



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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## Greater Dayton Community

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2009

### Chairman's Message

Can you believe it brothers and sisters—it's 2009! Another year has come and gone, and if you are like me, you're asking yourself, what happened? Weren't we just doing this a month ago? It seems that time just continues to fly by faster than the previous year and no amount of trying will slow it down. At the start of each New Year, I spend some quiet time reflecting on the past and praying about the future. What was I able to accomplish and what do I need to continue to work on? How did I serve the Lord this year and was my service fruitful for the kingdom?

In December, I began reading a book entitled, "Jesus on Leadership," by C. Gene Wilkes. It is a study about Servant Leadership. Among many of the books I've read, this is one of the best, and it has helped me refocus my attention to His call on my life—to love and serve Christ with my whole being. Contemplating this year serving Him and serving you as Chairman of our community, Wilkes words on Humility made me again reflect on Christ's example—Paul said to be like Jesus, who "made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross (Phil 2:7-8)."

As we begin a new year together, I pray this excerpt from Wilkes' book challenges you as it did me, to focus on "pleasing the Teacher" and serving others:

Getting to the head table is a natural priority in a culture of achievement. Head tables have become a finish line in the great rat race. Who would argue with someone wanting to sit closest to a friend in high places? Who would criticize a little aggressive effort in order to succeed? Jesus' direct challenge to our natural desire to get ahead is what makes his story so biting. Jesus saw something we overlook: As long as leaders worry about who sits at the head table, they have little time for the people they are called serve. We don't see opportunities for service while our eyes are fixed on the competition. Jesus taught that head table seats are "by invitation only" (Luke 14:8-11). ....Jesus says that if we will humble ourselves and learn from him, he will give us

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### HOW TO FIND US!

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

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

### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

#### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

**Date:** Jan 12, 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:** Feb 9, 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**

## GOOD SHEPHERD

I am looking for share groups with openings for one or more members. Please contact me via the website: ([www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)) if your group has openings or if you would like to join a share group. Simply click on 'share groups' and send your contact information. The next share group orientation and networking session will be on Feb 9 at 6:15pm in the small chapel at Normandy UMC, prior to the Gathering. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim on the January walk, be sure to bring them to the orientation session. Please also review your duties as outlined in your sponsorship letter.  
*De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd*

## 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.  
WANTED! Musicians for the Greater Dayton Emmaus Praise Team. Interested parties should contact [worship@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:worship@daytonemmaus.org) or call 937-429-9931 for more details.  
*De Colores, Chris Christoff, Worship Chair*

## GREATER DAYTON EMMAUS BOARD - 2009

*Your 2009 Board members will be anointed at the January Gathering. Please pray for these individuals as they commit their minds and hearts to serving the Lord through our Greater Dayton Emmaus Community.*

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| <b>AGAPE</b> - Roiann Ward             | <b>KITCHEN</b> - Marc Littman          | <b>SPIR DIR</b> - George Brewer  |
| <b>BOOK TABLE</b> - Lou Caldwell       | <b>LEADERSHIP</b> - Stephen Puderbaugh | <b>SPIR DIR</b> - Dave Evans     |
| <b>CHAIRMAN</b> - Chantele Dow         | <b>NEWSLETTER</b> - Chris Morrison     | <b>SPIR DIR</b> - Palmer Jason   |
| <b>CHRIST UMC REP</b> - Brian Wood     | <b>NORMANDY REP</b> - Lou Caldwell     | <b>SPIR DIR</b> - Mamie Johnson  |
| <b>COMPUTER</b> - Mark Flannery        | <b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> - Cheri Spencer   | <b>SUPPLY</b> - Neal Stout       |
| <b>DOCUMENTATION</b> - Beverly Barrett | <b>MENS REGISTRAR</b> - Keith Simpson  | <b>TREASURER</b> - Grant Dunigan |
| <b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b> - Cheri Spencer   | <b>WOMENS REGISTRAR</b> - Vicki Engel  | <b>WORSHIP</b> - Chris Christoff |
| <b>HOUSING</b> - Lex Luther            | <b>SECRETARY</b> - Karen Wissinger     |                                  |

*You may contact the Board members through the website: [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org), and click on "Board"*

## LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Greetings! I'm the new Leadership chair for 2009. Please remember to have your Willing Servant form if you want to be considered to serve on an upcoming team. 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*

## HOUSING CHAIR

Sign-up sheets for the next walk will be available at the Gathering. We especially need help on Sunday afternoon. Please contact me ([housing@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:housing@daytonemmaus.org)) for more information.  
*De Colores, Lex Luther, Housing Chair*



# From the Spiritual Director

## Shame, Slavery, and Slingshots: Will 2009 be a Year of Slavery or Spiritual Growth for You?

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He had a new slingshot and went into the woods to practice. But no matter how much he tried he couldn't hit his targets. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it! He was shocked and afraid! In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister, Sally, watching! She had seen it all, but said nothing.

After lunch the next day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.



After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

I confess I am very much like Johnny. I too easily allow myself to become a slave of shame when I "shoot the duck." The problem is not what I think of myself at that moment; it's what I imagine God thinks of me. Now, if God were like Sally then my goose (or duck) would be cooked! The Enemy says "God saw what you did! You're in for it now!" His favorite weapon is shame. "You didn't just do a bad thing...you are a bad person!" My fear is that God will see me that way, too, and give up on me. I suspect we all struggle with that, even though intellectually we know it's not true. Will our episodes of shame follow us into 2009? We don't need to allow that.

Spiritual slavery comes from believing God sees us as we see ourselves. But we don't need to allow guilt to turn into shame. Johnny was still Grandma's grandson even though he killed the duck. We are still God's children even though we fail. And he knows we will fail in 2009, just like in 2008.

