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FROM THE CHAIRMAN New Year Priorities

Ready or not, 2004 is here! Have you looked back on 2003? Were you happy with what you saw? If not, you CAN change some things. One of the greatest powers we have is the freedom to set our own priorities. I believe one of the most difficult things for us to do is to maintain balance in our lives. Why is it that some people do it and others don't? Why do some people truly achieve balance and happiness? The tragedy is that many people let life control them instead of realizing they can control life to a degree. Sure, it's a balancing act. There will always be obstacles and challenges to overcome. But without our priorities in order we will be like a boat without a rudder. We will be drifting aimlessly, tossed by the waves created by others around us and we end up being the driftwood in life rather than steering our own course.

We have freedom to set our own priorities.

Matthew 6:21 says: *the place where your treasure is, is the place you most want to be, and end up being.* (The Message)

Think about your priorities. Are they leading you where God wants you to go? If so, great! If not, start today to change them. Write them down, and develop a plan of action to achieve them. Review them each week. Living life is a continual reevaluation of our priorities. Do this with a positive and expectant attitude.

This is the beginning of a New Year containing 365 new days you have been given to use. You can waste it---or use it for some good purpose. But what you do with this day is important---because you have exchanged a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope you will not regret the price you paid for it.

I wish you a wonderfully balanced and spirit filled year.

De Colores

Bob Hewitt

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS 2004

Normandy UMC

Men's Walk #33, January 22-25
Women's Walk #57, February 19-22
Women's Walk #58, April 15-18
Men's Walk #34, May 13-16
Women's Walk #60 Sept. 23-26

Christ UMC

Women's Walk #59, July 22-25
Men's Walk #35, August 12-15

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Christ UMC	3 rd Fri	7:00
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight	8:30 PM	Saturday
Closing	4:30 PM	Sunday



From the SD's Office

Here we are once again on the edge of another new year—with its advantages, struggles, and opportunities in making a positive difference in advancing the Kingdom of God. Thankfully, Jesus didn't leave us this task without giving the means to do it. He said, *"I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 16:19). Praise God! We have been given the keys to the kingdom, but what does that really mean?

In Stormie Omartian's book, *The Power of Praying Together*, she uses an illustration from Jack Hayford, the well known Christian author, in which he compares the power of prayer to the engine of a car. "There is very little power in the key that fits my car," he said. "The engine has power but it does not come to life without my key being put into the ignition. In other words, I don't have the power to go outside and get myself going 60 miles an hour, but I have access to a resource that can get me going at that speed. Jesus said, *"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."* "Keys," meaning the authority, the privilege, the access. Some things will not be turned on unless you turn them on. Some things will not be turned loose unless you turn them loose. Some things will not be set free unless you set them free."

It would be like having a million dollar bank account in your name. You have the PIN (personal identification number) to access that account but then are reluctant to make use of it. Can you imagine saying, "I know the money's there for me to use and that I really need it, but I just don't have the time to get it out"? Of course not! We'd get online and transfer that money into a checking account. Or we'd drive to the nearest ATM to make a withdrawal, whatever the day or hour. Not one of us would deny ourselves the

benefit of such an incredible resource. Why is it, then, that we deny ourselves the power we need to advance the Kingdom of God?

The keys to the kingdom, the gift of prayer, is far greater than any bank account. God poured out his love for us in the gift of his son Jesus, and in Jesus we have the privilege of coming boldly before the throne of grace to receive mercy.

Jesus will open the windows of heaven, and He will more than supply your every need. Jesus said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"* (Matt. 28:18). Jesus said that the gates of Hades will not overcome his church—*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* (Matt. 16:19).

God is inviting us to take action—to bind or to come against the power that the world, the flesh and the devil have over a situation. To "loose" is when we welcome his power to release his grace and mercy to bring healing into the center of earth's pain and problems.

