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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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From the Chairman:

Sitting on our Hands or Walking On The Water?

One of my favorite Bible stories is that of Peter walking on the water. It can be found in Matthew 14:22-32. How we look at this incident tells a lot about ourselves. I have heard many Christians downplay what Peter did saying, "he should have had more faith." Another view is detailed in the movie "In Remembrance" that is shown on Thursday evening of the Walk. One of my most vivid memories of my Walk was Peter's comment in response to who got to sit at the place of honor at the Last Supper, "Yeah, I was the only one who walked on the Water". I'll also never forget the actor playing Jesus rolling his eyes at the comment. My favorite response is found in the "Fish Eyes" video series where the actor playing Peter crawls back into the boat drenched from the water exclaiming, "I took two steps!"

There are three points to remember in this story: First, Peter was the only one who even dared to try. "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." (Matthew 14:28). Second, when Peter ran into trouble, he called on the right person for help. "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30). And finally, and most importantly, Peter walked on the water again – with the Lord's help. "

A lot of times we tend to emphasize Peter's shortcomings. Too often we focus on the negative. I wonder what I would have done if I'd been in the boat? Never forget this is the same person that after Pentecost sick people positioned themselves so that his (Peter's) shadow would fall across them (Acts 5:15).

To me, there is tremendous hope in the story of Peter – the Lord used him mightily – even after sinking into the lake, even after his impetuous statement at the Transfiguration, even after denying he knew the Lord. That means there's still hope for us all. The Lord can and will use us greatly if we allow him. And we are most useful to the Lord when we are the weakest and totally dependent on His grace for our strength – then He has us right where He wants us. Just think of the pain and ag-

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HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk #55, July 24-27
Christ UMC
Women's Walk #56, August 14-17
Christ UMC
Men's Walk #32, August 21-24

Chrysalis Youth Walks

Girl's Flight #36, July 11-13
Greene Street UMC, Piqua
Boy's Flight #36, July 25-27
Greene Street UMC, Piqua
Girl's Flight #24, July 11-13
St. Andrews UMC, Findlay

Kairos

Lebanon Correctional, Sept. 11-14

GATHERINGS

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Enon UMC	1 st Mon	7:30
Christ UMC	3 rd Fri	7:00
Wilmington UMC	2 nd Tues	7:00
Sidney 1st UMC	2 nd Tues	7:00
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

ony we go through to get to where the Lord wants us: wouldn't it be much better to relax and go willingly where he is trying to lead us in the first place?

In many ways, our spiritual growth can be likened to getting out of the boat and walking on the water – when the Lord calls us and when we rely on Him for our safety and strength, then we can walk with Him. The Lord can and will use us in spite of our shortcomings (see Romans 8:28). The one thing He cannot fix is our inaction – you cannot fix 'nothing' ...

There are two questions we need to ask ourselves: first, where are we in our Walk with the Lord – are we in the boat sitting on our hands, out on the water with the Lord, or somewhere in between? And second, where do we want to be? – or even better, where should we be?

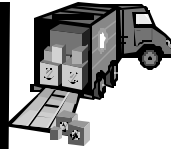
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Joe Amend

I Boast No More

**I boast no more,
of all the duties I have done.
I quit the hopes I had before,
to trust the merits of Thy Son.**

from the CD,
In the Company of Angels, Caedmon's Call



MOVING



TO CHRIST UMC!

The move to Christ UMC is planned for **July 23rd**. This is the **Wednesday** immediately before WW#55. Due to the construction going on at Christ this is the best time for us to get in there.

Meet at Normandy at **6:00 PM**. Many hands make light work.

Your help is much appreciated!

