

The Rainbow Connection

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Upcoming Events

Emmaus Monthly Gathering

October 25, 2009, 3:00pm
First UMC
New Lexington

Satellite Emmaus Gatherings

November 9, 2009, 7:00pm
Logan Gathering
Trinity Lutheran Church

November 10, 2009, 7:00pm
Lancaster Gathering
6th Avenue UMC

November 15, 2009, 6:30pm
Somerset Gathering
Somerset UMC

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Please consider voting.....

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Boardmember Contact Information

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

2009 Fee Schedule

Weekend Fees

Pilgrim Fee.....	\$125
Team Member.....	\$120
Logistics & Agape.....	\$75
Extra Meals:..... breakfast -	\$5.75
..... lunch -	\$6.75
..... dinner -	\$8.00

Mailed Newsletter.....	\$7.50/year
Emailed Newsletter.....	Free

From the Community Lay Director

I don't know about you, but it seems as though the year so far has been very busy and very productive. We've managed to survive the Spring and Fall Walks. We've tried to incorporate the changes from Nashville regarding Dying Moments, new crosses and a host of other things. On that note, we do want to welcome into the Community the newest members who were on Walk 47 (both men and women). Their names are elsewhere in the Rainbow Connection. Whenever you see them or meet them, remind them of how glad we are that they answered God's call to be a part of the Emmaus Community.

I also have something that I need to share, and it's not all that pleasant. In the old days, Dad would haul you off behind the woodshed and take care of business for doing something wrong. Whether that was right or not is not a matter of debate. I don't have a woodshed and I'm not your father, so I won't be doing that. However, I do feel the need to express a certain amount of disappointment that the sponsors for the Women's Fall Walk didn't bring much food for the Pilgrims on Thursday night or for the snack table. I will say that there was a better response for Sunday night. If we take our sponsorship of a pilgrim seriously, then we will do what's been asked of us—that is, to take care of our pilgrim's need, up to and including feeding them and the rest of the pilgrims on Thursday before Send Off. I would hate to think that we, as a Community of faith and believers, would stand and sing and watch them begin the Walk to Emmaus on empty stomachs.

I believe in the Gospel story of how Jesus feed the multitudes with a little bit of fish and bread. From little, he fed many. We, who are so blessed that we can feed from our abundance, need to remember that story. Why? Not because God will always provide just enough...but because God can use us to provide the abundance that these ladies needed to see and experience. God's grace is so overwhelmingly abundant that it should have been reflected in the amount of food there was on the table. We'll pray that this was merely an ... (continued on page 2)



(continued from page 1)... aberration, something that was odd and unfortunate and not likely to happen again.

On a brighter note, this edition of the Rainbow Connection brings with it the opportunity to vote for a slate of persons interested in guiding this Emmaus Community. Each year, we vote to replace one-third of the Board of Directors. Somewhere in this newsletter you'll find a ballot, and we ask each of you to carefully and prayerfully consider your vote. You can also vote at the next Gathering. It's important that you discern who you think the Lord wants to guide this Community.

I only have a couple more meetings to chair. I can honestly say that I don't know where the last three years have gone. When I began my term, I couldn't imagine what would be in store for me. I've enjoyed it immensely...but it will be time for someone else to take the reins and guide the Board and the Community. I don't know who that will be, but God does. That's all I need to know.

De Colores!
Dave Shoemaker

Good Enough?

Beth Quick tells the following story:

"The devil was on the prowl one day, out to get the Christian. When he saw the Christian he shot one of his fiery darts and it struck the Christian in the chest. The Christian had on the breastplate of righteousness so he wasn't harmed. The devil shot at the Christian's head but that was protected by the helmet of salvation. The devil figured everyone has an Achilles' heel, so he shot at the Christian's feet that were shod with the gospel of peace so no harm was done. The Christian smirked and turned around to walk away. The devil fired an arrow into the Christian's wallet and killed him."

The point is well taken. We all have a point where our faith is vulnerable. Ephesians 6:11 tells us to put on the whole armor of God, yet

each of us has that weak point. We think that our protection is "good enough," instead of working to make it as strong as it can be. That's because we tend to get caught up in our own personal needs and desires, instead of focusing on the wonderful reality that we have been chosen to live in relationship to the creator of the universe.

Each of us experiences a beautiful moment where we commit to Christ. But it must be followed by a time of working out our faith, daily surrendering to God's control of our lives. It is a lifetime process of choosing to obey the living Word of God and the leading of his Holy Spirit.

If that sounds like a really big challenge, it is. Jesus didn't come to make things easy, but to challenge us to live a radical new form of life. But I'm going to suggest that by working on it a little at a time, we can make the task manageable. In fact, I think it can be done by incorporating two simple steps into your daily life.

