



Walk to Emmaus[®] Newsletter

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Chairman's Message -

Recently, some things were said that made me feel like what I was doing was more about me or legalese than about God and living up to His expectations. I took it as a personal attack on what I have been doing. I have struggled with this for the last several days and am still not sure how to deal with it. I have prayed about it and have come to some understanding in myself that the words spoken were not directed at me, but simply another's opinion. Sometimes people make judgments on what they see and not what the total picture truly is.

As Christians, we should welcome anything that helps us become more Christ-like. If someone tells us that something we are doing isn't right, then we need to honestly and prayerfully look at what they've said or done. We need to ask ourselves, "Is there even a glimmer of truth in what they've said?" And we need to ask God to open up our eyes and hearts to see the truth.

If we can't take correction from our brothers and sisters, what makes us think we will take it from God? Practice humility so that you won't need God's correction. Some of the greatest thinkers of all time can teach us the most important lessons:

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
- Albert Einstein

To be successful we need to begin; without taking the first steps there can be no success. Many people do not begin because they fear mistakes. Welcome mistakes, learn from them and then you will ensure you do not make the same mistake again:

"Success is the proper utilization of failure." -Unknown

Every failure is a learning experience. A successful person will analyze their failures or mistakes by asking several questions:

- How can I do it better?
 - What mistakes did I make?
 - What did I learn from this?
 - What can I do differently to ensure success?
 - What does God expect of me?
- PRAY, PRAY, PRAY

"A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits."
- Richard Nixon

The difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is failure. You can only fail if you stop trying. You must continue trying in order to succeed.

"Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm."
- Sir Winston Churchill

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HOW TO FIND US!

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UPCOMING EMMAUS WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk #47 - Jan 22-25, 2009
Women's Walk # 77 - Feb 19-22, 2009
Women's Walk #79 - Sep 24-27, 2009

Held at Christ UMC

Women's Walk # 78 - July 16-19, 2009
Men's Walk # 48 - August 13-16, 2009

CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

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

GATHERING & BOARD MEETING

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

TRAINING & ORIENTATION

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Date: Oct 13, 2008 / 6:30pm

Place: Normandy UMC, Room #214

This is an open invitation for everyone to attend a 45-minute training session on sponsoring pilgrims. Come and learn the best methods suggested by the National Emmaus Board.

SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

Date: Oct 13, 2008 / 6:15pm

Place: Normandy UMC, Chapel

This is a great opportunity for new members of the Community to get connected with a Share Group.

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But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. *1 Samuel 12:24*

HOUSING CHAIR

Please check the housing sign-up sheets at the Gathering for the next Walk for opportunities to serve. Also, the Housing Chair position will be up for election at the November Gathering. The housing duties pretty much function as a well-oiled machine and just need an operator. If you feel led to this position, please contact Missy Trumbull or myself. *e Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Housing Chair*



KITCHEN CHAIR



The Kitchen staff continues to need help during the following shifts on Walk weekends:

- Thursday, 9:00am - 12:30pm**
- Friday, all shifts**
- Sunday, 6:00am - 9:00am**

If you would like to volunteer for these needs, please contact Virgil Gallagher (shgaoh@verizon.net) or check the sign-up sheets at the monthly Gatherings. *De Colores, Virgil Gallagher, Kitchen Chair*

GOOD SHEPHERD

Share Group Orientation: Next session will be **Oct 13th at 6:15pm** in the small chapel at Normandy Church. This session is open to anyone who is not currently in a share group or anyone who wants to expand their existing share group. We will cover the guidelines of how to run your share group and have a networking session. **Outreach:** Just a reminder that I am available for outreach. If you would like an Emmaus presentation during your weekend church service, please contact me (937-312-9033). *De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd*

SUPPLY CHAIR



A tremendous amount of supplies is required to conduct a Walk weekend. Please consider how you might be able to help with this important task. We need some assistance on Wednesdays (before the Walk weekend) in picking up fresh produce from the supplier and bringing to the church. If you can help, please contact me: (937) 256-4691 or supply@daytonemmaus.org. *De Colores, Rich Hill, Supply Chair*

COMMUNITY EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you have prayer concerns or would like to pray for other requests in the Dayton Community, please email (bennercl@notes.udayton.edu) or call 937-879-2118. Please limit your requests to a serious/urgent nature and to the needs of either a member of the Emmaus Community or your immediate family. Also, if you are not receiving prayer chain messages and wish to do so, please call me to confirm/update your email address. Blessings to all who support the prayer ministry. *De Colores, Charles Benner*



From the Spiritual Director

What Do You Do When The Lights Go Out?

“My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.” Psalms 63:5-8

By the time you read this, Hurricane Ike will have come and gone. Perhaps we will have forgotten the question that was on all of our minds. **What do you do** when there are no lights, no phones, no cable TV, no Internet, no hot water, no refrigeration, no A/C, no gasoline, and no restaurants open? **PRAY!** Pray for what? Is this a trick question? Your first response might be, pray for lights, phones, cable TV, Internet, hot water, refrigeration, A/C, gasoline and restaurants to open. But after a few days without a quick answer to that prayer maybe your heart will turn to a prayer of thanksgiving.

