

Springfield Area Emmaus News

June 2006

Thank God for
sunshine!

IS IT TIME FOR US TO STAND UP FOR GOD?

Last month my friend Bobby sent me an Email with the preambles of all 50 states listed on it. Each and every one of them, in the very first sentence, made reference to our Creator with the vast majority showing gratitude to Almighty God for their very existence! Try saying something like that today at your government job and see how long you remain employed.

Ohio's preamble starts like this, "We the people of the state of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom...."

Madelyn Murray O'Hare started it all in 1963 when she and a small group of her friends got God booted out of our schools. This anti-God movement has done nothing but gain strength until about the last 10 years when Christians finally started saying ENOUGH! There is still a long way to go and a lot of hard work ahead, but we are making a difference.

Did you know that over 30 states have made it legal for school systems to teach Creationism as a course and it is perfectly legal to use the Bible as a textbook? More and more states are making it illegal for school districts to ban Christian activities such as student Bible study and Meeting at the Flagpole for Prayer.

Many years ago, I was in a Bible study at a local church. It was close to a presidential election and we got sidetracked talking about the candidates. One of the candidates was a Christian, and I was talking about how much we needed him as President. I was dumbfounded when one of the pastors leading the study told us that being a Christian should not be high on the list of priorities for choosing a president.

I could only imagine what George Washington and our founding fathers would say about that remark! George Washington was a *devout* Christian and the founding fathers *never* meant for there to be a separation between church and state.

We Christians have been a silent majority way too long. I don't care about political parties, but we need to start electing Christians to political office. Ask politicians if they are Christians. Ask them if they are for putting God back into the schools and the government, and if they are not, tell them you won't support them. Believe me, It won't take long for the tide to turn.

There are over 3000 Christians in the Springfield Area Emmaus Community alone. If we united with most of the other Christians in the area, think of what a block of votes that would be for Jesus! But on this subject I've been told that Jesus said to "turn the other cheek" and "forgive 70 times 7". That's true but there is no harm in casting a ballot for someone whom you feel will further the kingdom of God in this worldly society.

Have you ever watched the cartoon show "The Simpson's"? Last week I watched an episode where Bart was failing the 4th grade. He knew he couldn't pass on his own, so he decided to ask God for help and said a stupid whimsical prayer. As it turned out Bart barely passed. After a celebratory dinner with his family he was preparing for bed. Bart stopped, got down on his knees, folded his hands and prayed. Not to "the Big Guy" or "Heavenly Dude", but "Dear God, thanks for letting me pass, this grade belongs to you!"

How Ironic, in this worldly society even *Bart Simpson* knows **THE TRUTH!**

DE COLORES! **ROY**

Reunion – May 21st Women's Walk #33 (Nancy Ernst, LD) Choir Room 6:00 p.m.

**Important Dates to Remember...
Upcoming "WALK" Dates**

*Women's Walk # 47
June 22-25, 2006
Men's Walk # 32
August 17-20, 2006
Women's Walk # 48
November 2-5, 2006*

All walk dates are tentative.

Emmaus Walk Information

**June 22-25, 2006
Women's Walk # 47
JoAnn Horrocks, Lay Director
Spiritual Directors
Bob Scott and Paul Price**

Jesus loves you!

KAIROS

Want to become a Kairos volunteer or learn more about it? Call Sam at 937-399-3724.

Upcoming Kairos weekends are as follows:
Ohio Reformatory for Women - #25 -
May 18-21, 2006.
Ohio State Penitentiary - #1 - TBA.
Toledo Correctional - #6 - May 4-7, 2006.
Ross Correctional #13 - August 17-20, 2006.

Don't forget to check out the Kairos website during your next surfing session at www.kairosohio.org.