Greater Dayton Emmaus Board

 ☆ Dear Emmaus Board and Community, ☆
 ☆ What a blessing to receive the wonderful plaque! I ☆
 ☆ will always treasure it. ☆
 ☆ When I reflected on the wonderful journey that we ☆
 ☆ were able to embark on these past 8 years together, ☆
 ☆ I am truly grateful to God. ☆
 ☆ Diane and I will always hold you in our hearts. ☆
 ☆ Diane really loved the yellow rose. ☆
 ☆ Ricci and Diane Arthur ☆
 ☆ *****



**Team for Woman's
Walk #55**

**At Christ UMC
July 24-27**

Cheryl A. Carter	ATL	Betty Chow	PS
Chantele Dow	ATL	Shelia Shade	PS
Jennifer Fathergill	ATL	Christy Ellis	LOG
Donna Griffin	ATL	Debbie Graham	LOG
Karen Hall	ATL	Mary Kay Thomas	LOG
Denise Hermetz	ATL	Mary Carter	ALD Priorities
Dot Vinson	ATL	Jean Jarusiewicz	ALD Growth Through Study
Melodie Byrd	TL Christian Action	Missy Trumbull	ALD Changing Our World
Bobbie Cox	TL	Ellen McIntosh	LD Perseverance
Julia Crowl	TL Discipleship	Jing Chow	ASDL
Sherry Kierce	TL Fourth Days	Dave Tackett	SD Means of Grace
Donna O'Shea	TL Body of Christ	Deb Egloff	ASD Prevenient Grace
Kitty Schneider	TL Life in Piety	Dave Evans	ASD Justifying Grace
Susan Thornhill	TL Priesthood of All Believers	Keith Weller	ASD Obstacles to Grace
Suzzi Bibby	AMD	David Ladd	ASD Sanctifying Grace
Peggy Cromer	MD		



From the SD's Study

Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9 (RSV)

I have surrounded myself with various posters, bracelets, necklaces, and other items emblazoned with the letters "WWJD?" What would Jesus do? Our best guide and roadmap for daily decision making. But... being brutally honest here...it's sometimes tough for me to actually DO it!

Like the Galatians, I sometimes grow weary in well-doing. Not so much physically (although that happens) but more often emotionally and in my attitudes. I don't want to be loving sometimes...especially to certain people! I don't always want to be gracious or forgiving. My pride and ego call me away from asking WWJD to "what does David want to do...after all, it's MY life and I'm in control." Yeah...right. I can picture the Lord ruefully asking me (in Dr. Phil style), "and just how is that working out for you, Dave?"

Inevitably an ego-centered mindset leads me into heaps of trouble, pain, and regret. I continue to learn the painful lesson that when I peddle the bike of life...I get skinned knees, elbows, and a bloody nose. When Jesus peddles my bike, I don't control the trip (which is hard to accept sometimes) but we sure do get there in a lot better shape!

We all can take Paul's beautiful counsel to heart... knowing that the victory belongs to the Lord and, in His time, we shall see His glory revealed. Let's gird ourselves in the Holy Spirit and run the race set before us...and we'll meet at that heavenly banquet for the victory feast hosted by Jesus. See you there!

Dave Tackett

X TREME BLESSING, X TREME HONOR.

Serving on a live-in team!

If you enjoyed your Emmaus Walk, you may want to consider serving on a live-in team. You are needed and very much wanted to be a part of bringing this blessing to others. You will be mightily blessed in the process. Fill out a willing servant form found on the Web site or at the Gathering! Send to John Wissinger at the Emmaus address. (on the front page of the newsletter).

Pilgrims for WW #55

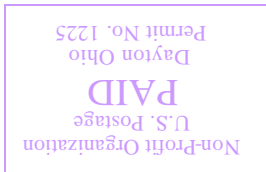
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Crystal Smith	Dayton
Charlotte Thompson	Miamisburg
Amy Walker	Vandalia
Jennifer Webb	Vandalia
Vicky Wentling	Dayton
Marena Williamson	Troy
Judy Wilson	Dayton
Sandy Wilson	Kettering
Lisa Dawn Worley	Kettering



Looking for an opportunity to serve?

We are in need of a Sunday morning kitchen manager.

Contact Ken Wilson 436-7835



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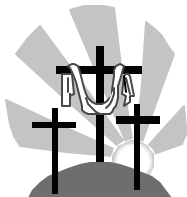
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

Psalm 95:6-7

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At the foot of the Cross



in faith, hope and love

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