



# Walk to Emmaus® Newsletter

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### Chairman's Message

In preparing for this article, I usually spend time in prayer first, asking the Lord to speak to me, and through me, as to the direction He would have me go. But up until a week or so ago, his direction was not clear to me. Does that ever happen to you? You are seeking the Lord for direction, or an answer to some need or question you have been praying about for a while and you wonder, does He even hear me at all?

The answer is clearly yes! Many of us have memorized Jeremiah 29:11-12, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." The next two verses state, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

After waiting on Him, I realized my desire to seek an answer from Him was less important than trusting Him for the answer—even if I had to wait. Then His direction was clear to me. Can I find peace in waiting on Jesus to reveal His direction to me? Am I able to rest in Him, knowing He wants me to rely on Him for the right answer, and that whatever answer He has—it is the very best for me? How many times have I become anxious waiting on Jesus to give me an answer to my problem? He wants us to rest in Him, "not be anxious for anything"—and know that He has everything in control. The Bible reminds us in 1st Peter 5:6-7, "So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you."

We can find rest in Christ—sometimes it's simply asking Him to direct our steps, and commit our ways to Him—He will make our paths straight. Call on Christ—He never gets tired of hearing us cry out to Him. Then wait—the silence may be uncomfortable at first—but listen for His still, small voice. When you truly seek Him with your whole heart, you will find Him.

Serving Jesus with You~  
Chantele Dow  
Chairman, Greater Dayton Emmaus

### HOW TO FIND US!

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Normandy UMC  
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd  
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[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:** Mar 9, 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:** Mar 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

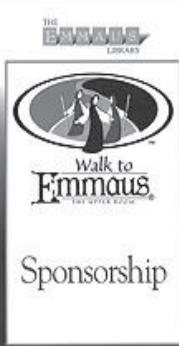
But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. *1 Samuel 12:24*

## GOOD SHEPHERD

I would like to update my share group interest files. If you are looking for a share group, please fill out a share group interest form on-line at [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org) or on a paper form located at the book table at the gatherings. The next share group orientation will be held on Monday, March 9th, in the small chapel directly before the March Gathering. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim for the ladies walk in February, be sure to have them plan to attend the orientation. If you have not yet attended a sponsorship training session, please do so at the same time in room 114.

*De Colores, Cheri Spencer, Good Shepherd*

## 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.

## 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*

## 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

## The Real Showdown

It was March 8, 1971 Madison Square Garden. Poetically dubbed the fight of the century, Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier. It had extensive media coverage, more than 700 media credentials, and a host of celebrities in attendance including Barbara Streisand, Bill Cosby, Sammy Davis Jr., Hugh Hefner, Diana Ross and Frank Sinatra. Nobody that was anybody wanted to miss this fight.

When Ali challenged Frazier the ramifications reached far beyond the boxing ring. America had just emerged from the turbulent 1960s and the nation was divided. "Ali was still held in contempt by much of the country. He was viewed as a brash, draft-dodging, Muslim who embodied the defiance and spirit of both the anti-war movement and the radical chic. Frazier - who read the Bible and liked to sing - was held up as the conscientious, blue-collar champion." It was an all-out showdown night to remember.

That showdown reminds me of where our world is today. These are turbulent times. In one corner stands the U.S.A. with over a trillion dollar deficit, excessive credit card spending, home foreclosures, job loss, loss of healthcare, mismanagement of retirement plans and a lot of finger pointing. Many in the world see these decaying tangibles as representative of true happiness and success. Across the ring in the opposite corner sits its opponent who patiently waits for his time in the ring. He's esteemed as a lowly lamb who willingly takes on the challenge of defeating His enemy. His way of teaching is so opposite of worldly views and perspectives. He tells of living an abundant life that is not founded in things, possessions, or status. But in order to understand this you have to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God. 2 Peter 1:3 tells us that we grow in our knowledge of God through His power and that in His divine power we have everything we need for life and moreover godliness.



Ali talked a lot and told the world what they wanted to hear, brash tones, a lot of hype and a sense of superiority. However it was Joe Frazier, the Bible reader who liked to sing, that walked away victorious. Let us set our eyes on things above where true happiness really lies.

In His Love and Grace,  
Mamie Johnson  
Spiritual Director

## **Unsettle Me** ***Lysa TerKeurst***

The funny thing is I've spent my whole existence trying to find a place to settle down, people to settle down with, and a spirit about me worthy of all this settled downness. All of this is good. A contented heart, thankful for its blessings is a good way to settle.

But there are areas of my life that have also settled that mock my desires to be godly woman - compromises if you will. Attitudes that I've wrapped in the lie, "Well, that's just how I am. And if that's all the bad that's in me, I'm doing pretty good."

I dare you, dear soul of mine, to notice the stark evidence of a spirit that is tainted and a heart that must be placed under the microscope of God's Word. Yes, indeed, unsettle me Lord.

Unearth that remnant of unforgiveness.

Shake loose that justification for harshness.

Reveal that broken shard of pride.

Expose that tendency to distrust.

Unsettle me in the best kind of way. For when I allow Your touch to reach the deepest parts of me - dark and dingy and hidden away too long - suddenly, a fresh wind of life twists and twirls and dances through my soul.

I can delight in forgiveness and love more deeply.

I can discover my gentle responses and find softer ways for my words to land.

I can recognize the beauty of humility and crave the intimacy with God it unleashes.

I can rest assured though harsh winds blow, I will be held.

Goodbye to my remnants, my justifications, shards, and tendencies. This is not who I am, nor who I was created to be. Goodbye shallow love, sharp words, self-focus, and suspicious fears. I am an unsettled woman who no longer wishes to take part in your distractions or destructions.

Welcome deeper love, softer words, unleashed intimacy, and the certainty I am held.

Welcome my unsettled heart.

# 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*

## 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.

*De Colores, Chris Christoff, Worship 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: **Newsletter, Treasurer, Computer, Good Shepherd, and Women's Registrar**. In November, the Community will elect new members to fill these positions for a 3-year term. A summary of each position will be included in the upcoming newsletters. We ask that you prayerfully consider one of these positions, and if you feel called to serve, please contact Don Adams ([pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org](mailto:pastchairman@daytonemmaus.org)).

### Newsletter Chair Responsibilities


- Serve the Greater Dayton Emmaus community and the Board by developing, printing, and mailing the monthly newsletter
- Collect newsletter content for each issue (i.e. team/pilgrim rosters, other input from the Board and the community)
- Prepare electronic copy of newsletter for printing (and posting on the website), using desktop publishing software
- Select local printer to receive the prepared copy and have the newsletter printed in sufficient quantity to cover the mailing list
- Apply mailing labels (provided by the Computer Chair) and prepare newsletters for mailing in accordance with U.S. Post Office bulk mail procedures
- Ensure adequate funds are deposited in the bulk mail account to cover the monthly mailings

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Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.  
*John 14:1*



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- Download the Newsletter **FREE** online: [www.daytonemmaus.org](http://www.daytonemmaus.org)

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