



CO-COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

The weeks after Easter are full of hope and newness of life. The Cross of Jesus is empty, the tomb is empty and life begins anew. The journey into renewed, resurrected life seems to always start at the foot of the cross as we realize that Jesus died for our sins. He took our place on the cross so that we might be saved and have victory over sin and death.

As a teenager at church camp I found my place at the foot of the cross on a moonlit summer night. As I sat on the hard clay dirt I found a small twig that I began to use as a writing tool. I scratched my name into the dirt, at the foot of the cross. As the camp counselor shared the devotions for the night I was reminded that Jesus died for me, and that each of my sins were nailed to the cross with Jesus. My name in the dirt became a tangible way of making the truth of that statement real for me.

The full impact of the sacrifice of Jesus came to me about ten years later as God began a work within my heart that took me on a journey that once again began at the foot of the cross and ended at the open tomb. When the somberness of Holy Week gives way to the joy of Easter Morning the heaviness of sacrifice truly becomes the gift of life. Jesus died so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. This is the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus and it brings life to those who hear and believe.

The good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is spread throughout the world by Christians who have experienced God's mercy and love. The light of Christ illuminates the darkness of a sin-filled world as Christians share their good news of Jesus' resurrection which has given them new life. The youth camp I attended had the cross on top of a hill over looking a canal and on the final night of camp we walked the trail to the canal with our lit candles and quietly placed them in the canal. We then proceeded to the top of the hill and sat once more beneath the cross where we watched the lit candles float down the canal, taking the light of Christ into the world. As a teenager that symbolic act became one of the touch points for my spiritual journey.

Emmaus can also be one of those touch points for every pilgrim. The light of Christ that we sing about and share with each other needs to be given to a hurting world. Jesus himself shared his life with those who were hurting, those who were on the fringes of society and those who did not fit the religious mold. The Easter power of resurrection can be seen at work in the Emmaus community as hope is rekindled and life is renewed when each pilgrim is given the opportunity to meet the Risen Christ on their walk to Emmaus. Let your light shine the way so others may live.

De Colores,
Carolyn Peacock
Co-Community Spiritual Director

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Sunday's Closing service for Men's Walk #37 surrounded our community with the flaming fires of the Holy Spirit. "WOW," did the Pilgrims bless us, who were there, with their in depth testimonies. It was one of the most moving Closing services I have ever witnessed. Personally, I had "holy-bumps" as I listened to the Pilgrims sharing how much they were affected by so many different aspects of the Walk. Please plan to attend the **May Gathering on May 17th** when we may have another opportunity to hear more from them after their reunion.

Thank you, generous Community, for your offerings given at the Candlelight service. There was over \$700 collected, which will help pay for the expenses incurred from the Walk. We are so blessed to have an Emmaus Family who are always willing to 'pitch-in' and support their Community.

High Street UMC is continuing to pursue construction plans for church improvements. Please uplift their congregation in your prayers. To date, we are not sure how the reconstruction will affect the June or August Emmaus Walks. We will keep you informed as updates are reported to us.

Nita Jenkins, Nominating Chairperson, requests that anyone interested in becoming more involved in Emmaus contact her at 284-8689. Board of Directors terms are three year commitments as one-third of the Board is replaced every year.

Last year's picnic was a lot of fun and great fellowship. We would like to have another picnic this year in September. If you or your Share Group(s) should be interested in taking charge of the picnic, please contact me at 324-4041.

Women's Walk #56 begins on June 18th with Barb Baugh as Lay Director. Please be in prayer for her, the Team, and for the Pilgrims whom God has chosen to attend the Walk. Additionally, Greg Bachman has accepted the position of Lay Director for the August Men's Walk #38. Specifically pray that the Walks will be able to take place and not be hampered by church reconstruction.

In prayer with you, Larry McMahan, Community Lay Director

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

We appreciate all the time the members of the community have volunteered to help in the kitchens on Walks, but we have a few vital areas that need attention.

