

Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus
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De Colores!

Thoughts from the Chairman

"Prayer works" is probably one of the most common , most over-worked and most deeply believed slogans among Christians. We believe, as Paul told the congregation at Phillipi, that we are "...not to worry about anything, but with prayer and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God, and the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." What a wonderful promise He makes us...all for "taking it to the Lord in prayer"!

Our beloved Emmaus Walk experience is being enriched by the addition of a new... and very promising!...position on the live-in team, that of Prayer Servant. Moving on a suggestion brought to the G.D. Emmaus Board last year, the community leadership voted to field test the position of Prayer Servant, a concept used successfully in the Cincinnati Emmaus community for many years. In 2002, one men's and one women's walks were vehicles for testing a team of two Prayer Servants for each of these walks. Following a full critique of the P.S. role, job description, and feedback from lay directors and others, the Board has declared the position permanent.

"I cannot imagine another Greater Dayton Emmaus Walk without Prayer Servants," observes Norma Lakes, Lay Director, W.W. #50. "I was comforted by the knowledge that the Prayer Servants were already at work during team recruitment and preparation. Prayer, that heart-to-heart communication with our Lord, is the best and sometimes the only thing we can do in a challenging situation."

The contribution of the Prayer Servant is one of quiet servanthood rather than overt interpersonal interaction. They are truly the least visible team members during a Walk weekend, but are in every sense an integral part of the live-in team and participate in all pre-Walk activities and training. Prayer Servants pray for the team and Pilgrims by name, receive prayer requests, pray for each speaker and event and over each room used during the weekend.

Margaret Tuttle, P.S. for W.W. #50, referred to her role as, "An awesome, overwhelming responsibility. I truly saw where evil bombardments occur on the weekends, and I felt as if I were carrying a very heavy weight," said Margaret, "but it was a true blessing to serve in this capacity." Joyce Stare partnered as P.S. with

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Gatherings and Other Noteworthy events of the Larger Community

(All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted)

Upcoming Area Walks and Events

- Greater Dayton Women's Walk #52
October 17-20, at Christ UMC
- Greater Dayton Men's Walk #30
January 23-26, at Normandy UMC
- Greater Dayton Women's Walk #53
February 20-23, at Normandy UMC

Gatherings

- Greater Dayton at Normandy UMC
2nd Mon 7:15
- Enon UMC
1st Mon 7:30
- Christ Church
1st Mon 7:00
- Wilmington UMC
2nd Tues 7:00
- Sidney 1st UMC
2nd Tues 7:00
- Dayton Board
4th Tues 7:00

Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell
Centerville OH 45459

Margaret on W.W. #50 and felt that, "While it was not an easy job (as Prayer Servant), it was probably the most humbling and spiritually enriching team experience of my life. No doubt, team and Pilgrims alike are under attack, but it is amazing to see how prayers were answered each day." Joyce explained that while intercessory prayer was her main responsibility on the Walk, praise and thanksgiving were generously woven through the hours.

Qualifications for service as a Prayer Servant on a live-in team include (1) Having served on at least three live-in teams (familiarity with the Emmaus team experience and process) and (2) spiritual maturity. An active prayer life is a plus. A category for service as a P.S. has been incorporated into the Willing Servant form.

Testing the P.S. position for M.W. #28 was Lay Director Dave Garman: "Terry (Kierce) and Tip (Bev Tipton) were living proof (as Prayer Servants) that prayer was all over the Walk. I've always known prayer bathed each Walk, but now I was dramatically reminded of that each time I saw our Prayer Servants."

"I have never encountered God personally to the depths I did during M.W. #28," said Terry Kierce. "It is an amazing responsibility and privilege to represent the concerns of the team and the Pilgrims. It was truly one of those rare moments when God catches us focusing on others instead of ourselves, and the experience has strengthened my personal prayer and devotional life."


"And whatever you ask in My Name that I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13) What a privilege it is, my brothers and sisters, to approach the Throne of Grace with confidence !

Lovingly, ysic, Mary Pat Peck

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 Sept 9, 2002 from 6:30 - 7:15 in the small chapel. Bring your name tag and your service card. Questions? Call Good Shepherd Jean Jarusiewicz at 252-9627

We are not meant to be seen as God's perfect, bright-shining examples, but to be seen as the everyday essence of ordinary lives exhibiting the miracle of His grace.