But we don't have to live 2009 as slaves. God wants us to learn from our mistakes, which is the best way for us to deal with our sins instead of becoming slaves to shame. Christians are disciples. Disciples are learners. That is our identity as God's children. Jesus is the Master Teacher. He wants to teach us that God does not call our relationship with him into question because of our behavior, but rather that He calls our behavior into question because of our relationship with Him. God has no use for shame anymore. He put all our shame - past, present, and future - on the crucified Jesus. When we "shoot the duck" the enemy will say "Shame on you!" But you can tell him, "No, my shame is on Jesus. I'm not a slave to shame any longer. Jesus wants me to learn something from this experience, and by His Grace, I will."

*De Colores,  
Dave Evans, Spiritual Director*

# Pray for One Another



**Men's Walk #47**  
**January 22-25, 2009**

<u>PILGRIM LIST</u>		<u>TEAM ROSTER</u>		
Mike Anderson	Centerville	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Talk</b>
Rodney Bear	Miamisburg	Dan Brumfield	TL	<i>Life in Piety</i>
Joe Chaffin	Xenia	Andrew Courtice	TL	<i>Priesthood of all Believers</i>
Dan Cummins	Springboro	Randy Daniel	ASDL	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Michael Daley	Miamisburg	Bud Dean	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Dean Deerhake	Lebanon	John DeWeese	TL	
Lamar Favors	Dayton	Jeff Dondero	ALD	<i>Fourth Day</i>
Mark Florence	Vandalia	Jim DuBro	ALD	<i>Priority</i>
Kenneth Guerin	West Carrollton	Dave Evans	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Jason Hoang	Dayton	Mark Flannery	BR	
Michael Howcroft	Loveland	Brad Hansen	ATL	
Daniel Iselaiye	Xenia	Gregg Hayes	ATL	
Rob Lind	Dayton	Steve Hiatt	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
David Matthews	Xenia	Greg Hurst	ATL	
Donald Miller	Clayton	Dennis Kaminski	PS	
Jeff Miller	Carlisle	Ron Kline	ATL	
Richard Naff	Kettering	Dick Kooser	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
David Perkins	Kettering	Ken Kuhbander	PS	
Robert Ruggles	Lebanon	Marc Littman	LOG	
Paul Santoro	Dayton	John Loy	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
Bruce Schmidt	Fairborn	Tim Macy	MD	
Dennis Schum	Kettering	Chris Marcott	TL	<i>Changing Our World</i>
Bill Slusser	Kettering	Bob Peach	ASD	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
David Stackhouse	Dayton	Kevin Rafdal	ATL	
Robert Thomas	Fairfield	Keith Reed	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
Chris Thompson	Marysville	Keith Simpson	LOG	
Calvin Turner	Mainville	Bill Srode	ATL	
Everett Watson	Miamisburg	Dave Tackett	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
Bernie Williams	Kettering	Gary Trice	LOG	
		Dave VanDenburgh	ASD	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
		Doug Wantz	ATL	
		Chris Wissinger	AMD	
		ALD – Assistant Lay Director		LD – Lay Director
		AMD – Assistant Music Director		Log - Logistics
		ASD – Assistant Spiritual Director		MD – Music Director
		ASDL – Assistant Spiritual Director Live-in		PS – Prayer Servant
		ATL – Assistant Table Leader		SD – Spiritual Director
		BR – Board Rep		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*

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

rest (Matt 11:28). True humility does not lead to exhaustion but frees us to serve others. In God's kingdom, achievement is not the goal, but we will never grasp that until we've learned humility. Then we can relax and serve, knowing that any honor that comes to us is given, not earned. Getting ahead was never part of the deal with Jesus. The goal of a disciple is to please the Teacher, not climb to the top of the heap. Those who follow Jesus willingly humble themselves because their Teacher was humble. ...Childlike humility is a requirement for service among God's people. (pp. 35-37)

Reading his words on humility reminded me of the film, "In Remembrance" which we've all watched while on our Emmaus Walk. Remember the conversations between the disciples—how they all fought over who was going to sit next to the Master at the head of the table? Their conversation was more about themselves and why they deserved the seat, rather than about Jesus—yet Christ first humbled himself and wash their feet before serving them a meal.

This year as you are reflecting on 2008 and setting your goals for 2009, will you join with me in prayer for our community? Ask the Lord how He might use you this year in serving Him! We need your help—I can promise you, you will be blessed—we can never out-give God!

*Chantele Dow*

*Chairman, Greater Dayton Emmaus*

## MEN'S REGISTRAR

**Attention Greater Dayton Emmaus Sponsors!** The next Men's walk is scheduled for January 22-25, 2009 at Normandy United Methodist Church. If you know of any Christian men that would be interested in attending this Walk, please make sure they have completed an application and mailed it to Greater Dayton Emmaus mailbox for attention "Men's Registrar." Currently we have confirmed 2 of the 48 candidates in the men's data base. We normally have 20-30 men per weekend, and we need to confirm all who are interested in the Men's Walk #47. The confirmation letters have been sent and we are anticipating a good response. But we need to have everyone solicit their churches to identify potential Emmaus candidates. If you know of anyone and /or you are planning on sponsoring a Pilgrim, please get the application in ASAP so we can make sure they are part of this wonderful experience.

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

## AGAPE CHAIR

The Agape committee needs volunteers to sell Kandle Lights during the walk weekends on Saturday night, prior to the service. This is a wonderful way to volunteer for a short period of time. If you are willing to help, please contact me at [agape@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:agape@daytonemmaus.org) or (513)752-9628.

*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*




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Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for He has said, "I will never fail you or forsake you." Hence we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?"

**Hebrews 13:6**



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