

The Rainbow Connection

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Upcoming Events

Emmaus Monthly Gathering

June 27, 2010, 3:00pm
First UMC
New Lexington

Satellite Emmaus Gatherings

July 13, 2010, 6:00pm
Lancaster Gathering/Picnic
Rising Park Shelter House
Bring a Potluck Dish

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Boardmember Contact Information

Keep this handy in case you would like to contact a board member.

2010 Fee Schedule

Weekend Fees

Pilgrim Fee.....	\$125
Team Member.....	\$120
Logistics & Agape.....	\$75
Extra Meals:..... breakfast -	\$6.00
..... lunch -	\$7.00
..... dinner -	\$8.50
Mailed Newsletter.....	\$7.50/year
Emailed Newsletter.....	Free

From Our Board Chair

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

This year has been filled with some much needed travel in my family! You may remember in February my husband Bob and I went to Vail, Colorado to visit our son Matthew. Two weeks ago Bob and I went on a cruise to the Bahama's and tomorrow our daughter Layne and I are headed to Myrtle Beach!! I love to vacation, how about you?

Every day has its joy (Psalm 118:24). And each new sunrise is a vision of hope (Psalm 30:5). But each day also comes with its trials (James 1:2).

It seems that all we do is WORK and it is so relaxing and stress free to be away from all the responsibilities life brings. I think I have found a new way to not become discouraged with life and I love it!

I thank God daily for all the blessings in my life and know that he is the source of all my joy! "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10) and "the fruit of the Spirit is...joy" (Galatians 5:22).

I look forward to seeing many of you at education day and at the summer picnic. This is a time we can meet some of our newest members to Southern Ohio Emmaus from the spring walks.

I am also pleased to announce the fall lay directors. Georganne Thomas & Floyd Tackett. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the preparation for the upcoming walks and putting their teams together. If you would like to serve on an Emmaus team, work Agape or Logistics or help in any way, please mail in your volunteer sign up sheet. If you do not have a volunteer form you can print one from our website: Southernohioemmaus.com.

God Bless! DeColores

Debbie Birkimer
Board Chair



Breathing as Christians

Dear Friends of the Emmaus Community:

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian leaders. There are so many qualities of a leader, but, I want to use an illustration to show the importance of growing as a leader. Some people are leaders only because of their position. We should be developing leaders who are also willing to grow. The Apostle Paul said in II Thessalonians 1:3: *"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing."* Paul was saying that growing in faith and love is so important. The illustration I wish to use is breathing in and breathing out. As we all know, it is important for our physical bodies to have the capacity to breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon monoxide. This is a physical example of a spiritual reality as well. We as Christians need to be breathing in and breathing out spiritually. What does this mean? Breathing in means participating in activities such as: Personal Bible Reading, Prayer, and Meditation; a small group and/or a one-on-one with someone who can help us grow spiritually. This is breathing in. Breathing out means things such as: service to others - a kind word, sharing about our faith, practical ways to help others. Some Christians only engage in breathing in and suffer spiritual constipation. They are not channels of God's love; other Christians only breathe out and suffer spiritual burnout. And then, still others neither breathe in or breathe out and die spiritually! The question is: What kind of Christian are you? One who only breathes in, one who only breathes out, one who does neither, or one who breathes in and breathes out. Putting this in Emmaus terms, it is another way of stating the importance of piety, study, and action. How are you doing in your Fourth Days?

Decolores!

Yours in Christ,
Ricci Arthur

April 2010 Emmaus Gathering Joys and Prayer Concerns

Praises: Clint Porter – safety during mower accident, Spiritual renewal of recent Emmaus Walks, Tom West – good pathology report, Maryene Ellinger – 95th Birthday, Kelly McGraw's son home from Iraq

Concerns: Diane Arthur, Darby Bolyard, Sean Penson, Rachel Cook, Ester Shaver, Kelly McGraw's husband, Beverly Bradfield, Tyler Taylor, Our Troops, Memorial Day travel mercies

Emmaus Education Day

Here is another time for more education. The more educated you are the better things turn out. So please make every effort to attend this education day, June 26, 2010 from 9:00am to 12 noon. Learn what happens behind the scenes; choose which part of the Emmaus Walk you would like to help with. There will be speakers from all aspects of the walk, all that we ask is come and listen, and possibly eat. Come and have fun.

The education day will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church, 9825 Gore Church Rd, Logan (Gore) Ohio. The church is approximately 8 miles north of Logan on State Route 93. If you would like to come early and have breakfast at 8:00, please call Greg Rush at 385-0945 and let us know, so we can plan for your appetite.

