PERSON(S) FOR WOMEN'S SPONSORSHIP POSITION

WANTED: Person or persons to fill the position of Women's Sponsorship. This is a great job. First of all there are 3 women's walks a year. 2nd, you are responsible to send out letters to the sponsors when their pilgrim is called to be on a walk. Also, you will be responsible to gather the landyards needed for the walk and put the crosses on them and attach the name tag. On the thursday night of the walk, you will bring the crosses and landyards to the church and prepare them for sponsors hour. This position is such a blessing to do because you have an opportunity to pray over each of the crosses for the pilgrim by name. There will be training available by us.

What a blessing. We want to tell you this is a wonderful job! We are leaving the position only because our 3 years are up. We have shared this position and it has been great. This position works directly with the Women's Registrar, who have been wonderful to work with.

Please pray about this and allow God to lead you in your decision. The position will be available at the beginning of the new Emmaus Year, June 2010. We look forward to seeing who God has lined up for this great position. If you feel led to take this position, you can contact anyone on the board and express your desire to have your name but in for consideration.

Women's Sponsorship,
Sharon Williams and Wilma Southward

AGAPE

We have quite a bit of left over Agape accumulating up in the agape room over the last few walks. Agape will be out, as usual, at the next gathering for share groups and individuals to pick up your items. After that gathering, agape that has not been picked up will be donated. If you can not make it, but would like to arrange for pick-up, please call either of the Agape chairs to make arrangements. We appreciate all of your generous donations for the team/pilgrims!

Rhonda Voorhees-399-7912
Shelly Canan-399-0052

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #58

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Garcia Bright		Sim & Corina Bowen
Krista Cahoon	Concord UMC	Teri & Rich Eash
Tina Chalifour	Renewed Strength Church	Michelle Rockfield
Yolanda Cruz	Word of Faith Family Church	P.A. Rummel
Jennifer Czerniak	Shawnee Hills Baptist Church	Bob Czerniak
Nashea Davis	St. John's Missionary Baptist	Joyce Penwell
Jeanine Fox	High St. UMC	Carolyn Bode
Cherie Douglas	Nation Chapel UMC	Pastor Cindee Johnson
Cindy Firman	Crosswalk Worship Center	Missy Fowler
Marcia Garrison	Christian Ministry Community	Linsey Ancrum
Sheri Goheen	High St. Church of Nazarene	Jim & Lori Vineyard
Deborah Harris	St. John Missionary Baptist	Diahann Blackburn
Melanie Hess	Nation Chapel UMC	Alma Glenn
Karen Humerick	Spfld Missionary Baptist	David & Teresa Fout
Johnetta Jaudon	St. John Missionary Baptist	Norman & Dedria Moore
Tina Jones	St. John Missionary Baptist	Peggy Jones
Joyce Keating	E. High Church of Christ	Lindsey Ancrum
Connie Kizer	Concord UMC	Seth Kizer
Deb Knowles	Concord UMC	Danielle Knowles
Amy Lauber		Sim & Corina Bowen
Lucille Martin	Bethel Community Church	P.A. Rummel
Sharon Mattox	Simple Truth Ministries	Dewey & Mary Casto
Judith McGill		Sim & Corina Bowen
Carolyn Parker	Enon United Methodist	Harriet Bennett
Becky Piper		Terri Rinkoski
Kathryn Robbins	New Moorefield	Barb Baugh
Valerie Scott	Nation Chapel UMC	Shawn Clark
Edith Sonntag	Blessed Hope Baptist	David Fout
Mindy Stevenson	Concord UMC	Jim Ballard
Sheryl Stolarski	Grace Lutheran Church	Libby Hammond
Jane Wells		Jacob Berner
Jasmine Urena	Door of Blessings	Lindsey Ancrum
Marcia Wade	Fellowship Christian Church	Melody Boyd
Wilda White	St. John Missionary Baptist	Dorothy Higginbotham
Kathy Young	St. John Missionary Baptist	Louise Burley

Team List

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 7 PM
Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 7 PM

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP:

After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship and food.

If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.

2010 WALK DATES:

Women's Walks

- # 58 FEBRUARY 18-21
LD: SARAH COGAN
- # 59 JUNE 24-27
- # 60 NOVEMBER 4-7

Men's Walks

- # 39 APR. 22-25
LD: JOHN CHAMBERS
- # 40 AUG. 12-15

HELP!

We are in need of applications.
Please consider sponsoring a pilgrim!

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."