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Thoughts from the Chairman

Matters of the Heart!

In the 'Priorities' talk, Swiss Philosopher Carl Jung is quoted as saying, "The world will ask you who you are, if you don't know, the world will tell you." We are constantly bombarded by the world telling us what we should do, how we should look, what we should eat, drink, and wear, etc.

This barrage got me to thinking, exactly who am I? If you've been following my articles for the past few months, some of the answers are there: I am a child of God (John 1:12). I am made in His image (Genesis 1:26). And the Lord is still working on me (Philippians 1:6). Sometimes it is a real struggle for me to remember these things, but it is critical to my physical and mental well-being. Since I am all of these things, I should be attempting to look at myself and all those around me in the same way – the way the Lord looks at us.

That begs the question, just how does the Lord look at us? The answer to this age-old question is found in 1 Samuel 16:1-13. The Lord directed Samuel to Bethlehem to look at Jesse's sons and the Lord would tell him which one He had chosen to be King. When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son, Eliab, he thought this must be the one, but the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV). The Lord also rejected 6 other sons of Jesse. Samuel asked Jesse if there were any more sons. Jesse replied the youngest son, David was tending sheep. Samuel tells Jesse to send for David and when he appears, Samuel anoints him King. It wasn't until years later that David ascends the throne of Israel. It seems that even Jesse looked at his youngest son the way men do.

Recently, I had the opportunity to (literally) consider matters of the heart. In early March I had a small heart attack – unheeded, this condition would have developed into a serious problem. By the grace of our Lord, I responded to the signs rapidly enough that there has been no damage to my heart. I have been astounded and humbled by the response of the Dayton Emmaus Community and my Aley Church family to my physical condition. I have never felt more loved or bathed in prayer than during these past three weeks. Just like at Candlelight Services, I've seen a glimpse of heaven that I have never seen before, and to be very honest, I really, really like what I saw... You all have set the example for me on how to look at others. I can never look at a person the same way again – nor do I want to!

As a member of the body of Christ, we all bring unique talents to the group. Paul's analogy of the 'Body of Christ' in 1 Corinthians 12 is right on. We all have gifts that can benefit the entire Body.

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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 #54
April 24-27, at Normandy UMC
- Greater Dayton Men's Walk #31
May 15-18, at Normandy UMC
- West Ohio Chrysalis Boys Walk
July 25-27, Greene St UMC

Gatherings

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| 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 |

Part of the challenge of the body is to help each other discern what those gifts might be and help individuals develop those gifts. In many ways, this is what 'letting our light shine' (Matthew 5:16) is all about.

This all comes back to 'matters of the heart'. We should be about the business of viewing others (including aggressive drivers, less-than-nice fast food workers, mouthy co-workers, etc) as God sees them – by looking at the heart, always remembering we are all still works in progress.

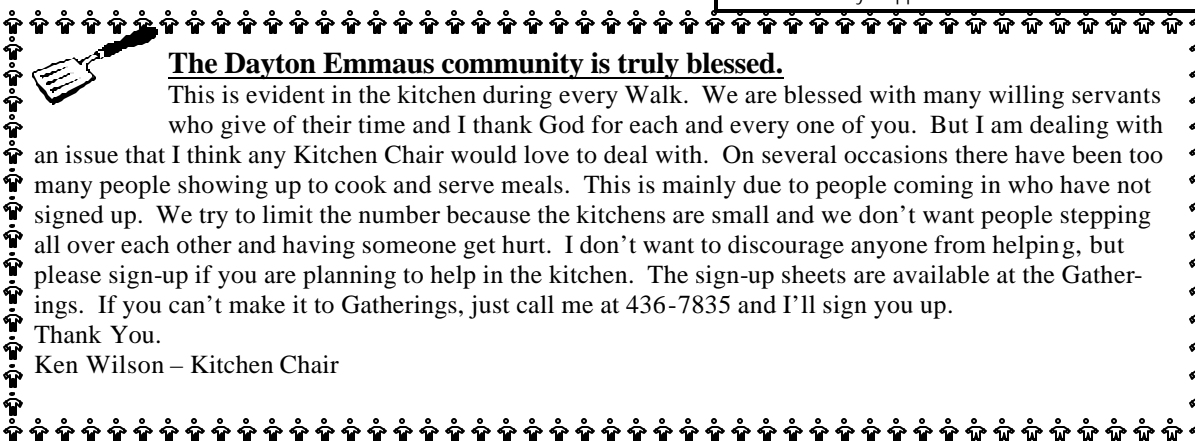
When we do this, we get the vision of what the Lord wants us to be, and what we can be if we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Being the perpetual optimist, this is a far nicer picture than the world sees. De Colores.

