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WORD OR WORLD

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Where do you go when things are going bad and falling apart? Do you go to God's word or look to the world to find answers? There is only one letter difference in these two words but what a huge difference it can make in your life, depending on which avenue you take. If you go to the world for advice, you will certainly get it, but you may be given the wrong information. If you go to God's word (instruction book for living), you can have your broken life put back together again. This is called GRACE.

But we should anchor ourselves spiritually by studying God's word continually, not just when things get rough. Our love relationship with God is more important than any other single factor in our Christian life. Our model is Jesus, whose strength came from his relationship with God and close Christian friends. Therefore we should be committed to prayer, meditation, bible study, our church and a share group.

I recently had the opportunity to see the Book of Kells, which are copies of the four gospels done in wonderful calligraphy and color by Monks around 800 A.D. These copies of God's word have survived 1200 years of wars, weather and other adversities. Seeing these made me realize anew how marvelous it is that the Bible has survived and how often we take it for granted letting it sit unopened on some bookshelf.

We need to have a plan for carving out a daily chunk of time to be focused on God. It won't be the same for everyone. For me, early morning works best. But for others it could be the evening or sometime during the day. The important thing is to find a time and quiet place and consistently use it to build your relationship with God. In studying the Bible I find I do better in a Bible study group. A group of fellow Christians keeps me accountable and helps me discipline myself to stay the course as well as providing insights and interpretations that I might not have thought of.

As disciples, we are not called to be successful; we are called to be faithful. So, make a personal plan for study, prayer and quiet time with God and be faithful in following it. I'm sure that once you have started this covenant with God you will be truly blessed and find you have more joy and peace in your life. You will move closer and closer to the disciple Jesus Christ wants you to become.

De Colores,
Bob Hewitt

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2005

Men's Walk #36, Jan. 27-30

Woman's Walk # 61, Feb, 17-20

Woman's Walk #62, April 14-17

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

Agape—showing and sharing God's unconditional love.

Each of you has opportunities to share God's love through a smile, a word of support (written or spoken), a bookmark or a tasty treat. All of these are reminders that God loves us.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Lord in the Dayton and worldwide Emmaus communities with the sending and receiving of Agape posters and sorting mail or gifts for the Walks. It has been exciting to send or receive a community contact, then find out this person works with a niece and her husband at the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech or another that lives on the same street a few blocks away from my brother in Texas. Some of the posters have brought tears to my eyes as I read the message or see the hand-drawn picture for the first time.

As my term draws to a close in four months and a new chairperson is selected, please give him or her your support. Here's how.

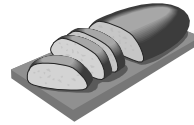
Mealtime and bedtime agape gifts

- There are 7 times that agape gifts are given. It would be nice to have 4 or 5 items each time. There is a need for Agape gifts—especially for Men's Walks. (We were low this last men's walk.)
 - A folder of ideas is available in the Agape Room, at Gatherings or you can contact the Agape Chair to see it. Please don't take an idea from someone else in our community, to avoid duplications.
- There is also a need for help in the Agape Room to label the mailboxes, packets and bags, sorting and counting of mail, and keeping the tables in the Agape Room straightened and supplied with writing materials.

Agape mail

- Sponsors and community, **please** see that **first and last** names are used on **each** note (in case one gets dropped or placed in the wrong box). This applies to pilgrim and team agape.
 - The mail should be in an envelope with no return address or I.D., so it's a surprise when it's opened.
 - Our community is still asking for a minimum of 15 personal notes. (not one that all pilgrims receive)
- These last 3 years have been full, but rewarding. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and the pilgrims, but especially – our Lord.

De Colores,
Phyllis Heitz
Agape Chair



Kitchen mangers needed!

Mangers are needed for Thursday morning breakfast. If interested call or email.

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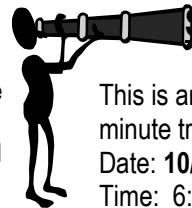
COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN

The new Community Prayer Chain email address is:
PrayerDeColores@aol.com

This outreach program will be headed by Linda Metzler.

Many Thanks!

Thanks to **Janet Burkitt** for her many years of faithful service as prayer chain coordinator.
Thanks to **Larry McSwegin** for his faithful service as Christ UMC Rep.



SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

To bring Jesus our best
This is an open invitation for **all** to come to this 45 minute training session before the next Gathering.
Date: **10/11**
Time: 6:30 PM
Come and learn the best methods put forth by the National Emmaus Board.

FYI

Mark Brown has accepted the Board position of Christ UMC Rep



Elections!

Scheduled for November Gathering

The following board positions are up for election:

- Agape
- Secretary
- Normandy Church Rep
- Kitchen
- Worship

AGAPE

Purpose: oversee the distribution of agape.

Tasks:

- Sort agape gifts for meals
- Get Sunday agape letters and packet ready
- Send and receive Community Agape

SECRETARY

Purpose: Record and distribute minutes of monthly Board meeting.

Tasks:

- Attend Board meeting
- See that all Board members receive of copy of the minutes.

NORMANDY CHURCH REP

Purpose: Manage public relations between Normandy Church and Emmaus Community. Oversee book table on the Walk Weekends.

Tasks:

- Keep lines of communication open
- Solve problems as they arise
- Must be a member of Normandy Church

KITCHEN

Purpose: Prepare and serve all meals.

Tasks:

- Assign weekend kitchen managers
- Have kitchen help sign up sheets at Gathering
- Oversee preparation of all meals

WORSHIP

Purpose: Oversee worship events on Walks and Gatherings.

Tasks:

- Locate musicians for Gathering events
- Recruit fourth day speakers
- Oversee use of sound equipment

The floor is open if you are interested in serving the Lord in an Emmaus Board position. The term is for three years.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVING:

- Active in local church
- Active in the Emmaus Community
- In a share group
- Served on a live-in team

QUESTIONS? Call Bob Hewitt (937) 866-1108.

Current list of candidates:

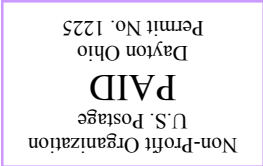
Kitchen - Lori Gentry

Agape - Karen Dubro, Susan Caylor, Linda Stout

Secretary - Shirley Schryver, Karen Rousch

Normandy UMC Rep - Duane Ward

Worship - No candidates at this time



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