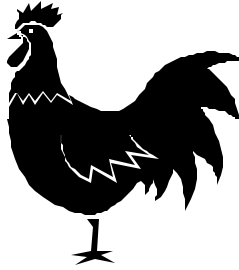


Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus
Cursillo - Chrysalis - Kairos - Walk to Emmaus
De Colores!

Thoughts from the Chairman



To the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

'Dear Lord, please hold me close; the sea is so big and my boat is so small...' I am humbled as I approach the job of Community Lay Director for 2003. Looking back, I can see the examples of the Godly men and women that have come before me. In many ways, I am their legacy, just as my successors will be. My commitment to them and the entire Community is to do the very best I can do to further the Lord's kingdom here on earth.

One of my favorite passages in the New Testament is 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 31. Paul uses the human body as an analogy to the body of Christ. He also makes some very inclusive statements. In verse 13, Paul states, "For we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body. Whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit." Paul's literal reference to the human body is familiar, but figuratively 'The Body' can mean different things to each of us.

This passage further admonishes us not to look down on what we might consider the lesser parts of 'The Body'. We all are important. We all have a part in God's plan. We all are somebody. We know that we are created in God's image – and we all know that God doesn't make any junk! My self worth is derived from being a child of God rather than where I work, how much education I might have or even how wealthy I am.

Regardless of what 'The Body' may represent to us, its true purpose is found in Ephesians 4:12. In the NIV it reads, "... to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ be built up ..." Everything that we attempt to do in the Emmaus Community should be judged by this criteria – does it build up the Body?

This Emmaus Community is a body, and everyone is important. There is an incredible amount of talent and we need to make sure that everyone who wants to help out will have the opportunity to serve the Lord in some capacity. There is no such thing as an unimportant job in the Emmaus Community. Some of the jobs are more visible than others, live-in team member, working in the kitchen during a Walk Weekend, etc, but every job is important. We all have different gifts and abilities, just as 'The Body' is made up of many parts. I think the most important thing we can do is to fully use our gifts.

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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

Gatherings

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

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Greater Dayton Men's Walk #30
January 23-26, at Normandy UMC
Greater Dayton Women's Walk #53
February 20-23, at Normandy UMC
Chrysalis Flight # 35 Girls
January 18-20, at Greene St. UMC
Piqua, Ohio

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

We will reap what we sow, so I urge all of us to sow plenteously in the relationships that we currently have and will be developed during this year. In many ways the Emmaus experience is about friendships, the most important being our friendship with our Lord and Savior.

When I first became active in the Community after my Walk, I only knew men from my table and the members of my church who were Emmaus Pilgrims. Now, I've had the opportunity to get to know a sizeable number of the Community – the rest of you all are just good friends I haven't gotten to know. And in this month alone, we will have another 35 or so new friends in the making when we get the privilege to minister to the pilgrims of Men's Walk #30.

We need to continue the concerted effort to make this Community more inclusive rather than more exclusive. What this really means is that we need to give ourselves to the benefit of the entire body – and in our efforts, the entire body will benefit. If anyone has any ideas on how we might do this, please let me know.
De Colores!

Joe Amend

God showed me that only He is in charge and control of ALL things. Many of you may be aware of the challenges the team faced throughout the walk. However, God in His infinite wisdom and being provided everything and everyone at the right time and place. The walk was so powerful--women's lives were totally changed. I saw at first hand how God continues to work in spite of challenges or obstacles! His work or plan will never be aborted! What a mighty God we serve!

Norma Lakes Lay Director WW #50

Witness

<p align="center">Team for Men's Walk #30 At Normandy United Methodist Church January 23-26</p>				
Kurt Avery	ATL		Tom McElfresh	ALD Growth through Study
Casper Bellar	ATL		Bob Hewitt	ALD Priorities
Jerry Deisher	ATL		Charles Kaiser	LOG
Art Hudson	ATL		Dave Garman	LOG
Don Martin	ATL		Joe Amend	LOG
Carl Overholser	ATL		Daniel Phillips	PS
Steve Wooten	ATL		Ed Rapp	PS
Ben Andrews	TL		Andy Manvell	MD
Doug Ellis	TL	Fourth Days	Toby Troup	AMD
Steve Hiatt	TL	Priesthood of Believers	Dennis McNeil	LD Perseverance
Marc Littman	TL	Christian Action	Dave Evans	SD Means of Grace
Bob Schneider	TL	Body of Christ	Randy Daniel	ASD Justifying Grace
John Stoddard	TL	Life in Piety	Linda Scott	ASD Prevenient Grace
Chris Wissinger	TL	Discipleship	Hazel Burns	ASD Obstacles to Grace
Dave Pappenfus	ALD	Changing Our World	Dave Tackett	ASD Sanctifying Grace



“Anything we do that is not out of love for Christ doesn't matter one whit”! Mary Pat Peck
 Thanks and a big hug for your service to our Lord as Chairman in 2002.

A Good Read! Pressure's Off by Larry Crabb does a good job putting flesh on the practice of living by grace rather than performance. He states “We don't have to make our lives work before we can glorify God or benefit others. We don't have to feel good before we can love”.





From the SD's Study

Dear Members and Friends of the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community:

Happy New Year!

Will we not send or say this greeting to many? I admit that I wish everyone "happiness" but I'll tell you what I wish more. I wish Peace and Joy. Happiness depends upon circumstances - how things happen to be going at any given moment. Joy depends upon God. I heard a speaker one time say: "Joy is Peace Dancing, and Peace is Joy Resting." I like that!

The Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:3 says: "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ." The fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace..." How do we obtain joy and peace? By being connected to God - by being connected with one another. What are you and I doing in our lives to help us to become connected with God? How is our personal devotional life? Why not make a Great New Year's Resolution to begin a devotional life, if you have not already? And what about connecting with others? Who are we having "spiritual conversations" with in order to grow spiritually.

I pray for each of you: "Joy and Peace in the Name of Jesus."

Ricci Arthur

Pilgrims for MW #30	
Daniel Blair	Dayton
Thomas Corwin	Middletown
Charles Curran	Dayton
John Edwards	Arcanum
Kevin R. Eldridge	Huber Heights
John W. Furrey	Brookville
James Geesey	Dayton
Bob Green	Dayton
Seth M. Haywood	Vandalia
Gary Henderson	Kettering
Jeffrey S. Hinkley	Kettering
Brian W. Kinsey	Lebanon
Steven G. Moore	Dayton
Kendall Morrow	New Lebanon
Jerry Rodenfels	Xenia
Rick Shilt	Huber Heights
Don Stamm	Centerville
Rick Tettau	Kettering
David J. Tieman	Dayton
Rubin F. Weston	Xenia
Darrin Whiting	Kettering
William K. Zimmer	Centerville

Current as of Dec. 23. More Pilgrims will be added to the list before the Walk starts.

Thanksgiving Thanks to Dayton Emmaus from Legacy!

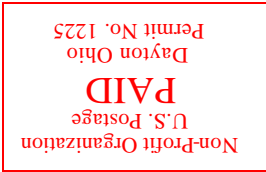


Legacy greatly appreciates the support provided by the Emmaus community. We hosted our first Thanksgiving Sing Concert on Nov. 15, and the Dayton Emmaus community made for a great turnout. With your help, and God's blessings, we look forward to next year. Thanks for your prayers and support.
Mick Burdge

Ed Huber
Troy Kaper
Steve Rohr
Dave Skinner

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I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant
between me and the earth.
Genesis 9:13



God bless you richly this
new year!

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