

# EMMAUS

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### Chairman's Corner: The Ultimate Father

Being a parent is not an easy task. Even the best parents make mistakes and fall short of being the perfect role model. It's sad to think how often we look at a father and then apply that father image to God. If you grew up in a very loving and encouraging home then you most likely see God as a loving Father who wants the best for you.

On the other hand if you grew up in a home where the father was cruel, abusive or possibly absent from your life you may think of God as rigid, looking for your mistakes and then delighting in punishing you.

I'd like to share a devotional with you that I recently read:

God has high expectations, but He's also tolerant (Romans 2:4). He always tempers His judgment with mercy (Is 30:18). He teaches us through values and rewards us for results (Gal 6:7). He exercised His authority, but He's willing to share His power (Ps 115:16). He insists on "His way," but also gives us the freedom to fail, recover and do it better next time (Gal 5:1) He protects us as we go through life, but still teaches us about reality (Mt 10:16). He knows when to keep His distance, and when to connect (1 Sa 12:22).

There's no way to be a perfect parent, but with God as our role model and help you can be a good one! And for most of us, who have failed to be that perfect parent, remember the best part about our Heavenly Father is that He is a God of second chances, and tomorrow is a brand new day!

Happy Father's Day!

De Colores  
Sherry Kierce

### HOW TO FIND US!

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### UPCOMING WALKS

#### Christ UMC 2005

Women's Walk #63, July 21-24

Men's Walk #38, Aug 18-21

#### Normandy UMC 2005

Women's Walk #64, Sept 22-25

#### Normandy UMC 2006

Men's Walk #39, January 26-29

Women's Walk #65, February 16-19

Women's Walk #66, April 20-23

Men's Walk #40, May 18-21

### GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

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

### CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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

### NORMANDY REMINDERS:

1. Please do not exit the church parking lot via the entrance driveway.
2. Food and drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary.

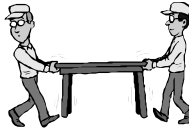
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Emmaus Application:

*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.*

**From the Good Shepard—**

**We are asking for help locating Community Share Groups that have room and are willing to add new members. This voluntary request will help us to make matches with the folks who are looking for reunion group fellowship. There will be a form for any interested brothers and sisters on the Book Table during Gathering. Thank you for your consideration.**



Questions?

Answers at the Information Table

As part of the Good Shepherd's ministry in the Greater Dayton Emmaus community, an Information & Literature table is provided during the Gatherings held monthly at Normandy United Methodist Church. Located in the church Narthex, the table is your one-stop source for a variety of forms and booklets pertaining to the Emmaus program. Some of the free material includes:

- Walk to Emmaus brochures
- Pilgrim nomination forms
- Willing Servant forms
- Monthly newsletter
- Newsletter subscription forms
- Chrysalis information
- Kairos information
- Other flyers and brochures

Additionally, we offer the following publications from The Upper Room. These booklets are sold at cost (\$4 each) and are designed to enhance your Emmaus experience. They also make excellent follow-up items if you have recently sponsored a Pilgrim.

- Walking Side by Side
- What is Emmaus?
- The Group Reunion
- Fourth Day
- Coming Down from the Mountain

Finally, we offer the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community Roster, which is a comprehensive listing of our membership. The rosters are sold for \$10 each. So the next time you attend a Gathering, please take a moment to stop by the Information & Literature table and check out the resources available. If you have questions or need additional information, feel free to speak with any member of the Good Shepherd's committee (Debbie Beres, Chris Morrison, and Stefan Ries). They will be delighted to help you get more acquainted with your Emmaus community.

Chris Morrison



### *From the SD's Office:*

#### **Explaining God By An 8 Year Old**

This is an actual response by an 8 year old girl to a Christian elementary school class assignment, "Why do you believe in God?".

It reveals how people try to understand God in their world, in their language, and limited experience in life.

*One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die so that there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grownups. Just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that up to the mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty good.*

*God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, as some people, like preachers and things, pray other times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. As He hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.*

*God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere. Which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your parents head and ask for something they said you couldn't have.*

*Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and doing miracles and trying to teach people about God who didn't want to learn. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything He had done and all His hard work on earth, so He told Him He didn't have to*

*go out on the road anymore. He could stay in Heaven. So He did.*

*And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing which things are important to God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important of course. You can pray any time you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.*

*You should go to Sunday School, because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip Sunday School to do something you think will be more fun, like going to the beach. That's wrong! And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.*

*If you don't believe in God, besides being an Atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like camp, but God can. It's good to know He's around when you're scared of the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown in real deep water by the big kids.*

*But you shouldn't just think of what God can do for you. I figure He put me here and can take me back any time He pleases. And that's why I believe in God.*

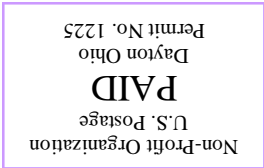
Lesson 1: We have limited information about God partly because God is infinite and partly because we grow in stages of our faith and understanding like a child grows into an adult.

Lesson 2: We tend to project our understanding of human nature onto God when we don't understand why things happen to us.

Lesson 3: We each have enough information as Christians to tell someone our story of faith.

"Unless you have the faith of a little child, you shall not see the kingdom of God." Luke 18:17

De Colores,  
Dave Evans



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who becomes as  
humble as this  
little child is the  
greatest in the  
Kingdom of  
Heaven.*

*Matthew 18:4*

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