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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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Chairman's Corner – Let Freedom Reign!

July is a very special month. We celebrate July 4th – Independence Day. Do we really appreciate and understand what this day means? Living in the United States, I truly cannot imagine living in a Country where I would have to fear the brutality of the Government, suicide bombers, or all of the other atrocities that we read and hear about. I've often wondered why I was born here and not in some other country. I thank God that I have never seen war nor famine and starvation. I'm so thankful that we have a home, jobs, and all the other blessings that God has given us.



Why I have been so blessed to have the life that I have while others suffer so much is unknown to me. But what I do know is that God truly loves each one of us. God made **everyone of us in His image and He loves us all equally!** Our true freedom comes not just living in our Country but rather through our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are free indeed if we have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. If we have asked for forgiveness of our sins and turned our hearts over to Him.

It doesn't matter if we live in a large home, small home, or even a prison cell. We can only experience true freedom when we belong to Jesus. Ask any Christian rotting in prison in China... he'll tell about his freedom in Christ, which offers the only true freedom. Sin no longer holds us bound to Satan. We can find joy even in times of trials and difficulties because we KNOW that one day we'll spend eternity in Heaven.

My prayer is that you choose Jesus and allow Freedom to reign in you life, and as followers of Christ, we ring HIS Freedom Bell to an imprisoned World.

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 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

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.

Emmaus Community: We will be moving the kitchen materials from Normandy to Christ Church on Saturday, July 16 at 3:00 in the afternoon and we will have the major move on Wednesday, July 20 starting at 6:00 in the evening. We will need as many people as possible for the Wednesday move. Thank you.

Don Martin, Housing

Pilgrims for WW #63

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>
Laura Bajus	Dayton
June Bell	Batavia
Jennifer Blackmore	Lebanon
Debbie Box	Dayton
Sally Brown	Xenia
Beth Carrington	Enon
Heather Christoff	Beavercreek
Debbie Clark	West Carrollton
Leslie Clevenger	Christiansburg
Delores Copas	Dayton
Susan Craig	Dayton
Darlene Dyer	Dayton
Chris Eaton	Centerville
Rosemary Eskew	Beavercreek
Andrea Fitzgerald	Dayton
Ryan Gorman	Gaithersburg, MD
Kimberly Grider	Union
July Gullett	Williamsburg
Pat Hardy	West Carrollton
Cindy Johnson	Kettering
Miranda Kemper	Dayton
Becki Kirchhoff	Lebanon
Lennie Linson	Springfield
Amy Manley	Springfield
Vivian McGlone	Beavercreek
Fern Metcalf	Troy
Amber Murphy	West Carrollton
Barbara Parisi	Kettering
Cynthia Perander	Kettering
Nancy Price	Dayton
Mary Pruitt	Dayton
Joye Sarber	Fairborn
Kim Schneider	Springboro
Jonelle Shadowens	West Milton
Cathy Shilt	Brookville
Vicki Sybenga	Dayton
Joyce Trunnel	Hamersville
Carol Woodworth	Springboro

Team for WW #63

Peggy Arnott	ALD	Grow Through Study
Sue Benner	ATL	
Holly Brown	ATL	
Hazel Burns	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Lynn Combs	LD	Perseverance
Alice Craig	ATL	
Karen Doseck	ALD 2	Fourth Day
Dar Hensley	SD	Means of Grace
Roxie Hiatt	MD	
Char Hinkley	TL	Christian Action
Chris Holmes	ATL	
Jean Jarusiewicz	LOG 2	
Sherry Kierce	BR	
Cathy Kooser	TL	Discipleship
Norma Lakes	LOG	
Lisa Lohse	AMD	
Brandi Minch	ATL	
Heidi Reil	TL	Life in Piety
Cheryl Russell	ATL	
Marilyn Smith	TL	Priesthood Of All Believers
Cheri Spencer	ATL	
Linda Stout	TL	Changing Our World
Roiann Ward	TL	Body of Christ
Dene Wells	PS	
Cheryl Wilson	TL	
Karen Wissinger	LOG	
Joyce Zimmann	PS	
Kristen Zimmann	ALD	Priority

100th Walk Celebration

As part of the 100th Walk celebration in July, the Board is making available special embroidered long sleeve denim and white tee shirts to be purchased by those interested. Orders will be taken at the July Gathering. Prices will be \$20.00 for the denim and \$10.00 for the tee shirt. Payment is due at the time of order.



From the SD's Office:

What's Love Got To Do With It?

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The Lord did not choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because **the Lord loved you** and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.” Deuteronomy 6:6-8

Tina Turner had a popular song out a few years ago in which she asked the question posed by the title of this article: What's Love Got To Do With It? Tina says, “it's [love] nothing but a second hand emotion, what's love got to do with it, who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?”

Let me start by answering the question up front. LOVE has everything to do with it. And what is “it”? “It” is being chosen! God chose you and desires to make you his treasured possession. I don't know about you, but that makes my heart glad. I guess it's because I know what it's like to not be chosen. Do you remember gym class? Do you remember that dreaded beginning of class where two people are assigned to

be the team captains and everyone else has to line up on the wall and wait to be chosen? My palms are sweating even as I type this. With each choice the message becomes louder and clearer, nobody chooses you. You're not good enough, fast enough, smart enough, good-looking enough, etc. Aren't you glad God doesn't choose like people choose? People are fickle; people are disloyal; people are self-seeking; people are imperfect. But God is the same, yesterday, today and forevermore. God is loyal; he will never leave you nor forsake you. God is humble; who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. God is perfect! God is love. And because of his great love for you, **the Lord your God has chosen you** out of all the people on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession! You are 1 in 6,000,000,000. God set his affection on you and chose you. Not because you were so great, not because you had it all together, not because you deserved it or earned it, not because you first loved him. But it was because the Lord loved you! Whenever you are having a bad day or drifting away for the realization of who you are and whose you are, remember the theme of your Emmaus weekend—God Loves You! And love has EVERYTHING to do with it!

De Colores,
Palmer Jason, SD

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*He who does
not love does
not know God,
for God is love.
We love Him
because He
first loved us.*

I John 4:8, 19

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