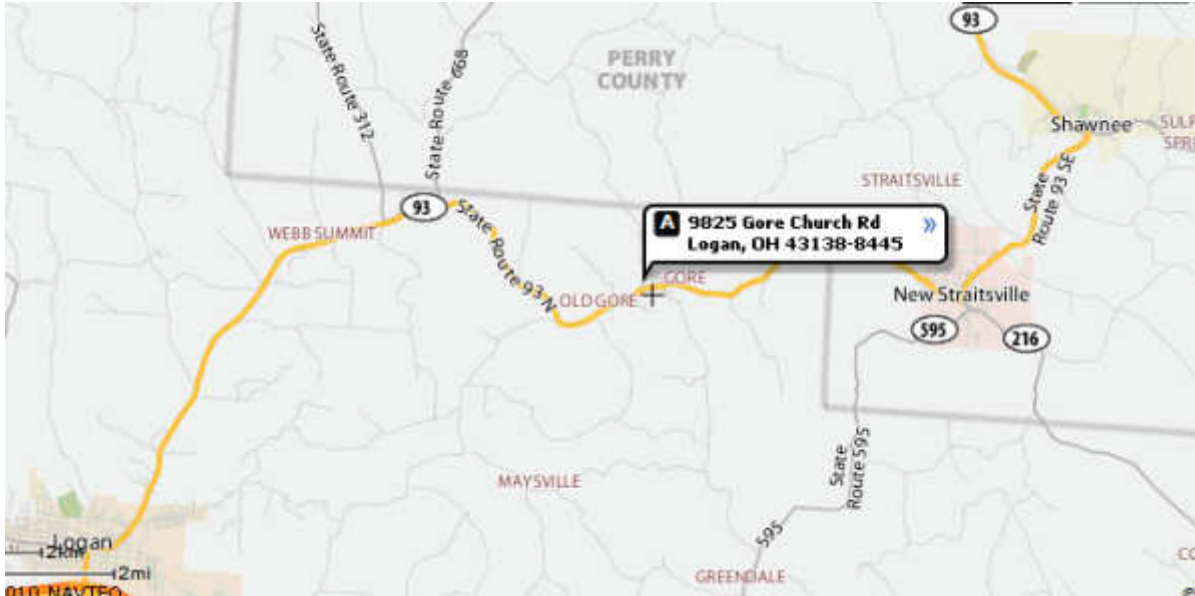
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Southern Ohio Emmaus – Family Picnic

When: Saturday August 7, 2010 (campfire fellowship and camping Friday night, Aug 6)

Where: New Hope United Methodist Church, 9825 Gore Church Rd, Logan, Ohio
(8 miles north of Logan on SR93, Gore, Ohio)



What to Bring: Food, Lawn Chairs, Musical Instruments
Plan on a day of great music, fellowship and delicious food.

Schedule of Events:

Friday August 6, 2010 (after 5:00pm)

- Primitive Camping (bring your camper or tent)
- Campfire
- Fellowship & Music

Saturday August 7, 2010 (come anytime)

- Family Picnic
- Outdoor Games (bring your favorite game)
- Fishing (bring your pole)
- Fellowship & Music
- Covered Dish Dinner at 1:00 noon**
- Worship at 3:00pm
- Fellowship & Music
- More Outdoor Games & Fishing



Note: *Children will need adult supervision while fishing*

Contact Greg Rush for more Information or if you have some ideas:
(740) 385-0945 or email gr44gregr@yahoo.com

If you intend to camp, please RSVP (385-0945) so we can plan space for your camper



The Silence (Understanding the Bible)

The Silence refers to the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament. It was a period of about four hundred years before the birth of Christ.

You will note that we haven't yet covered all of the books of the Old Testament, and we will return and cover those. But we've been dealing with the history of the Old Testament, and this period of four hundred years will complete that history. Then we'll go back and look at the poets and the prophets.

Remember that in our last installment, the ruling power in the world was Persia. In 333 BC, Alexander the Great conquered Persia, and the Greek culture, together with the Greek language, became the standard for the world. Eventually, Rome will conquer that part of the world, but the Greek culture will still carry a great deal of influence.

Regardless of who is in power, there are Jewish political sects who at least try to revolt to rid Jerusalem of foreign rule. These groups include the Maccabees and the Zealots. The Maccabees actually liberated parts of Israel between 164 and 63 BC, until they were conquered by Rome. The Zealots came a little later, in opposition to Herod the Great and his idolatrous practices. Later, they would be a major influence in the Jewish revolt that led to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

There are also at this time religious sects, primarily the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

Unfortunately, neither one offered much in the way of real religious leadership. Instead, they were mainly interested in their own personal power and influence. The Pharisees are legalistic, insisting that people follow the rules as they interpret them. The Sadducees are the party of the aristocracy, who are interested in preserving the status quo. In addition, there is a ruling board called the Sanhedrin, made up of both Pharisees and Sadducees. The two parties have very little in common except their desire to be free of outside influences, and later, their mutual hatred for Jesus of Nazareth.

There is, however, a strong desire, and even an expectation, in the people during this era. They are awaiting a Messiah. Some are looking for spiritual salvation; others are only interested in political freedom. The Jews have suffered religious persecution and political humiliation for so long that the hope and even the expectation of a Savior exists in both groups.

Next: The Poetical Books.

This article is based on chapter twelve of Max E. Anders' book *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, available through amazon.com or christianbook.com.

This article is part twelve of a series. Earlier articles in the series can be found in previous editions of The Rainbow Connection beginning in June 2009, available at <http://www.southernhioemmaus.com/documents/newsletter.html> Your comments and questions are welcome, send them to: pastordavid@newhopelogan.org.

Pastor David Rohrer

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