First, take a moment each day to ask yourself this question: What am I holding onto that keeps me from following Christ wholeheartedly? And, of course, give yourself an honest answer.

Second, although it may seem obvious, take time to speak to Jesus every day in prayer. In that way, you can break free of whatever your vulnerability may be and dare to follow him as a true disciple. The good news is that he believes you can do it.



Please welcome these Pilgrims to the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community

Women's Walk #47 (September 10-13, 2009)

Billijean Ball	Reynoldsburg
Joyce Brown	Albany
Patti Carpenter	Logan
Tina DeLong	West Jefferson
Teresa Freeman	Somerset
Shirley Frye	Malta
Laura Gaus	West Jefferson
Patty George	New Lexington
Ronda Griffith	Hamden
Sarah Hunt	Lancaster
Regina Prater	Logan
Gerry Taylor	Lancaster
Carla Willis	Gallipolis
Sandra Yerian	Lancaster

Men's Walk #47 (October 1-4, 2009)

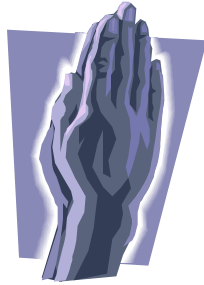
Chuck Bishop	Lancaster
Myles Burggraf	Logan
Nick Burleson	Malta
Bob Butler	Doylestown
Jim Clark	Gallipolis
Paul Dilliard	Lancaster
Nathan Downing	Lancaster
David Ewing	Logan
Noah V Garris	Lancaster
Ken Kemmerer	Lancaster
Shannon Markin	McConnelsville
Terry McKinniss	Gallipolis
David Miller	Lancaster
Simon Mills	Lancaster
Sherman Prater	Logan
Dwight Shamblin	Gallipolis
Robert Sigler	Logan
Roy Vickers	New Straitsville
Everett Wallace	Lancaster

Women's Walk Team Members

Spiritual Director: David Rohrer
Assistant Spiritual Director: Mike Queen
Lay Director: Penny Canter
Assistant Lay Directors: Heather Pullins, Connie Switzer, Georganne Thomas
Music Leaders: Barb Harkless, Ruth Nicholson
Board Representative: Shirley Jadwin
Table Leaders: Yessika Barber, Dawn Barnes, Carol Howdyshell, Kathy Morgan, Sue Penix Linda Lohse-Smith
Assistant Table Leader: Cheri Bauman, Stacie Dearth, Elaine Imler, Karen Martin, Alice Moneypenny, Crystal Ratliff
Clergy Talks: David Cady, Joel Harbarger, Brent Watson,

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Lay Director: Kevin Westfall
Assistant Lay Directors: Richard Fast, Dan Pullins, Floyd Tackett
Music Leader: Dave Sherman
Board Representative: Larry Beal
Table Leaders: Bob Drabik, Dave Kelch, Larry Moneypenny, Greg Rush, Jim Stimmel, Chris Stone
Assistant Table Leader: Kris Highbargin, Jeff Mohler, Roger Taylor, Rick Wallar, Bob Yingling,
Clergy Talks: Ricci Arthur, Tom Gates, Bruce Livingstone



September 2009 Emmaus Gathering Praises and Prayer Concerns

PRAISES: Katie Barnhart, Nathan Harkless, Matthew Birkimer, Chris & Kayla being baptized, Ronda Griffith's retirement

CONCERNS: Jack Shiplett, Bob Starner, Judy Thompson, George Stout, Nate Elfrink, Glora Scott, Jim Sullivan, John Altier, Cookie Hatfield, Connie Switzer, Chrysalis Selection Committee, Flights and Boys' LD, Foothills District UMC mission team to Mexico, Future Pilgrims, Harvest of Lost Souls

From the Good Shepherd

I would like to welcome our new community members. We're so glad you were able to spend 72hrs. with the Lord. With our busy schedules we don't always get that time to just focus on Him. I pray he has set a fire in you like never before.

I now encourage you to join a share group just to help keep that fire burning. A share group is so important. If you don't have a share group, I am more than willing to help you find one in your area or even start one of your own. If you ask anyone in a share group, I know they will tell you how important it is to them. My share group helps me in so many ways. They help hold me accountable as I do to them; they help me when I have a bad week; and they're there to rejoice with me when I have a great one. Please contact me if you need help finding one [mqueen342@ att.net](mailto:mqueen342@att.net) or by phone (740)342-5429.

