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From the Chairman

Switching Roles?

My Emmaus Pilgrim Walk was Men's Walk #18. The scriptural theme for the Walk was Jeremiah 18:1-6, "Jesus is the potter and we are the clay". In the ensuing five and a half years since my walk, I have often meditated on the meaning of this theme in my life. It took three tries for me to get on the Walk - I was on the waiting list when we moved from the Dayton area in September of 1994. When we returned to Dayton in February 1997, I asked my sponsor if she could again put me on the list. (I didn't even have to re-submit another application.) And then I had to cancel at the last minute for Men's Walk #17. It wasn't until Men's Walk #18 that the Lord's providential timing was right for me to experience the Walk to Emmaus. It seems to me this literal and figurative 'jumping through hoops' to complete my walk made it extra special. Make no mistake about it, it was! I have never been so blessed in my entire life.

Then it took another 18 months for me to attend my first Gathering. I sponsored our daughter Katie on her Chrysalis flight in the summer of 1999, and as her sponsor I took her to the August Gathering. After experiencing a true blessing that evening, we both became active in the community and to quote the vernacular, 'the rest is history'. I just wish I had become active sooner - I missed so many opportunities for service and fellowship...

The reason I mention this is: part of my problem was that I did not take the lesson from the theme of my walk - the story of the potter - to heart. You see, I was getting my role mixed

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HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #33, January 22-25 NUMC
Women's Walk #57, February 19-22
Women's Walk #58, April 15-18
Men's Walk #34, May 13-16

Chrysalis Youth Walks

Men's Weekend #14 (Ages 18-24)
October 31-Nov 2, Greene St UMC

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



"A Labor of Love"

Being the Women's Registrar for the past 3 years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Even though at times it seemed to monopolize all my spare time, the blessings I received were beyond compare.

I enjoyed it so much. Besides working with all the other Board members I was able to work closely with each Lay Director and team members as well as sponsors and even pilgrims. It brought me closer to many brothers and sisters in our community. Even though I leave this position with a heavy heart, I enjoyed it so much.

I pray that my successor will receive as many blessings as I have during these past three years. I truly thank God and this community for the privilege of serving in this capacity. It definitely has been "*a labor of love*".

De Colores!
 Your Sister In Christ,

Sharyl Tinnel



From the SD's Study

God has bought us with the precious blood of Jesus so that we can enjoy a relationship of sacred romance and intimacy with our Creator. It's hard to wrap our minds around a God of sacred romance isn't it? We've been told that God wants our obedience, or that God wants our service to others, or God wants us to do good works, or God wants us to be responsible members of the community. All true; however, above and beyond all those things: God wants intimacy with us--He wants a love relationship closer than that of husband and wife.

God pursues us as a suitor pursues a lover. He wants us to experience holy and mysterious oneness with Him. There is no greater longing in our heart than this sacred romance with our Creator. God put this longing in our hearts for intimacy with Him; however, most of us don't know that's what our heart desires. So we fill this longing with work, or sex, or pornography, or food, or sports, or a myriad other "less wild lovers." But they do not satisfy us. We are still left longing for more or what we do not know.

That's why God sent His Son. Jesus became one with us and freed us from the power of sin so we could experience oneness with our Creator. He described His mission in Luke 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the downtrodden will be freed from their oppressors, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

Sin has affected us so profoundly that none of us seeks after God of our own initiative. The leopard can not change its spots and neither can we who are accustomed to doing evil do good. The only possibility for a

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I, Send me!" I saiah 6:8

How about you? Will you go?

The floor is open for any who are interested in serving the Lord in an Emmaus Board position. The term is for three years. Step out on the water and see what the Lord will do.

QUESTIONS? Call Mary Pat Peck at (937) 277-4128.

Elections!

Scheduled for November Gathering.

Five Board positions are up for election:

- Women's Registrar
- Computer Administration*
- Newsletter*
- Treasurer
- Good Shepherd

*The Computer and Newsletter Chairpersons are running for re-election. Both candidates finished out the terms of their predecessors and are eligible to run for a full term.

WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

Purpose: To fill the Woman's Walks with 42 pilgrims

Tasks:

- Keep records of Pilgrim registrations and fees
- Send out invitations to Walks
- Prepare and attend Sponsors hour

Minimal skills: Data entry, ability to run reports

Helpful skills: Organized, detail oriented, like talking to people

Hours/month: varies 2-32

NEWSLETTER

Purpose: Prepare monthly newsletter

Tasks:

- Collect articles and design newsletter
- Take to printer and prepare for mailing
- Post to Web page

Minimal skills: Familiarity with Microsoft Publisher, transfer files, ability to get to Bulk Mailer (Downtown Dayton) between 8-5, M-F

Helpful Skills: Creative about how to support the community through written media

Hours/month: 8-10

COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION

Purpose: Manage community data base

Tasks:

- Print rosters, labels, etc.
- Generate reports
- Keep community directory

Minimal skills: Date entry, print reports

Helpful skills: Detail oriented, flexible, creative

Hours/month: 15

TREASURER

Purpose: Keep Community financial records

Tasks:

- Pay bills
- Keep records

Minimal skills: Keep track of checks

Helpful skills: Basic book keeping, organized

Hours/month: 2-5

GOOD SHEPHERD/OUTREACH

Purpose: Manage share group formation/Speak at community churches for Emmaus

Tasks:

- Share group orientation
- Network to connect people in groups
- Oversee information table at Gatherings
- Liaison with community churches

Minimal skills: Desire to connect people, servant's heart

Helpful skills: Computer skills, detail oriented

Hours/month: 5-8

Governance Function Of the Board

One of the main duties of the Board of Directors in the Dayton Community is to maintain the focus and structure of the Walk. Our guidelines for decision making are well described in the Upper Room Handbook for Emmaus.

The Dayton Community has an agreement with the Upper Room at Nashville to uphold these guidelines. The agreement is signed by each Board member.

Our goal is to assure the consistency and quality of the Walk. This is the main purpose of the monthly Board meetings.

*Each Board Chair is encouraged to form a committee to assist with all tasks in their respective areas. The Board Chair takes responsibility for getting the job done and is not expected to do every task.

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From the SD's Study, continued

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relationship with God requires God to take the initiative. And that's exactly what He has done through Christ.

Paul describes the process this way in Romans 3:21-26: "But now God has shown us a different way of being right in his sight—not by obeying the law but by the way promised in the Scriptures long ago. We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done. For all have sinned, all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us. God was being entirely fair and just in this present time when he declares sinners to be right in his sight because they believe in Jesus."

What an exchange: Jesus' righteousness in place of my sin and shame, a love relationship with Jesus in place of my self-centered pursuit of pleasure, Jesus' power in place of my weakness, Jesus' hope in place of my hate and despair, Jesus' grace in place of my feeble good works, Jesus' sacrifice in place of my eternal damnation. What an exchange!!! Brothers and sisters, it's important for us to realize that there can be no devotion without emotion. God calls us to respond to Him: mind, body and spirit. He seeks worshippers to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Randy Daniel

From the Chairman, continued

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up - for a while I thought I was still the potter and not the clay. It was only after I realized what my role should be that I could truly make Jesus my Lord. He had been my Savior for many years, but part of my walk with the Lord that I was missing was the making Him the 'my Lord' part. It was only when I truly said, "Here I am Lord, use me as you will," that I truly became free. It is an interesting dichotomy: as Christians we are truly free when we wholly belong to God and want to do His will. This is so utterly in conflict with what the world teaches that occasionally we should stop and ponder its significance.

I have generally found I am most at peace with the Lord when I am getting some sort of resistance from 'the world'. Conversely, I am sometimes most not at peace with the Lord when I am at peace with the world. That shouldn't be surprising - when I remember who is the potter and who is the clay (The passage in Jeremiah is very clear on this point.) and when I assume the proper role, I am at peace. That doesn't mean that I don't have any troubles, but I have peace with the Lord. Like the bumper sticker I saw recently: "No Jesus, no peace. Know Jesus, know peace."

Recently, I have been fired in the crucible of adversity, but as firing a clay pot strengthens it, I am emerging from the process a stronger Christian. This has been painful, but strengthening. As I mentioned a while back, when we are at the end of our rope and have no place else to turn, then the Lord has us right where He wants us - totally dependent on Him for our strength. To paraphrase 2 Corinthians 12:9, "God's grace is enough for us. His power is made perfect when we are weak." Amen to that!

I urge each us to look at our original Walk name tag and the scriptural theme of the Walk and meditate on it's applicability right here and right now. We might be surprised. I know I was!
De Colores

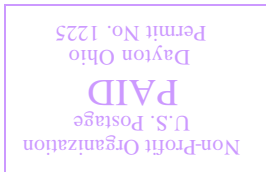
Joe Amend

"Biblical illiteracy is rampant [in the church]." *Being the Body* by Chuck Colson and Ellen Vaughn.

"The Word of God is your lifeline. Are you listening?"
Randy Daniel (at the closing for MW #32)



QUOTABLES!



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Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!
Psalm 8:1

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