Helpers on:

- Wednesday Evening (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- Thursday Morning (8AM-Noon)
- Thursday Evening Cleanup (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)
- Friday Evening (2:00 PM – 7:00 PM)
- Monday Morning Cleanup (8:00 AM – Until Finished)

Any time you can give is acceptable. You do not have to be there for the whole shift but let the daily

coordinator know or note it down when you signup on the signup roster.

Our largest need is a Thursday Morning Coordinator. This coordinator will be responsible for preparing casseroles and vegetable dip (recipes are in the cookbook), checking in the meat order and preparing vegetable trays for the start of the Walk. You will receive training!

Contact Mark or Angela Bennett for more details.
937-561-8359, 937-561-8399 or
angela@mabennett.net

WOMEN'S EMMAUS WALK #56

Team List June 25 – 28, 2009

Lay Director	Barb Baugh	Table Leader	Rhonda Crist
Board Rep	Betty Yoakem	Table Leader	Teresa Fout
Spiritual Director	Rev. Cindee Johnson	Table Leader	Shawn Clark
Asst. Spiritual Director	Rev. Don Trumbull	Table Leader	Mary Lu Moss
ALD	Debbie Mefford	Table Leader	Dawn Parcels
ALD	Sarah Cogan	Table Leader	Mary Casto
ALD	Beth Tullis	Table Leader	Candy Blakely
LOG	Yvonne Dobbins	Asst. Table Leader	Andrea Cheeseman
LOG	Susan Hillman	Asst. Table Leader	Claudia Truman
Music Director	Diane Page	Asst. Table Leader	Judy Hoberty
Asst. Music Director	Sue Neves	Asst. Table Leader	Mallory Cheeseman
		Asst. Table Leader	Missy Trumbull
		Asst. Table Leader	Suzanne Ehalt
		Asst. Table Leader	Becky Cullum

CHRYSALIS

Lay director for girl's flight #48 is Angie Napier and spiritual director is Kim Armentrout. The lay director for the boy's flight #48 is John Baugh and the spiritual director is Randy Daniels. Both LD's are in the process of forming their respected teams. Please keep them, the team and the caterpillars in prayer.

Also, applications and any information needed for both flights can be downloaded from West Ohio Chrysalis website and can be sent to Greene Street UMC, Piqua, Ohio. Please prayerfully considerate sponsoring a teen for Chrysalis.

John Baugh, WOC Board Rep.

INFORMATION FROM THE AGAPE ROOM

Thanks so much for you continued support of the team and pilgrims. This past men's walk had an awesome response for bed and table agape. Just a reminder: Pilgrims receive 1 welcome letter on Thursday evening. They DO NOT receive any other letters on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. We have been getting several letters brought to the Agape room for delivery to pilgrims on all 3 nights. Team members are the only ones that can receive letters on all nights. Any letters received for pilgrims are placed in their Sunday packets with all of their other letters, regardless of when it is marked to be delivered. Also, if your have bed time agape for all the pilgrims, we can NOT put it out if you are even 1 short. Please leave a name and phone number some place with your agape so if we need to contact you, we can. Just a church name, or a share group name, or your first names only, are often not enough info for us to know who to contact.

Thanks!

Rhonda Voorhees & Shelly Canan

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 7 PM
Sunday, June 14, 2009 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.

2009 WALK DATES:

Men's Walks

#38 August 13-16

Women's Walks

#56 June 25-28 LD: Barb Baugh

#57 November 5-8

FROM SOCIAL

We still need Share groups to step up for June's Gathering & June's Closing for Walk# 56. Please pray about this.

Please contact Johnnie Williams 399-9886

REUNIONS

Men's Walk #37 Reunion
On Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 6 PM

DATE CHANGE DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY

The Emmaus Gathering for May will be held on May 17th @ 7:00 PM at High Street UMC.

The May gathering will be all about Kairos. Anyone & everyone that has ever served on a Kairos team, please be sure and be at the gathering.

Thanks a lot. De Colores, Jim Vineyard

