



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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### Chairman's Message -

I'm not sure if you are an avid reader, but along with my daily Bible reading and scriptural devotions, I'm usually in the middle of a couple books (or so). Several months ago, I read "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young, and it was so interesting I began reading it again while on my trip to Germany to visit my son Paul. It was beyond thought-provoking I might add—and I could almost hardly grasp the vivid pictures it paints. One particular part of the book, and I won't spoil it for you, is a discussion about "good and evil" and the lust for independence. It reads:

"You must give up your right to decide what is good and evil on your own terms....choosing to only live in me. To do that, you must know me enough to trust me and learn to rest in my inherent goodness.....Evil is a word we use to describe the absence of good, just as we use the word darkness to describe the absence of Light or death. I am Love and there is no darkness in me. Light and good actually exist. So, removing yourself from me will plunge you into darkness. Declaring independence will result in evil because apart from me, you can only draw upon yourself. That is death because you have separated yourself from me: Life."

We have heard and read these words in scripture—that apart from Christ, we can do nothing. Although I've heard them and perhaps said them many times, it was after reading and re-reading this, that it exposed something in me I hadn't really looked at before—my "independence" and my "dependence."

In this day and age, we are told that independence is good and we should do what we can to ensure our independence—our founding fathers were so adamant to ensure this, they signed the Declaration of Independence! While I'm not saying independence is necessarily a bad thing—I can say for certain that our lives independent of Almighty God will result in death.

It is only through our self-surrender and dependence on the Lord, that we can in fact live—we can only resist evil by seeking life in Christ. Have you ever walked into a pitch-black room? You can't see your hand in-front of your face. When you flip the light switch—the room is illuminated instantly. It is the same with us when we allow God's light to flood our lives—evil must flee! We can only see His direction for our lives when we flip that switch. When evil pursues you—put the Light on it and it will leave.

*Blessings overflowing,  
Chantele  
GDE Chairman*

### HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus  
Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
Centerville OH 45459  
[www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

### 2009 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	2nd Mon	7:15 PM
Dayton Board	4th Tues	7:00 PM

### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

#### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

**Date:** Aug 10, 2009 / 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:** Aug 10, 2009 / 6:15pm

**Place:** Normandy UMC, Chapel

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

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

**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**

## LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Please remember to submit your Willing Servant form if you want to be considered to serve on an upcoming team. The team selection process starts about 6 months prior to each walk. Willing Servant forms also ensure that we have the right contact information for you. As Leadership chair, I'm also the chair of the Team Selection Committee (TSC). If you have any questions for me, I am here for you. If I don't have an immediate answer, I'll get one for you. Peace be with you.

*De Colores, Stephen Puderbaugh, Leadership Chair*

## SPONSORSHIP TRAINING



**Sponsorship Training - Why you need it!** As a sponsor, it's important to understand your role and responsibilities, which enhance your pilgrim's experience. Before sponsoring someone for a Walk, you are required to attend the sponsorship training. The sessions are held at 6:30pm before every Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church. This is a short time of discussion, questions, and answers. Also, from The Emmaus Library, we have the Sponsorship booklet, which guides individuals through the process of sponsoring fellow pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. The authors explore the range of possibilities in the role of the sponsor for the renewal of church leaders, Emmaus communities, and the church. The booklet is available at Gatherings, and the cost is \$4.

## HOUSING CHAIR

We still need assistance for the upcoming Men's Walk in the following areas: **Wednesday 5:30pm (setup); Thursday 5:30pm (luggage); Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown); and Sunday 4:00pm (conference teardown).** Look for more details and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gathering.



*De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair*

## AGAPE CHAIR



Please remember to provide agape for the upcoming Walks! You may bring your contributions to the Gathering or to the Walk weekends. Please remember to put first and last names on cards/letters. NO gifts/books! If you have questions about what is acceptable, please let me know.

*De Colores, Roiann Ward, Agape 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](mailto: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



## FORETELLING THE FUTURE

Years ago, I read articles on astrology thinking they would give me direction as to what I might expect in my life and future. However, as I grew in the knowledge and understanding of Christ, I now know that nothing can give me the certainty I longed for except Christ. While I had not read any article on astrology in years, I was led to an article that spoke of foretelling the future using a “feng shui twist.” Listed below are a few of their recommendations to “add a bit of luck to your life.”

- Tie two stalks of bamboo with a pink ribbon and place them in a clear vase...
- Place a small round mirror in both the career and fame areas of your bedroom.
- ...hang a picture of a balloon taking off into the air, a flock of birds, or a rocket jetting into the atmosphere.
- Hang a metal wind chime in the travel area of your main floor to shift your energies from business to pleasure and to ring out your reputation to the people who will help make your dreams come true.
- Put six metallic candles in the helpful-people area of your main floor, and light them regularly during the month.
- ...there is a belief that decorating with any symbol of a red bat will bring you prosperity, happiness and longevity. Place five images of red bats in the fame area of your main floor. This will give you wings to soar.

(There were a few more but a bit too graphic for this article.) These were the recommendations and instructions that would “bring luck to your future” (no certainty there.)

The prophet Daniel provided godly wisdom to King Nebuchadnezzar on seeking mysteries outside of seeking Him. “Daniel answered before the king and said, “As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.”

