



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS JULY 2023

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I have always been a baseball fan, and if you are a Reds fan this year, you are really enjoying the season. It seems like since they brought up a young prospect to the team, the whole attitude of the team has changed into a winning attitude. Isn't it amazing to watch them now? They are vibrant, playing well, and more importantly, they are having fun on the field.

Looking back, I can think of a few players who have changed the game that they play. When I think of baseball some names like Johnny Bench and Pete Rose come to mind. In football, names like Joe Montana or Tom Brady. Of course, almost all of us are familiar with Michael Jordan and the way that he elevated the game of basketball. All these players were revolutionary during their playing days. They were all responsible for changing the game.

What are some of the traits that made these players so great? They practiced and practiced a lot! They kept their bodies in top shape through their workouts and eating habits. When they hit the field or court, they had practiced so much that situations in a game just came naturally. Like hitting a clutch shot or making the perfect throw at the right time. They dedicated themselves to the games that they played. In essence, they were slaves to the game that they played.

Paul writes in Romans 6:15-18, "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Amen

Just like the athletes that I've mentioned, we all have the ability to be game changers. **GAME-CHANGERS FOR THE KINGDOM!!** How can we do that? Just like the great athletes, we must keep ourselves spiritually fit, we must practice becoming ready for the game, and we must be willing to execute the perfect shot or throw when needed.

Most of you will agree with me that Emmaus is a "game-changer" in your life. We all had someone invite and sponsor us on a walk. We have invited and sponsored pilgrims for walks. We now have a Women's Walk scheduled for November. We will need your help in many ways. Praying for the Team. Praying for the upcoming Pilgrims. Working in the Kitchen, or behind the scenes. We can't do this without your help. Are you prepared to be a **GAME-CHANGER** for God's Kingdom? To do that, we need to proclaim and act upon our allegiance to God. Thank Him for freeing us from sin, and let's help others to experience His Grace.

De Colores,

Pastor Ben Webster



**TEAM JESUS, TEAM EMMAUS!**

**GATHERING** -- An assembly or meeting, especially a **social** or **festive one** or one held **for a specific purpose**.

**SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS GATHERING!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FELLOWSHIP IN CONFERENCE ROOM 6:30 P.M. (bring snack/finger food to share)

GATHERING PROMPTLY AT 7:00 P.M.

**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

## FROM OUR (NEW) COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR!

My name is Rick Clark, I attended the Central Ohio Emmaus Men's Walk #34 and sat at the table of Peter (clap). First, I want to thank Verna for all her hard work, prayers, sweat, tears and more prayers for the Emmaus Community. What a great job she has done. It is truly a privilege, honor, and great responsibility to serve as the Community Lay Director.

I have been married to my beautiful wife, Shawn, for 32 years now and she was my sponsor for my Emmaus Weekend. We have 2 sons; both attended and were involved with Chrysalis. They are both grown and out on their own, so we are adjusting to the empty nest and starting the next chapter of our marriage. Our family has truly been blessed by both the Emmaus and Chrysalis Ministries.

It is exciting to see our community growing again, weekends happening, gatherings getting fuller. Over this past Men's weekend, I was reminded how amazing our community is. Every time that I was in the kitchen, or saw someone coming in to clean bathrooms, heard someone sharing special music and all of the other opportunities to serve over the weekend, it was so incredible to see the joy in their hearts and to feel His love through their serving. As I get started, I will be praying that He would have His way in our hearts, minds, and actions. I also want to challenge our community and myself as well to keep building on what has been a great come back for our community. Please be in prayer for anyone that you know that may want to be part of an Emmaus Weekend. We absolutely need to continue to get applications... Think back at how special your weekend was, how it strengthened your walk and relationship with Christ as well as helped you to be more active in your home church and community then don't be afraid to share. Also, we had challenges in getting all the team positions filled for the recent Men's Walk. If you have never served on an Emmaus Team, it is an incredible opportunity to serve and give what was given to you. Remember, He does not call the equipped, He equips those that He calls.

Hope to see you all at the July Gathering. Please come, bring a friend, bring someone that you have sponsored in the past or maybe your sponsor, but most important come. It is always so great to see everyone.

DeColores,  
Rick

## WELCOME, RICK CLARK! WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

### HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY! INDEPENDENCE DAY!

So, if the **Son sets** you **free**, you will be **free** indeed.

[John 8:36](#)

## What Is the Springfield Emmaus Database?

Our database is an organized collection of all the 3858 members in our community. Once you attend and complete a Springfield Area Emmaus walk, you are entered into our database. Your name, address, phone number and email are kept in this database.

As you serve on teams, your information is updated to reflect the team positions you've held. Also, if you've served on the Emmaus board, the years you served are recorded. All this information helps choose team members (ATL,TL,ALD,LOG,BR), Walk Lay Directors, Community Lay Directors and Board members.

If you've served in the kitchen, cleaned bathrooms, helped with logistics or the agape room, it's all recorded in our database. As you can see, it's a very important computer program.

So, if you change your address, phone number, or email address, I would love to have your updated information. This database is where all the walk team member lists come from and are given to the new Lay Director of each Men's and Women's walks.

Please email me at [ebshamm@aol.com](mailto:ebshamm@aol.com) any new information.

Thank you for your help to keep our database as up to date as possible!

DeColores,  
Libby Hammond  
[ebshamm@aol.com](mailto:ebshamm@aol.com)

# SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS

(Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F  
(as preferred on name tag)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Married Single Separated Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Walk spouse attended \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Walk attended \_\_\_\_\_

Any Dietary/Medical/Disability Concerns:

Name of a close friend \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why you want to attend a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect.

Would you be able to attend on short notice? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Perhaps \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this application does not reserve a position on a particular Walk, but does place me on a list for future Walks to Emmaus in Springfield.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$100.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar, Springfield Area Emmaus, High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505.

## REGISTRATION ONLY

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Card sent to: Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Pilgrim \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd from \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_

Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Regularly Attend Share  
Group? Y / N

Church Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Walk Location

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information is current as of: (Date)

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===== I Am Willing To Serve In These Areas:=====

Please Check All That Apply

Help serving meals   Be a Meal Coordinator   Help with Agape for weekend

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk)   Help Set up/Tear Down for weekend

Help with Sponsorship (help get info to Sponsors)   Help get word out about  
Emmaus

Help on purchasing team for weekend   Be on a Live-In Team   Lead Music

Play an instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Offer special music for Gatherings or  
walks

Help with the newsletter   Help with social after Gatherings   Help set up Worship

Provide secretarial help at Board Meetings   Help inventory and organize supplies

Help with cleaning bathrooms during a walk   Help get people connected to Share  
Groups

To learn more about Emmaus by attending the Leadership Development Event (LDE)

Help in other ways:

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Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or  
drop off at the back table at any Gathering.