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Chairman's Corner - New Life

This month we celebrate a special holiday, which is Mother's Day, a day to honor our mother for giving us birth. In the Purpose Driven Life Rick Warren writes "Long before you were conceived by your parents, *you were conceived in the mind of God. God made you so He could love you.*"

Jer 1:5 NIV

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;

Last month during the Women's Walk #62 we witnessed amazing things as we always do on these special Emmaus Walk weekends. Lives were changed at the cross as we surrendered our brokenness to Jesus. We were taught a song that became a theme for the pilgrims as well as the team. No longer are we wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid. Through Jesus we now have confidence, joyfulness and overcoming one.

Just as a mother gives new life to a baby we received a new life from our Savior. Hearts were restored, wounds healed, sins forgiven. What an amazing experience to be in the presence of God and experience His Holy Spirit in such a powerful way. Our lives were changed and we will never be the same. No going back to what was left at the cross but rather only forward to our new life in Christ.

2 Cor 1:21-22 NIV

21 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Are you ready for a new life, to be a friend of God, and one who seeks His face? Go to your Savior, tell Him exactly what's on your heart and mind and *surrender your will to the Will of Christ*. Let's all recommit our hearts to Jesus and experience the New Life that is waiting for us!

De Colores
Sherry Kierce

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2005

Men's Walk #37, May 12-15

Christ UMC 2005

Woman's Walk #63, July 21-24

Men's Walk #38, Aug 18-21

Normandy UMC 2005

Woman's Walk #64, Sept 22-25

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

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

This is an open invitation for all to come to this 45 minute training session before the next Gathering.

Date: 5/9

Time: 6:30 PM

Come and learn the best methods put forth by the National Emmaus Board.

SHARE GROUUP ORIENTATION

For new members of the community to get connected to a share group.

Date: 5/9

Time: 6:30 PM

<u>Pilgrims for MW #37</u>	
<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>
Jeff Bear	Dayton
David Caldwell	Piqua
Jose Calixto	Mason
John Chaffin	Clayton
Chris Christoff	Beavercreek
Ken Clark	Dayton
Jim Coppersmith	Clayton
Bill Cuthrell	Dayton
Jay Dailey	Kettering
Darren Dickinson	West Milton
J.R. Eaton	Centerville
Randy Everts	Dayton
Patrick Fitzgerald	Dayton
Joey Foor	Alpha, NJ
Arch Grieve	Xenia
Howie Hardy	W. Carrollton
Andy Learn	Beavercreek
Ben Moushon	Kettering
Doug Puderbaugh	New Lebanon
Lewis Quenton	Huber Heights
Don Rineer	Miamisburg
Ken Roosa	Centerville
Keith Simpson	Beavercreek
Neal Stout	Cincinnati
Kenneth Tifft	Centerville
Tom Whitman	Beavercreek

Team for MW #37

Don Adams	ATL	
Denny Bratton	LOG	
George Brown	ASD	Obstacles To Grace
Mike Cornelius	ATL	
Randy Daniel	SD	Means Of Grace
Dick Daum	TL	Discipleship
Jim DuBro	PS	
Dave Evans	ASDL	Justifying Grace
Steve Fathergill	ATL	
Bob Hewitt	BR	
Jeff Hinkley	TL	Priesthood Of All Believers
Jeff Hosner	ATL	
Jim Howe	TL	Grow Through Study
Palmer Jason	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Charles Kaiser	PS	
Bob Kline	ATL	
Luke Koors	ATL	
Dick Kooser	TL	Changing Our World
Ed Kruse	AMD	
David Ladd	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Tom Lakes	ALD	Christian Action
Bob Linhardt	TL	Life In Piety
Greg Maddox	ATL	
Andy Manvell	ALD	Priority
Tom McElfresh	LOG	
Jeff Null	MD	
John Petteruti	LOG	
Daniel Phillips	TL	
Jeff Snider	TL	Body Of Christ
John Tonkin	LD	Perseverance
Dean Wells	ALD	Fourth Day

I know on Walk weekends it is so exciting, particularly when we know a pilgrim on the Walk, to get them a special gift to commemorate the occasion. However, Pilgrim Sunday packets are only so big and there is a lot of information that needs to go into those packets. I am asking that you don't bring gifts for Pilgrims to go into the Sunday packets. Instead, please give gifts to them after closing or at a more convenient time.

