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Chairman's Corner – God is Near

The Men's August closing was so powerful. As I listened to the pilgrims confessing how Jesus renewed their hearts and how committed they felt to serve others on their Fourth Days, sharing Jesus wherever they went, I wondered how many of us remember the commitments we made at our closing.

Did you promise to make amends in your marriage, take Jesus home to be head of your household? Did you promise to use your gifts and talents for God's glory? Did you promise to mend broken relationships or say I love you to someone who needs to hear it from you? Did you confess that you now know you're loved and beautiful in spite of the lies you were told before?

Whatever the commitment was, have you made good on your promises to God in the presence of your Emmaus brothers and sisters? Or are you still struggling with the same issues... broken commitments... far from God?

With God there is always good news. He hasn't left you and he isn't angry or upset because you've let Him down one more time. Rather He is right here with you this very second. If you can't see or feel him walk outside. Look at the beautiful blue sky with white puffy clouds. Can you see Him? Feel the wind across your cheek and hear the music as the birds sing. Yes God is near.

Hold a new baby, play with a puppy or look up at the stars at night. Fall in love with Jesus all over again just as you did before. Talk to your Savior and praise and thank Him for the very breath in your body and for all that He has given to you. We will always struggle at times; at times we all find ourselves in the desert. But we can walk with assurance every day knowing that God still loves US/ You and Me, and He is Always Near, just a single breath away.

You don't have to wait for another Emmaus weekend to renew your commitment to Jesus. Our God of "second chances" is patiently, lovingly waiting to hear from you, today.

De Colores
Sherry Kierce

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

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

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

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

Date: 9/12

Time: 6:30 PM

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

SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

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

Date: 9/12

Time: 6:30 PM

<u>Pilgrims for WW #64</u>	
<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>City</u>
Jessica Arriola	New Lebanon
Connie Aubry	Centerville
Claire Bolen	Springboro
Linda Carpenter	Dayton
Anita Carrasco	Miamisburg
Agnes Cooper	Centerville
Natasha Cooper	Miamisburg
Cathy Dale	Beavercreek
Tamala Disney	Cedarville
Teri Echckley	Centerville
Linda Ellison	Kettering
Linda Farley	Dayton
Sarah Haines	Beavercreek
Rose Henderson	Centerville
Angie Horvath	Franklin
Mary James	Trenton
Rita James	Springboro
Julie Knauff	Dayton
Karen Little	Tipp City
Nicole Little	Tipp City
Rita Little	Miamisburg
Anita Marbury	Beavercreek
Karen McKenzie	Fairborn
Naomi Miller	Piqua
Kimberly Moore	Dayton
Kristen Oakley	Dayton
Starr Parrish	West Carrollton
Amanda Puderbaugh	New Lebanon
Jennifer Richards	Troy
Michele Ruff	Xenia
Cheryl Schanher	Springfield
Nancy Shaffer	Beavercreek
Stephanie Smith	Beavercreek
Vicki Sybenga	Dayton
Ellice Taulbee	Kettering
Lisa Tinch	Beavercreek
Leah Walker	Lebanon
Toni Wright	Dayton

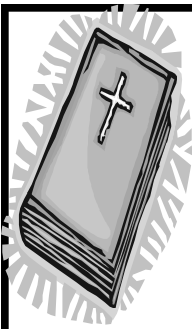
Team for WW #64

Jennifer Black	ATL	
Debra Caupp	TL	Body of Christ
Lynn Combs	BR	
Pam DeHart	ATL	
Chantelle Dow	AMD	
Melanie Fox	LOG2	
Kelley Gallagher	ALD	Priority
Shirley Gallagher	PS	
Linda Haller	MD	
Denise Haws	TL	Discipleship
Sandy Hedge	TL	Life in Piety
Deb Hildreth	TL	Christian Action
Kathleen Hosner	ATL	
Palmer Jason	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Mamie Johnson	SD	Means of Grace
Sherynna King	ATL	
Wendy Kline	ALD	Grow Through Study
Kathy Kruse	LOG	
Deanna Long	LD	Perseverance
Diana Marcott	ATL	
Laura Nugent	ATL	
Mary Pat Peck	PS	
Nancy Phillips	ALD2	Fourth Day
Cindy Pierson	TL	
Karen Roush	LOG	
Sandy Scarborough	ATL	
Beth Shilt	TL	Changing Our World
Marilou Shough	TL	Priesthood of Believers

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



From the SD's Office:

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He Did It Again

I love this picture of God's mighty power to save us in Zechariah, chapter 3. In this prophecy of Zechariah we get a picture of Satan's accusing word and Christ the "Mighty One," who said, "All power and authority, is given to me," to resist the adversary of God's people.

The prophet says, "The angel showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord. Satan was there at the angel's right hand accusing Joshua of many things. And the Lord said to Satan, I, the Lord, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from a fire."

We are witnesses that He did it again on the men's walk # 38. Satan's lies were exposed and all of his accusing was stopped. Jesus removed the filthy garments of sin and put His own robe of His sinless life, His righteousness on each pilgrim at the foot of the cross.

Satan can stand and accuse these pilgrims all he wants—but they have repented, and they are innocent in the eyes of the Lord and an angel of the Lord is stationed at their side.

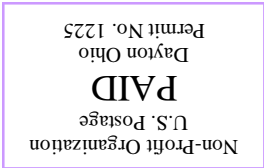
I wonder how many of us cling to our filthy rags, even though we know we can have something better. We resist the change, content to stay in our old rags because they are familiar, comfortable, and it does not cost us anything. Satan deceives us that we are really okay as we are.

But praise God from whom all blessings flow! God is able to open our eyes so we can see our need of change. Jesus is there to tell us that we are precious in His sight. "He who did not spare His own Son but graciously gave Him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?"

"If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" "Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own?"

Men of walk # 38, you are great! And you look fabulous in your new clothes!

De Colores,
Hazel Burns



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LAST ORDER
DATE FOR SHIRTS
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. Final orders will be taken at the September Gathering. Prices will be \$20.00 for the denim and \$10.00 for the tee shirt. Payment is due at time of order.

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