In His Love, Sam Poston

**Attention
GFS & OfficeMax shoppers....**

Please continue to shop at Gordon Foods and Office Max and make sure your purchase benefits the Springfield Area Emmaus. Please tell the cashier you would like your purchase to benefit the Springfield Area Emmaus. The dollar amount will contribute towards the percentage of discount when we make purchases for the walks and gatherings. Thank you.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

This is directed to all 2005 Emmaus pilgrims. Now that you have been in your fourth days, I pray that you have gotten into a share group. If you have an email address, please contact me and I will gladly add you to the 386 addresses that reach around the world. There are people receiving email messages in all fifty states and in seven foreign countries. Simply send me your email address at ramaster@iapdatacom.net. In the subject space write "Prayer Request" and I will take all praises, all concerns and send out information about church dinners and projects to benefit anyone in need. Each of you have received one of our prayer chain cards in your Sunday packets.

If you do not have email, you can call Pam Peterman at 325-3629 and you will be connected to the phone prayer chain. She will call me and I will get your request out as soon as possible. Stay on the Emmaus Road!

Love in Christ,
Becky Master, "The Email Lady"

SHARE GROUP INFORMATION

Remember that you need to be active in a share group. It is essential in maintaining the experience of your walk! Call Patty Aliff *408-5775 or email her at paliff@tacind.com for women's share groups
Call Jerry Peterman at 325-3629 for men's share groups.
(* new phone and email)

Thoughts from one of your Spiritual Directors

It came to game 7 of the 2006 NBA Playoffs between the Detroit Pistons and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Would one of this year's dominant superstars, LeBron James, conquer a scrappy team like the Detroit Pistons? For many Ohioans Sunday's game proved that success on the basketball court is determined by the effectiveness of team play. LeBron, as great as he is, can't do it alone. "They trapped me, they went under screens, they went over screens," said James, who was held to one second-half field goal Sunday in the Cavs' 79-61 Game 7 loss to Detroit. "I've seen almost every defense that I could possibly see for the rest of my career in this series." One against five will never work. If the Cav's are to see the NBA finals they must develop a team and not revolve themselves a superstar.

The same is true for the church. Paul used the image of the human body in I Corinthians 12 to teach us this important lesson. Growing, inviting, dynamic churches are not dependent upon a superstar pastor or music or youth director. They have Spirit-filled teams with these essential qualities.

1. **Initiative:** People who are self-starters with contagious energy. They take seize opportunities and take redemptive action. Some people make things happen, and others wonder what happened.
2. **Vision:** They see beyond the obvious, claiming new objectives. Great leaders are those are willing to catch a vision before they create vision. They follow a captivating vision, add to it, commit to it, and are passionate about the vision.
3. **Unselfishness:** They release the controls and the glory. They don't care who gets the credit.
4. **Teamwork:** They involve, encourage, and support others. Great leaders get others involved in fulfilling the vision.
5. **Faithfulness:** They persevere when it gets tough. They hang in there in season and out.
6. **Enthusiasm:** They provide affirmation and excitement to any task.
7. **Discipline:** They model great character regardless of the odds.
8. **Confidence:** They glow with a sense of security, faith and determination.

The Cav's seem to have at least one player who possesses these qualities. The Pistons though seem to have five. And that is why they are moving on. As more followers of Christ possess these qualities the more we will see the Kingdom moving on! And that is what Emmaus is all about! The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

Chris Farmer, Co-Spiritual Director

Don't forget to sign up to work Women's Walk #47 on June 22nd – 25th

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NEWSLETTER AT
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Important Times to Remember

Pilgrims Arrive...Thursday 6:00 P.M.
Thursday Potluck for Sponsors & Pilgrims

Sponsor's Hour...After Thursday potluck

***Candlelight...Saturday, 8:30 P.M.**

***Closing Service....Sunday, 4:30 P.M.**
Carry-In Dinner following Closing

***The Candlelight and Closing Services are for members of the
Emmaus Community only. Childcare is not provided.
Out of respect for those attending, please do not bring
children to Candlelight or Closing.**

Women's Walk # 47 Live-In Team June 22-25, 2006

JoAnn Horrocks, LD
Robert Scott, SD
Paul Price, Co-SD
Mikie McMahon, ALD
Mille Luttrell, ALD
Barb Baugh, ALD

Perseverance
Means of Grace
Obstacles of Grace
Priorities
Discipleship
Fourth Day