If you supply Agape for Walk Weekends, please make sure your name, phone number and/or e-mail address is on the bag. Leftover Agape can be picked up at Gatherings. If you don't want leftover agape returned, please indicate that on the bag. Thanks!

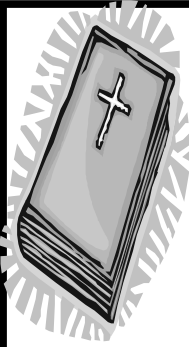
Linda Stout, Agape Chair

Kitchen Help Needed!

Thursday evening and each morning especially!
Please contact: **Lori Gentry @698-0008** or sign up at Gathering

THANK YOU! YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED!





From the SD's Office:

**THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!
(A LITTLE CHILD SHALL
LEAD THEM)**

God brought a delightful young family into my life a few months ago. Kyle and Christine, and their two little girls, had attended church a couple of times and requested a visit. They had so many questions about God, the Bible and religion in general.

I was the lucky one that was asked to visit them. I found their apartment and I immediately fell in love with their two little girls, Sky and Lilly.

We had a short Bible Study on the Gospel and I tried to answer the many questions that Kyle and Christine asked. As we held hands to pray, I invited the girls to come into the living room and join us so I could pray for them. It was a God moment---a moment that God ordained. He came near and touched them. Oh, we didn't see Him, but we all knew he was there.

The next week I was asked to come back again. When Sky found out that I was coming, she said to her mother, "I'm not going to school today!" When her mom and dad asked her why she wasn't going to school she said, "Because, I want Pastor Hazel to pray for me."

About a month ago Sky and her mom were making plans for Sky's 6th birthday. Sky told her mom that she wanted to have her birthday party at the church. When her parents asked her why? She said, "Because I want Pastor Hazel to pray for my friends."

Well, it was an unusual request, and we weren't sure we could make it available. But, as I said before, it was God ordained so He would make it happen.

And He did.

When the evening of her party came, 23 little energetic boys and girls showed up in the church fellowship hall most of them from unchurched fami-

lies, to celebrate with Sky. I invited a member of our Children's Ministries Team to come. She loves to entertain the children and came in full clown costume with her accordion. The children marched around the room singing with her, "You put your right foot in you take your right foot out you put your right foot in and you turn yourself about!" The children were having so much fun!

One of the couples that had been invited, said, "Don't count on us being there because we are not church people". Well, they were a half hour late, but they showed up with their two little girls.

When it came time to eat the cake and ice cream, I asked Sky to come and stand beside me while I prayed God's blessing on her and her friends and their parents (many of whom stayed for the party).

After the blessing, Sky was sharing with some of the children at her table that she now sings in the children's choir at church. Remember the couple that said they probably wouldn't be there, because they were not church people, but came after all? Well, within a week after the party, their little girls were singing in the children's choir. I saw them at their first practice and they were having a great time!

You see why Jesus loved children? He said in Mark 10:13, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them".

Thank You, Sky, for showing us how to "Let our lights shine before others so they will know our God of love's in the land, Let your light shine before others so they will know the kingdom of God is at hand."

God, teach us how to become like little children so we may experience your kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Hazel Burns

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Emmaus Application:

If you or someone you know has sent in an Emmaus application over four months ago and has not heard back from us, please let us know! It has been brought to our attention that some mail is missing and we want to make sure that no one misses out on the opportunity to take this beautiful walk. Thank you.

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