“However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days...” (Daniel 2:27-28a) Life isn’t about luck; it’s about trusting in a Holy God who alone knows the future.

**"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil." Proverbs 3:5-7**

Trust your future to the One who knows the future!

*In His Love and Grace,  
Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director*

## MEN’S REGISTRAR

Looking for a “FEW GODLY MEN!” The Men’s Walk #48 (scheduled for August 13-16th) still has a few openings. This is a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ and enjoy the fellowship with other Christian men. This Walk is being held at Christ United Methodist Church, and is a great opportunity for those men who have difficulty with stairs, because there is an elevator available. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please have them complete an application as soon as possible.

*De Colores, Keith Simpson, Men’s Registrar*

# Pray for One Another



**Men's Walk #48**  
**Aug 13-16, 2009**

## PILGRIM LIST

Douglas Anderson	Troy
Isaac Bear	Miamisburg
William Blythe	Miamisburg
Richard Criswell	Mechanicsburg
Michael Daley	Mechanicsburg
John Dawson	Huber Heights
Bernard Delong	Dayton
Jimmy Dersarkisian	Medway
Charles Harris	Trenton
Adam Leigh	Dayton
Jose Marin	Dayton
Martin Meyer	Kettering
Dean Miller	Springboro
Chappy Pitts	Dayton
Ted Ramierz	Kettering
Lucas Rhoads	Dayton
James Taylor	Waynesville
David Thompson	Miamisburg
Cornelius Vander Velde	Springfield
Chris Walter	Germantown
Brad Young	New Carlisle

## TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Don Adams	LOG	
Jeff Adams	ATL	
Charles Benner	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
George Brewer	ASD	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Leroy Chambliss	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Jeff Clevenger	TL	<i>Changing Our World</i>
Keith Crabtree	ATL	
Brian Hayes	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
Gregg Hayes	TL	<i>Priesthood of All Believers</i>
Tom Hoskins	ATL	
Jim Kindrick	TL	<i>Life in Piety</i>
Kerry Kline	PS	
Coley Logan	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Lex Luther	TL	
Timothy Macy	ALD	<i>Priority</i>
Chris Christoff	AMD	
Wil Phipps	LOG	
Doug Puderbaugh	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
Stephen Puderbaugh	ALD2	<i>Fourth Day</i>
Rod Pummell	ATL	
Phil Reynolds	ASD	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
Ken Scarborough	ATL	
Bob Schneider	LOG2	
Keith Simpson	BR	
Denny Stoddard	ATL	
Mike Updike	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
Steve Uphouse	ATL	
John Whitaker	ASDL	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
Paul Wilson	MD	
Chris Wissinger	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
John Wissinger	PS	

ALD – Assistant Lay Director  
 AMD – Assistant Music Director  
 ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director  
 ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in  
 ATL – Assistant Table Leader  
 BR – Board Rep

LD – Lay Director  
 Log - Logistics  
 MD – Music Director  
 PS – Prayer Servant  
 SD – Spiritual Director  
 TL – Table Leader

Please note the Team and Pilgrim rosters are subject to change after press-time. Prior to the Walk weekend, the Newsletter is updated with the most current Pilgrim / Team rosters and posted on the Dayton Emmaus website:

<http://www.daytonemmaus.org/deNewsletters.htm>

# Giving Our Hands to Christ

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

## GOOD SHEPHERD

Reminder!

Those who are sponsoring pilgrims on the August walk, remember to look over your sponsorship duties and make a special effort to ensure your pilgrims' walk go as comfortably as possible. Those who sponsored pilgrims in July, please bring them to the Share Group Orientation, Aug 10th, 6:15pm in the Normandy Chapel. Also, I am looking for someone to setup and work the Literature & Information table which is in the Narthex before the Gatherings. If you are willing to serve in this area, please call me: 937-321-9011.

*De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd*

## 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: Newsletter, Treasurer, Computer, Good Shepherd, and Womens Registrar. In November, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. A summary of each position has been included in the previous newsletters. Additionally, the Board needs to appoint an individual to serve as the Supply Chair. Please prayerfully consider one of these positions and, if you feel called to serve, contact Don Adams ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)).

### SUPPLY CHAIR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Supply Coordinator position on the Board requires:

1. Attendance at the monthly Board Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
2. Maintaining a team of Emmaus community people to assist in the inventory of all consumable (food and goods), purchasing, picking up, and accepting deliveries.
3. Working closely with the Kitchen Coordinator to obtain and coordinate special dietary needs for each walk, adjust quantities purchased as needed, coordinate items to be moved to CUMC

DURING WALK WEEKENDS:

Be available (or designate someone to be available) to take calls concerning items not found.

AFTER EACH WALK:

Inventory all consumable and staples on inventory sheets (with 2 or 3 assistants whom you select)

BEFORE NEXT WALK:


1. Transfer inventory sheet information onto the Order sheets.
2. Make necessary phone calls to suppliers according to the "timing of orders" sheet
3. Coordinate volunteers to pick up other supplies (i.e. Sam's Club, Meijer, Wonder Bread, GFS, Bagel Cafe)

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*Matthew*  
*19:26b*



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