Joe Amend


Genesis: Share group support for men.

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Thank you To our Emmaus family, The Body of Christ:
The sudden loss of our son Joseph beckons the two of us to re-examine the priorities of our lives. You have shared much compassion and many acts of kindness. You are a great comfort for us, and you are deeply valued. We ask for your continued prayers as we live through our time of healing.
In the Lamb,
Dave and Sandy Pappenfus



The Dayton Emmaus community is truly blessed.
This is evident in the kitchen during every Walk. We are blessed with many willing servants who give of their time and I thank God for each and every one of you. But I am dealing with an issue that I think any Kitchen Chair would love to deal with. On several occasions there have been too many people showing up to cook and serve meals. This is mainly due to people coming in who have not signed up. We try to limit the number because the kitchens are small and we don't want people stepping all over each other and having someone get hurt. I don't want to discourage anyone from helping, but please sign-up if you are planning to help in the kitchen. The sign-up sheets are available at the Gatherings. If you can't make it to Gatherings, just call me at 436-7835 and I'll sign you up.
Thank You.
Ken Wilson – Kitchen Chair

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| Team for Women's Walk #54 | |  | At Normandy UMC April 24-27 | |
| Debbie Daniel | ATL | Lisa Lohse | AMD | |
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| Pam Dean | ATL | Allyn Richied | LOG | |
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| Debra Poland | ATL | Bonnie McSwegin | PS | |
| Shirley Schryver | ATL | Nancy Phillips | PS | |
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| Charlene Kaiser | TL | Karen DuBro | ALD | |
| Wendy Kline | TL | Karen Wissinger | ALD | Changing Our World |
| Mary Manvell | TL | Mary Pat Peck | LD | Perseverance |
| Carol Ozolins | TL | Hazel Burns | SD | Justifying Grace |
| Marilyn Smith | TL | Ricci Arthur | SD | Means of Grace |
| Sharyl Tinnel | TL | LaDonna Clary | ASD | Prevenient Grace |
| Carolyn Weller | TL | Dave Tackett | ASD | Sanctifying Grace |
| Linda Haller | MD | John Whitaker | ASD | Obstacles to Grace |
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From the SD's Study

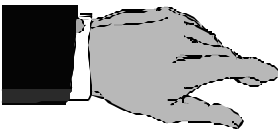
Lent is a very meaningful season for me. This time of preparation and reflection helps me to center myself on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (both universally and in my own life). Just as Advent encourages us to slow down and not rush headlong into Christmas, so too Lent urges us to linger at the Cross.

It is so tempting to run (as Peter did) directly to the empty tomb. We'll certainly do that on Easter morning. It's going to be great! BUT, first, I need to spend time on Golgotha. I need to see the nails in His body, I need to hear His words from the crossbeam, I need to feel His love, I need to sense the pain of redemption He bore for me.

Isaiah tells us "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5). I get tears in my eyes everytime I read these beautiful words. What a glorious God we have who loves us beyond measure. Lent reminds me of this reality...and I need to be reminded often!

Stay with Him for awhile on Calvary during this Lenten season. Let the Holy Spirit whisper into your soul words of healing, forgiveness, and love. Then, come Easter morn, we'll all meet at the empty tomb!

De Colores,
Dave Tackett



THE SMALL STUFF!

During the team process of WW#54 my heart has been touched with the spirit of humble servanthood. As I get out of my car, my parcels disappear out of my hands and end up at my place in the conference room. If I neglect to get my food during break, I discover that it finds its way to me without even expressing my need.
Mary Pat Peck
LD WW# 54

Pilgrims for WW #54

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| Judy Bentley | Fairborn |
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I n Gratitude

We would like to thank everyone in the Emmaus Community for your prayers, visits and for all the cards that Bud has received. It makes him feel a whole lot better knowing that you are there for him. God Bless all of you, De Colores Bud & Joann Floyd.

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*By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
 Heb 11:7*

Let your light
 shine!



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