

Thoughts from the Chairman

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ,

Can you remember your initial enthusiasm and commitment immediately following your own Walk to Emmaus? Were you on fire, ready to jump into prayer, study and service? Did your family and co-workers sense a difference in you? Now is the difficult question: has it lasted? Has your Walk with Christ grown, or are you perhaps feeling stale and discouraged? Have you slipped back into your old routine, serving out of obligation instead of passion? According to Oswald Chambers in *Utmost For His Highest*, staleness is an indication that something in our lives is out of step with God. He cautions us that the greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus Christ is the service we do for Him. Can you relate to this? As willing servants in the Emmaus ministry, we need to be cautious that we don't forget our first love - Jesus Christ. We grow weary when we're not renewing our spirit daily with His love and guidance. Too often we allow the hectic demands of the world to distract us and interfere with our primary priority - spiritual intimacy. This requires daily Quiet Time in prayer and study. Only through prayer and the reading of God's Word will we learn His character, hear His voice, and develop into mature Believers and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we're honest, we all struggle with this discipline. The Christian Walk isn't easy! Why not ask your Share Groups to hold you lovingly accountable? We can't allow ourselves to settle for a religious life, with service at the helm, lacking a vital relationship with Christ. When God is present in our lives, the difference will be obvious!

Struggling With You,
Pam Walker
Matthew 22:37

Gatherings and Other Noteworthy events of the Larger Community (All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted)

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Normandy UMC
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| February | | | |
| 5 | Enon
Enon UMC 7:30 | 13 | Wilmington
Wilmington UMC - 7:00 |
| 5 | Christ Church
Christ UMC - 7:00 | 13 | Sidney
1st UMC - 7:00 |
| 9 | Dayton North
Vandalia UMC - 7:30 | 22-25 | Men's Walk #24
at Normandy UMC |
| 12 | Dayton South
Normandy UMC 7:15 | 27 | Dayton Board Meeting
Normandy UMC - 7:00 |

Women's Walk #45 Team Members

Jane Liston	LD	Perseverance
Susan Jelus	ALD	Growth Through Study
Sherri Raderstorf	ALD	Priesthood of All Believers
Norma Lakes	ALD	
Deb Egloff	SD	Means of Grace
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Bonnie McSwegin	LOG	
Joyce Stare	LOG	
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Cathy Clayburn	TL	Life in Piety
Joyce Evenden	TL	
Pam Kooser	TL	Christian Action
Nola Keeney	TL	Body of Christ
Jan Schneider	TL	Fourth Days
Christy Utz	TL	Changing Our World
Karen Garvey	ATL	
Debbie Hildreth	ATL	
Debbie Key	ATL	
Susan Bramel	ATL	
Kristi Schnipke	ATL	
Mary Kay Thomas	ATL	
Shelly Watkins	ATL	

Help wanted!

The Community is in need of a Clergy Prayer Partner Coordinator. This person would be responsible for scheduling Prayer Partners for Clergy Talks on Walk Weekends. If you are interested please contact Bob Warner the Worship Chair at 433-2916 to offer your services. Thanks!



From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

Proverbs 21:5 says: "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." One of the themes of the walk, we know, is perseverance. We need to have perseverance in our Fourth Days. It is hard, isn't it? The world, the flesh, and the devil (not necessarily in that order!), conspire against us. But we have One who is greater than those three entities - Jesus Christ the Righteous. How are you persevering? Are you in a Share Group or some other kind of small group growth experience? Are you having consistent times of

reading God's Word and praying? It's hard to know what should be happening with each individual person, but I remember John Wesley saying: "Are we going on to perfection?" Not that we will be perfect in this life, of course - but are we moving on in our Christian walk? The plans of the diligent lead to profit. If we are diligent in our well-doing, it will reap great profit. Perhaps not today, or tomorrow, but one day - perhaps even in this life but certainly in the life to come!

Decolores!
Ricci Arthur

Women's Walk #45 Pilgrims List
(as of 1 February 2001)

Cindy Amend	WPAFB
Jenny Barr	Dayton
Gladys Benfield	Miamisburg
Melodie Byrd	Kettering
Brook Chalfant	Dayton
Chris Davidson	Huber Heights
Mary DeAngulo	West Milton
Mary Ann DeVelvis	Kettering
Wendy Drake	Dayton
Leslie Evans	West Carrollton
Jennifer Fathergill	Kettering
Liz Ferguson	Centerville
Sharon Flynn-Nelson	Beavercreek
Bonnie Gilmore	Dayton
Brandi Henry	Miamisburg
Denise Hermetz	New Carlisle
Brenda Himebaugh	Spring Valley
Kathy Hollingsworth	Dayton
Jerry Hullinger	Beavercreek
Denise James	Troy
Darlene Johnson	Springboro
Mary Jones	Goshen
Barb Long	Kettering
Deb Lovett	Centerville
Becky McKenna	Dayton
Judy Merker	Centerville
Rosie Miller	Moraine
Joyce Morgan	Vandalia
Daryl Nels	Beavercreek
Betsy O'Kresik	Dayton
Maureen Patterson	Kettering
Robin Peppers	Springfield
Chantele Putnam	Huber Heights
Cindy Schmerber	Centerville
Karen Stout	Centerville
Judy Sunderland	Vandalia
Judy Swigart	Centerville
Penni Tracy	West Carrollton
Sharyn Velej	Dayton
Charlotte Welch	Kettering
Billie Zachary	Dayton
Melissa Zimmer	Centerville

SHORT TERM MEMORY HELPS

Candlelight - Saturdays - 8:30 p.m.

Closing services - Sundays - 4:30 p.m.

The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task, "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on gray and bleak; I wondered why God didn't show me He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock, God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

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I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power
through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves.
- Ephesians 3:16 (TEV)

Share Group Orientation

Because share groups play such an important role in the Emmaus experience, we offer regular opportunities for the community to attend orientation sessions after each Walk. The next one will be February 12, 2001 from 6:30 - 7:15 in the small chapel. Bring your name tag and your service card. Questions? Call Good Shepherd Sheri Raderstorf at 294-0552

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