

# The Rainbow Connection

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Have you ever been driving down the road when suddenly you realize the last thing you remember seeing was a couple of miles back and you're not sure how you got to where you are now? That's how I have been feeling lately. The last thing I remember it was August and I was getting ready for the Women's team meetings to start and now here it is November, the air is crisp, the leaves are falling, the holidays are upon us and the Ohio State Buckeyes just beat that team up North for the fourth year in a row! How I got from there to here I'm not really sure. But one thing I am sure of, is that God is with me always and He is always faithful and I can always depend on Him. No matter how hectic life is or isn't, that's the only thing I need to remember each and every day.

On November 11 our Southern Ohio Emmaus community held a Singspiration in Logan at The Trinity Lutheran Church. A great big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped, attended or participated in any way! It was a great night of praise, worship and fellowship. The love offering that was collected that night totaled \$1000.33 and will go into our treasury to help pay bills from the Fall Walks.

I want to thank our board members who will be going off the board this year: Bob Drabik, Stanley Strode, Janice Bryant, Dwayne Tackett and Richard Fast. Their hard work, faithfulness and humble servanthood is greatly appreciated and has been a blessing to the Southern Ohio Emmaus community. Please keep all the board members in your prayers and be sure to let them know how much you appreciate them.

I am thankful for each and every member of the board as well as each and every member of our Emmaus community. God has blessed us with many, many people working hard, being faithful and humbly serving together to accomplish what we do each year for the glory of God. I praise God for the great things He is able to do by using imperfect earthen vessels such as we are.

I am looking forward to our Annual Emmaus Family Christmas Gathering and I hope you are too. This will be our last Gathering for 2007. We will be having a sponsorship class at 2:30PM prior to the Gathering at 3:00PM. Be sure to bring your family, lots of good food and wear your name tag. We will have a special treat for the kids. I hope to see you all there!

De Colores!  
Linda Rose

**SPONSORSHIP CLASS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2. SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS!!!!!! DE COLORES!**

## **ATTENTION TO ALL COLLECTORS OF MEMORABILIA**

We are trying to create a computer database for our Southern Ohio Emmaus Community so we can have accurate and complete information starting with Walks #1. However, we are missing some information and are hoping that you can help. We are in need of complete rosters (names and addresses of team members and pilgrims) from the following walks: Women's Walk #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5; Men's Walk #1, #2, #4, #6, #28, #31, #38 and #39. If you have this information or know of someone who does, please contact Linda Rose at 740-982-2284. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**It's time to sign up for the 2008 newsletter!! (if you're getting your newsletter by email, no need to register)**

### **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION**

If you're a brand new member of our Emmaus family, you'll receive two issues of the Connection free of charge. If you would like to continue receiving the Southern Ohio Emmaus Newsletter, The Rainbow Connection for 2008 by mail, please complete the form below, attach a check for \$7.50 payable to Southern Ohio Emmaus and mail to **Janice Bryant, 6577 Rosedale Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068**. The \$7.50 helps to cover the cost of mailing and production. If you have Internet access, you may prefer to read the newsletter on our website: [www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com). This is at no cost to you and will be available on our website by the last week of each month. You can also request the newsletter be e-mailed to you. This is at no cost to you.

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# ***Welcome***

to our Newest Community Members

from Men's Walk # 43

Joe Woodward

Burchell Perani

Tom Parrish

Joe Kendall

Tom Wells

Shawn Ray

Claude Imler

Phil Hawk

Prakesh Kudlapur

and to our new Board Members

Bob Barnhart

Bob Birkimer

Marna Hyett

Chuck Moore

Debbie Birkimer

Greg Rush.

# Reach Out

The fall Walks have now come and gone. We are beginning the planning process for the Spring Walks. Those of us who attended Sendoff, Candlelight and/or Closing are always reminded of our own Walk to Emmaus, what it meant then, and continues to mean now. I have been fortunate enough to have been a part of many Emmaus teams, and have come to greatly respect all of the work that goes on that we never see, as a Pilgrim or as part of the live-in team. Logistics and Agape don't just happen – these are ongoing processes throughout the year. Team selection and team meetings, for example, take a lot of time, sacrifice and prayer.

One thing we can't live without is YOU. Just as we are taught on the Walk that the Bible says we are all part of the body of Christ, the Body of Christ needs all of its parts. We need YOU to help and volunteer. We need YOU to be a prayer partner. We need YOU to take part in the prayer vigil. We need YOU to serve on a live-in team or Logistics or Agape. We need YOU to be present at Sendoff, Candlelight, and Closing. We need YOU to be an active part of the Community at your monthly Gatherings.

There are so many different ways to serve and remain connected to your Emmaus Community. If you have ever wondered what serving would be like, but have never received a call asking for your help, was it possibly because you never completed a Volunteer Signup Sheet? Take the time today to complete one and send it in. Your talents are God-given and need to be used. There are many people that can be touched by you – just as you were touched by so many that you didn't even know, or know anything about.

Take a moment and complete the signup sheet. Each year, we should all fill one out. You can find this form on the Southern Ohio Emmaus web site at:

[www.southernohioemmaus.com/documents/EmmausVolunteerSignup.pdf](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com/documents/EmmausVolunteerSignup.pdf)

Be a blessing to others, and receive a blessing as well!

Dave Shoemaker  
Outreach

*Please continue to pray for our Community  
and these specific prayer requests*

Answered Prayers  
Cheryl Shreyer  
Stanley Strode  
Marlene Frazure  
Kathy Norris  
Richard Clawson  
Barb Fouss  
Dave Sherman  
Clergy

Future Walks  
Dwayne Tackett  
Stacy Queen  
Unspoken Requests  
Paula Durbin  
Malta UMC Youth Pastor  
Larry Spencer  
Janice Bryant  
New Board Members

## Chrysalis

**Please keep the Chrysalis Board and future Butterflies in your prayers. Contact Tammy Annessansly if you would like to volunteer to work on upcoming flights.**

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

There will be an Emmaus Sponsorship Training Class on Sunday December 2, 2007 at 2:30 PM. This is the same day as our Annual Emmaus Family Christmas Gathering that will begin at 3:00 PM and will be held in New Lexington at The First United Methodist Church. If you have any questions please contact Linda Rose at 740-982-2284. De Colores!

# 2008 Walk Dates

Women's Walk #44 - April 3-6

Men's Walk #44 - April 17-20

Women's Walk #45 - Sept 25-28

Men's Walk #45 - Oct 2-5

## 2007 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

This is the current contact list of our 2007 Board of Directors. Keep this list handy so you can contact the board with needs, concerns, ideas, and information. Please keep the board in your prayers that they may honor Our Lord as they serve Him and our community.

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