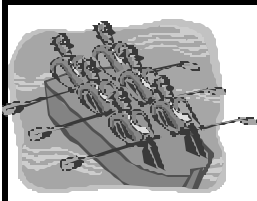
Well, friends, the key of prayer is in our hands, it connects with the Holy Spirit in us. Let's unlock and unleash the power of God in our lives and give him the freedom to do His will on earth as it is in heaven.



"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32).

Yours for a Happy New Year, and for more power to build up His Kingdom!

Hazel Burns



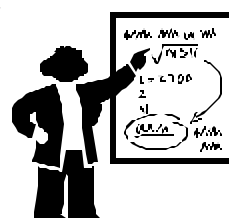
**Team for Men's Walk,
at Normandy UMC
Jan 22-25**

Curtus Browning	ATL	
Kevin Eldridge	ATL	
Paul Maranka	ATL	
Patrick McWhorter	ATL	
Jeffrey Null	ATL	
Don Trumbull	ATL	
Ron Wilkes	ATL	
Jerry Deisher	TL	
Ralph DeVelvis	TL	Body Of Christ
Dave Garman	TL	Fourth Day
Stephen Puderbaugh	TL	Life in Piey
Kenn Schnipke	TL	Priesthood of all Believers
Bill Wendling	TL	Discipleship
Steve Wooten	TL	Christian Action
Dennis McNeal	PS	
Jack Settles	PS	
Marc Littman	LOG	
Todd Lohse	LOG	
Chris Wissinger	LOG	
Tim Macy	MD	
Paul Wilson	AMD	
Kirk Lehneis	ALD	Priorities
John Wissinger	ALD	Changing Our World
Brian Wood	ALD	Growth Through Study
Daniel Phillips	LD	Perseverance
Palmer Jason	SD	Means of Grace
Leroy Chambliss	ASDL	Justifying Grace
Mamie Johnson	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Dave Tackett	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
David Ziegel	ASD	Prevenient Grace

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Did you always want to know more about Emmaus and didn't know who to ask? On 3/13/04 our Regional Representative will be here to share the purpose, mission and vision of the Emmaus Movement. She will go over every aspect of the Walk from Team selection to fourth days. This will be beneficial to all members of our Emmaus community-both old and new. **Mark your calendar now and watch for the reservation form.**

De Colores
Bob Hewitt



Pilgrims for MW #33

Merrill Anderson	Dayton
Scott Anspach	Dayton
Gary Baggett	Beavercreek
William Barrett	Beavercreek
Christopher Beach	Dayton
Charles Benner	Fairborn
Tim Berry	Clayton
Craig Bjorklund	Centerville
Greg Burton	Dayton
Freddie Cline	Oceana, WV
Nathan Cook	Beavercreek
Steven Cox	Beavercreek
Robert Downs	Dayton
Scott Foote	Dayton
Craig Frank	Tipp City
Jeff Girard	Beavercreek
Jeff Hosner	Beavercreek
Karl Kellawan	Springboro
Bob Kline	Fairborn
Rod Koch	Fairborn
Tim Johnson	Fairborn
Jerry Lohse	Clinton, Iowa
Ben Lyttle	Spring Valley
Wil Mayne	Dayton
Douglas Nies	Fairborn
Stephen Perkins	Dayton
Rex Radaker	Hamilton
Alan Razor	Troy
Alexander Silva	Dayton
William Stalder	Miamisburg
Gerald Stinson	Miamisburg
Cecil Teague	Huber Heights
Bruce Thieman	Beavercreek
Tommy Thompson	Fairborn
Jeff Turner	Dayton

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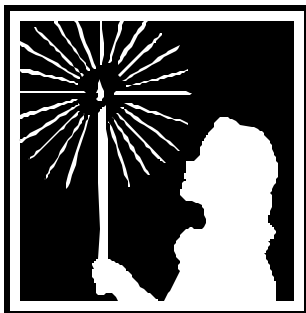
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My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior....For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

Luke 1:46-47, 49



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