Oswald Chambers
My Utmost for His Highest



Emmaus Community Picnic

9/15/02, Delco Park #3, 4:30 PM.
Questions?
Call Dene Wells (937) 545-2753.

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From the SD's Study

Friends of the Greater Dayton
Emmaus Community:

The Bible says, "Without a Vision the People Perish." And there was an excellent visionary type article in the Walk to Emmaus International Newsletter,

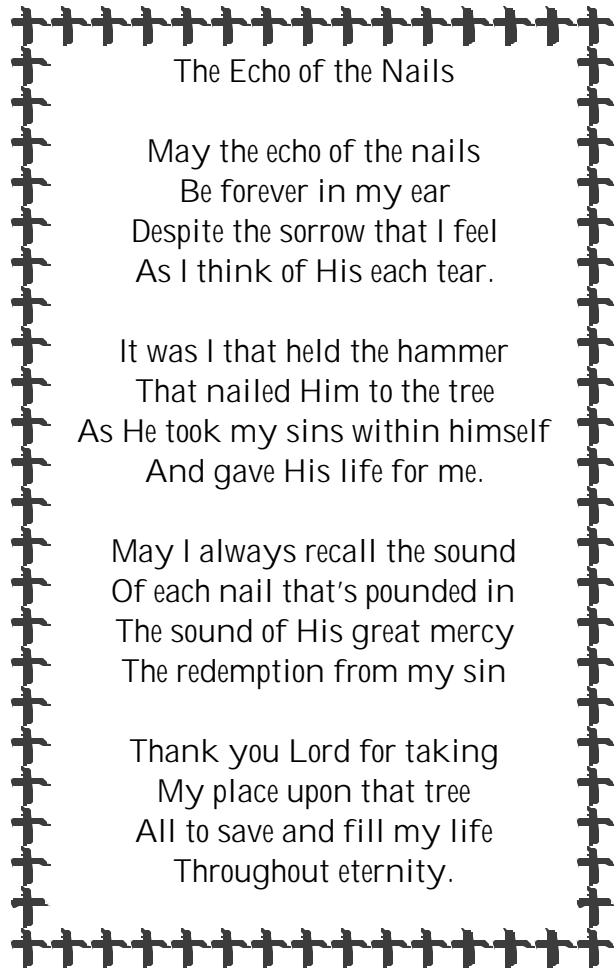
dated July-September 1997. I know that some of you probably receive this, newsletter, but the main thrust of the lead article was that we need to maintain the original vision cast when Emmaus was founded as an offshoot of Cursillo. And that vision is that people grow to be more and more like Christ in their homes, their churches and their communities.

What has been the "long-term" effect of our walk upon our

lives? Are we living the life of grace more and more? How are we doing in our "walk toward perfection?"

The article continued by saying these words: "The healthiest (Emmaus) communities are led by persons who understand the vision and allow the vision to shape their decisions about the community. These are the communities with a strong emphasis on the Fourth Day." I am so glad that in our Community we are making an effort, through Share Group Workshops and other kinds of endeavors, to "link" people to Share Groups. Our light shines brightest when shared with others. Our learning runs deeper as we learn with others. Our spirits rise more as we link with the spirits of others.

De Colores, Ricci Arthur
(reprinted from Jan 1998 newsletter)



The Echo of the Nails

May the echo of the nails
Be forever in my ear
Despite the sorrow that I feel
As I think of His each tear.

It was I that held the hammer
That nailed Him to the tree
As He took my sins within himself
And gave His life for me.

May I always recall the sound
Of each nail that's pounded in
The sound of His great mercy
The redemption from my sin

Thank you Lord for taking
My place upon that tree
All to save and fill my life
Throughout eternity.

This poem reflects the thoughts of Lisa Lohse, team member on W.W. #51, as she reflected on the message of the clowns.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

- ⇒ Have you lost something on a Walk or during a Gathering. Check the lost and found at the next Gathering. The lost and found basket will be out and available to search through then.
- ⇒ Don't forget to check out our web page at www.daytonemmaus.org You can find information about upcoming walk dates, maps to the churches, general information and forms relating to Greater Dayton Emmaus.
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You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for
You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their
being.
Revelation 4:11

**Need a Speaker for
your Church Group?**

Would you like your Church members to learn more about the Walk to Emmaus? Does your Church School Class men's or women's group ever use guest speakers? The Outreach Committee has speakers, complete with professional videotape, who would enjoy the opportunity. To schedule a speaker call Jean Jarusiewicz at (937) 252-9627.

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