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Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

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I'd like to start off by praying that God will share his blessings on everyone as we welcome 2006! It is with great humility and a bit of trepidation that I begin the year as Community Lay Director of your Greater Dayton Emmaus Community.

As is usually the case during the New Year holiday season, I find myself looking back on what has taken place during 2005, while at the same time looking toward the future and trying to understand and make choices that will lead to more Christ-centered existence.

After attending my walk in 2001, I figured, like some of you have done, that it was pretty much it for me. I figured that I would attend the monthly Gatherings, serve in the "safe" background of the kitchen or luggage carrying, and live happily ever after in God's love. **WRONG!** As I found out, and many of you have too, God had other plans. The first thing he did was to remove the word "NO" from my vocabulary when it was connected to serving Him or His Church in some way, and here I am today. Being chosen for this position is something that I would not have ever dreamed of when I went on my Walk in May, 2001.

God has plans for all of us, to serve Him in our own way according to the gifts He has given us. As you pray to God asking for His blessings, please remember to ask Him where and how He needs you to serve Him. In my opinion, service is the greatest way to honor God, even though it's not the most glamorous. He gave us the example in John 13:15-16 when he washed His disciples feet. Won't you join me in saying "Yes" to His service this year?

YBIC,
John Wissinger



Newsletter

Due to the holidays and weather issues, I was unable to get the December newsletter in the mail. You may pick one up at Gathering or if you would like it mailed to you, please contact me at missytrumbull@msn.com or 937-339-4205.

I sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

Missy Trumbull

HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING WALKS

Normandy UMC 2006

Men's Walk #39, January 26-29
Women's Walk #65, February 16-19
Women's Walk #66, April 20-23

Christ UMC 2006

Women's Walk #67, June 8-11
Men's Walk #40, July 13-16
Women's Walk #68, August 17-20

GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC	2 nd Mon	7:15
Dayton Board	4 th Tues	7:00

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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

Pilgrim List Men's Walk #39

Ray Arriola	New Lebanon
Jim Beard	Bellbrook
Jerry Blackmore	Avon
Ed Bower	Maineville
Floyd Brumit	Dayton
Haime Canizo	Dayton
Joey Center	Beavercreek
Ken Clark	Dayton
Bill Combs	Waynesville
Bud Dean	Beavercreek
John DeWeese	Beavercreek
Craig Eckley	Centerville
Brent Ehresman	Fairborn
Dale Farley	Waynesville
Jason Flickinger	Dayton
Lonny Fry	Centerville
Ed Gash	Middletown
Todd Grimes	Troy
Nelson Grover	Brookville
Joe Hinds	Centerville
Rex Kindell	Tipp City
Denny Kinsel	Brookville
Vince Kleiner	Dayton
Wayne Langguth	Miamisburg
Bob Peach	Dayton
Stefan Ries	Dayton
Mark Simmons	Kettering
Michael Smith	Centerville
Denny Stoddard	Jamestown
Dan Strauss	Kettering
John Sullivan	Dayton
Tom Truhnel	Hamersville
Dave Wischer	New Carlise
Tony Wolf	Beavercreek
Roberts Wood	Dayton

Team List Men's Walk #39

Don Adams	ATL	
Scott Anspach	ATL	
Mark Beachler	ATL	
Denny Bratton	TL	Changing Our World
Hazel Burns	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Jeff Clevinger	ATL	
Randy Daniel	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Grant Dunnigan	ATL	
Dave Evans	SD	Means of Grace
Paul Hayes	TL	Discipleship
Rich Hill	TL	
Jeff Hinkley	TL	Body of Christ
Steve Holmes	ATL	
Jim Howe	TL	Priesthood
Jim Kear	PS	
Terry Kierce	LD	Perseverance
Kerry Kline	LOG1	
Ron Kline	TL	Piety
Tim Macy	MD	
Dennis McNeil	PS	
Eric Measel	ATL	
Dave Scharff	ALD1	Fourth Day
Jeff Snider	LOG1	
Jeff Steely	LOG1	
Glenn Sweigart	ASD	Justifying Grace
Dave Tackett	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Gary Trice	TL	Christian Action
Dean Wells	ALD2	Priority
Ken Wilson	ALD1	Grow Thru Study
John Wissinger	BR	

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.

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

Supply Help

If you are a Wednesday supply volunteer, please contact Karen Roush at kjrroush06@aol.com or on her cell phone at 937-307-1899 and let her know if you would still be willing to help with Wednesday deliveries. You may also see her at Gathering. Thank you.



Forget It

*“Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?” Isaiah 43:18-19 NKJV*

*“Forget the former things;
Do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” NIV*

The New Year is a great time to wipe the slate clean! It's a great time to let bygones be bygones. Right where you're sitting, make a fist and hold out your hand with your palm facing down. Now, open your hand and release everything that you've held onto this past year. Drop it into the sea of forgetfulness, as far as the east from the west! Now turn your hand palm side up and pray this prayer "God I'm ready to receive what you have for me in 2006!" As you do this, listen to the prophet Isaiah as he declares to you and admonishes you to "Forget the former things." Was last year filled with trials and tribulations? Was last year filled with challenges and frustrations? Was last year filled with waiting on unfulfilled hopes and dreams? Was last year filled with promotions and new expressions of God mercy and grace? Was last year filled with joy and excitement and the unconditional love of family and friends? Was it a mountaintop, transfiguring experience that made you want to build a tabernacle and stay right there? Forget it! Don't dwell on it. Don't consider it. Remember it no more.

But why you say? Why not remember it? Because, if you keep dwelling on it you're going to miss what God has planned for 2006! Behold, I will do a new thing. Are you ready for it; I am! The prophet says NOW it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?

So I leave you with this challenge as you begin the New Year, "Don't miss what God has planned for 2006!"

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Palmer Jason, SD

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 move onward and
 forward, and
 those with pure
 hearts will
 become stronger
 and stronger.***

Job 17:9

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