Janene Pearson, MD
Pat McBeth, AMD
Mary Casto, LOG
Cindy Moorman LOG

Debbie Ehrhard, TL
Helen Rummel, TL
Yvonne Dobbins, TL
Becky Master, TL
Cyndi Carpenter, TL
Diane Duncan, TL
Pilar Mock, TL

Fourth Day Example
Life in Piety
Priesthood
Christian Action
Changing our World
Body of Christ
Growth through Study

Brenda Howell, ATL
Mary Miller, ATL
Catherine Dixon, ATL
Teresa Fout, ATL
Darla Comer, ATL
Debbie Mefford, ATL
Sharon Kelley, ATL

Robert Martin - Sanctifying Grace
Gloria Brooks - Justifying Grace

Mark Weatherman - Preventive Grace
Carolyn Peacock - Obstacles to Grace

EMMAUS MUSIC DIRECTORS

We are missing a number of Music Director team manuals and also binders containing the music for the songs in the Emmaus songbook which is used on the weekends. A women's team is entering team formation in the near future and we have **NO** team manuals for either the Music Director or the Assistant Music Director.

If you inadvertently had not returned either the team manual or the music binder from your last team experience, please turn them in to High Street or to a Board member so we can properly equip the musicians on Women's Walk # 47.



June GATHERING
Sunday June 18th 7:00 p.m.

**PILGRIM LIST
WOMEN'S WALK #47**

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Margaret Adams	First Christian Church	Dorothy Zerkle
Nancy Adams	Southgate Baptist Church	Debbie Ehrhard
Sarah Ammar	None Listed	Mary Cogan
Nicia Ayres	North Hampton U.C.C.	Ed/Mary Andrus
Kim Barr	Freedom Road Ministries	Rita Chapman
Crystal Blair	Gingamsburg Church	Becky Mulkey
Bonnie Blumenshine	Grace United Methodist Church	Mikie McMahan
Bert Bolin	Tremont City United Methodist	Pat Allen
Debbie Borden	None Listed	Alvin Harmon Jr.
Corina Bowen	First Pentecostal Church of God	Dan/Sue Bostick
Karla Caffee	New Hope Church of God	Bob/Jane Lindner
Shellie Campbell	Freedom Road Ministries	Rita Chapman
Mindie Carpenter	Abundent Life Church	Tracey Freeman
Sue Clingerman	Freedom Road Ministries	Pat Baker
Sara Fessler	New Hope Church	Cameron Dixon
Veronica Frey	New Hope Church	Yvonne Dobbins
Jeannie Gillespie	New Hope Church	Yvonne Dobbins
Da'Lyn Harper	Good Shepherd Baptist Church	Ray/Linda Harper
Marilyn Hiltibran	First Baptist Church of Urbana	Jerry/Bev Hess
Barbara Hirschfeld	United Methodist Church Medway	P.A. Rummel
Donna Holbrook	Freedom Road Ministries	Marty Holbrook
Nancy Kingsbury	Faith Community UMC Xenia	Barb Swigart
Susan Mason	Messiah Lutheran Church Urbana	Bev Hess
Louella Nelson	First Christian Church	Mary Cheeseman
Sue Neves	Eastmont UMC of Dayton	Rev. George Brewer
Missy O'Bryan	None Listed	Pam Peterman
Chris Parli	None Listed	Jennifer Anderson
Janet Perry	Freedom Road Ministries	Rita Chapman
Linda Risley	First Christian Church	Susie Pullins
Alice Shockey	Freedom Road Ministries	Rita Chapman
Jacqueline Simmons	St. John Missionary Baptist	None Listed
Alvita Smoot	Zion Hill Baptist Church	Alvin Harmon Jr.
Richardine Stewart	The Good Shepherd Baptist	Allena Rogers
Jana Teach	Freedom Road Ministries	Rita Chapman
Tangie Tilley	First United Methodist Church	Betty Passwaters
Loretta Vernon	Church of Christ Christian Union	Bev Hess
Charlie Wright	The Vineyard Church of London	Kathy Zimmerman