How about we pray:

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 “Thank you LORD, for:
 Health and Strength,
 Neighbors who are willing to share,
 Gas and charcoal grills,
 Ice chests and running water,
 Indoor plumbing,
 Fifteen hours per day of sunlight,
 A full moon to light our way at night,
 Cell phones and car radios,
 Flashlights and batteries,
 Crackers and peanut butter,
 Books and board games,
 Balls, bicycles and swings,
 Cool weather and open windows,
 Early-to-bed and early-to-rise,
 Cash and coins,
 Snail mail and walking trails,
 Family and friends, and
 A God Who Hears and Answers Prayer!
 Amen



De Colores,

Palmer Jason, SD

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Failure is only an obstacle. If we visualize failure as a brick wall, we can see that there is a way over it. There may be a dozen brick walls in our way, if we climb each one with the same enthusiasm with our goals in sight we will never fail. For those walls that seem insurmountable, God is there to help us over. Sometimes, He even carries us over.

"Many of life's failures are men who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

- Thomas Edison

Make a commitment now that the next time someone corrects you that you will change your reaction. Instead of becoming defensive, commit yourself to lovingly embracing that correction. Commit yourself to becoming more like Jesus.

When you do, you are taking a step towards living your life so that "when men speak ill of you, nobody may believe them."

May God richly bless you through your many dangers, toils, and snares. May He also richly bless you in your many successes. Life is such a wonderful journey to the home God has promised all of His children.

Don Adams, Chairman
Greater Dayton Emmaus

"He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray."

Proverbs 10:17

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

WORSHIP CHAIR

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs....Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:2,4



Kandle Lights will continue to be available for purchase at Monthly Gatherings and Candlelight services. We also have AAA batteries at 3 for \$1.00 and free replacement bulbs.

The **Christmas Gathering** is right around the corner. If you are interested in performing one or two songs for the Gathering, please contact me via phone or email.

Servants needed: Please consider serving as a Worship assistant for setup, tear-down or monthly Gathering. Interested parties can contact me for additional info and requirements: worship@daytonemmaus.org or call 937-475-1608.

De Colores, Chris Christoff, Worship Chair

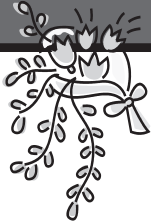


Please remember to complete a Willing Servant Form at the Gathering or online at the Dayton Emmaus website: <http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deForms.htm>. If your Willing Servant Form was submitted on or after July 1, 2008, and you meet the requirements to serve on a live-in team, you will be eligible to serve through June 30, 2010.

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Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. *1 Peter 4:10*

AGAPE CHAIR



We have extra agape left over from the walks. If you or your share group provided this agape and would like to have it returned (possibly to use on another walk), see Roiann Ward at the Agape leftovers table in the lobby at the Gathering. The Agape leftovers table includes quite a few letters and notes of agape addressed to Pilgrims who cancelled or arrived too late for the Walk Weekend. There are also some agape letters addressed to team members that arrived too late to be included in their Sunday packet. Please check the Agape leftovers table to see if you know any of the people and can get these letters and notes to them. Letters for Pilgrims who had to cancel should go back to the sponsor.

De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape Chair

BOARD POSITION VACANCY

In accordance with procedures, 5 positions on the Greater Dayton Emmaus Board will be vacated at the end of this year. These positions are: **Supply, Housing, Kitchen, Men's Registrar, and Christ UMC Representative**. At the November Gathering, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. Each of the job descriptions will be included in the newsletter for your prayerful consideration. If you feel called to serve or if you would like to make a nomination, contact Missy Trumbull (pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org). Thank you!

Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) Emmaus Board Representative

The duty of the CUMC Emmaus Board Rep is to act as liaison between the church and the Emmaus Community. This primarily involves communications between the church and the Emmaus Community. The CUMC Board Rep should be the primary point of contact for all communications to resolve any problems in a timely manner. (misuse of church equipment, using assigned facilities) scheduling upcoming Walks, Gatherings (if applicable), meetings and events, etc. to include the church's request to change rooms for meetings and or change Walk duties. Other members of the Emmaus Board may contact the church to schedule meetings or events, but only after coordination with the CUMC Board Rep.

The CUMC Rep will distribute the keys to the church on Thursday night at send-off. The CUMC Rep also conducts orientation tours of the church with the Logistical support personnel for each Walk conducted at the church. The purpose of this tour is to familiarize the Logs with the layout of the church and to cover information concerning lockup at night, clock removal, temperature controls, etc. The orientation tour is an important part and helps reduce problems with church members. They are also shown where the clocks and phones are located that need to be covered or removed during the weekend. They are shown where all rest-rooms are located which will be used by the team and pilgrims during the weekend.


The CUMC Board Rep is the primary point of contact for all church members to contact concerning any business or problems with the Emmaus Community.

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 the Lord, and he
 will give you
 the desires of
 your heart.
Psalm 37:4



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