Also, I would like to invite you to join our Emmaus prayer chain. We do this by e-mail or by telephone whichever method works for you. We all know how important prayer is. You will

be blessed praying for others, even people you don't even know, just as people prayed for you during your walk. There are so many things you can do to be part of our community and to help others. One of those things is PRAY. There are so many scriptures about prayer and how important it is. How we need to be about God's work. If I can't do anything else I can pray. I have been so blessed by this prayer chain. I know God is using us to make a difference in peoples lives. This is so rewarding!

Please contact me if you need help finding a share group or if you would like to join our team of prayer warriors. Blessings on all!

Decolores
Stacy Queen

The Patriarchs (Understanding the Bible)

The stories of the Patriarchs are told in Genesis, chapters 13-50. The fact that they are given so much ink should suggest that their stories are important, and that proves to be the case. We can barely hit the highlights here, so be sure to read more about them. There are four major figures associated with this era:

Abraham (Genesis 12-23): God wants to redeem the world, and he chooses to do so by working through Abraham, a righteous man whom God treats as a friend. Abraham is the father of Ishmael, from whom the modern Arab people are descended; and of Isaac, from whom the modern Jewish people are descended. God makes a covenant with Abraham, in which God promises that Abraham and his wife Sarah will have countless descendants, and that they will have the Promised Land to live in. God also tells Abraham that he is blessed to be a blessing; that is, through Abraham, God's message is to be spread into the world.

Isaac (Genesis 24-26): Isaac is the least known of the four Patriarchs. He and his wife, Rebekah, have two sons, Jacob and Esau. The story of their rivalry is one of the major stories of the Old Testament. (cont. on page 5)



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Jacob (Genesis 27-35): Among his many underhanded tricks, Jacob cheats his older brother Esau out of his birthright; however, Jacob eventually wrestles with God, mends his ways, and even reconciles with his brother. He has twelve sons, who are the forefathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus, while it can be said that Abraham is the father of the Hebrew people, it is Jacob, who is renamed Israel, who is the father of the nation of Israel. Jacob's most illustrious son is:

Joseph (Genesis 37-50): Joseph is son number 11 out of the twelve sons of Jacob. He is sold as a slave and taken to Egypt, where he has many adventures. He experiences the depths of being thrown into prison, and the heights of rising to second in command in all of Egypt. It happens because Joseph remains true to God. He prepares the nation of Egypt for a famine, and because he has done so, is able to supply food to his family, and to bring them to Egypt. Unfortunately, after Joseph's death, the Egyptian Pharaohs put the Israelites into slavery for a period of 400 years, until another great leader comes to lead them out of slavery.

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

This article is part five 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.southernohioemmaus.com/documents/newsletter.html>. Your comments and questions are welcome, send them to: pastordavid@newhopelogan.org.

Next: The Exodus.

Pastor David Rohrer

Fourth Day Witness

This is a person's witness to God's presence in his or her life and to the development in his or her walk with the risen Lord. The witness may stem from an experience, a spiritual learning, a reflection on a stretch of his or her spiritual journey, or a challenge to live more fully in holiness and service. The Fourth-Day Witness

is a first-person sharing that will cause others to reflect on God's presence and call in their own lives and will inspire them to live more fully in grace as disciples. If you would like to share your witness with others in the Emmaus Community, please let a board member know. You can share during a Gathering or if you prefer to write about your witness, please consider submitting something to be printed in a future newsletter. You never know how your witness might inspire someone else in their witness to others.

Agape Thanksgiving

Thank you, thank you Southern Ohio Community for the wonderful support you have given to the new pilgrims in the form of agape. We never know what little thing will touch another heart. The agape for both the Women's and the Men's walk was plentiful, creative and added a special way of showing God's love. We live in a busy world, yet share groups find the time to pass along their love for Jesus in the form of agape. It makes me think of busy little elves, at work through out the year, serving the Lord in a quiet unpretentious and effective manor. Blessed be the giver and the receiver of agape.

Shirley
Agape Chairperson

Chrysalis Hoot.

It will be held Saturday, October 24 at Camp Otterbein from 3 pm to 8 pm. The Hoot is open to everyone who has attended or is Chrysalis age (15 or above) or has served on a team. There will be games and hayrides. We will have devotions and celebrate Communion around 5:00. There will be a campfire with hotdogs and s'mores. Please feel free to pass along this information to anyone you think may be interested. For more information, email Betty at bwclark@nelsonvilletv.com

Thanks, Fly with Christ!
Betty Clark

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Southern Ohio Emmaus
Board of Directors

Vote for not more than six (6)

Three Year Term ending 12/31/2012

	Heather Pullins		Penny Canter
	Chris Stone		Georgeanne Thomas
	Karcy Rush		Wilma Woltz
	Alice Money penny		Sterling Dietrich

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