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Chairman's Message -

While traveling a few weeks ago, I had the opportunity ... no, that's not quite right. I had the ...misfortune? Maybe. Anyway, I ended up spending an extra eight hours or so at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. Fortunately, I am generally pretty patient and I also didn't really have any plans at home that evening. Thinking about that time made me think about God's time and His timing.

Many times when we think about God's timing, we think about Him taking too long to do something. Maybe we're waiting for that job to come. Maybe a loved one's health is failing and we need God's healing to happen. Maybe it is for someone's salvation. In these times, we can remind ourselves that it is God's time and not ours. We can pray for patience as we wait. Perhaps you have been in a situation where you've had to wait for God. In my experience, it is always worth it. God has a way of setting things up so it all works out in the end. These times are usually, although not always, not as hard for me to deal with. As I said, I am generally pretty patient.

However, when God's timing is much faster than mine, I tend to have more trouble. I like to think things through, making sure all things are lined up. Carpe diem (seize the day)? Sure, if the day is next week. Once again, God's time may be different than ours. In these times, I need to remind myself that God is in control and that He knows what He's doing. One example of this is when my wife and I got together after twelve years apart. Within a number of months, we had reconnected, gotten engaged, and married. Believe me, that was NOT the speed I was prepared to go! Only by trusting God, accepting His plan, and simply hanging on was I able to move at that speed. I'm so thankful I did.

So, trust in God and be ready to move at His speed, no matter how fast or slow it might seem to you.

Living in His time,

Stephen Puderbaugh, Greater Dayton Emmaus Chairman

HOW TO FIND US!

Greater Dayton Emmaus
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex-Bell Rd
Centerville OH 45459
www.daytonemmaus.org

2010 EMMAUS WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:

Men's Walk #49 - Jan 21-24, 2010
Women's Walk # 80- Feb 18-21, 2010
Women's Walk #82 - Sep 23-26, 2010

Held at Christ UMC

Women's Walk # 81 - July 29-Aug 4,
2010
Men's Walk # 50 - August 19-22, 2010

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: August 9, 2010 / 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: August 9, 2010 / 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*

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 Gathering in Room 214 at Normandy Church and will resume on February 8, 2010. 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

YOUR SUPPORT is the success to a Walk Weekend! No one person determines success, it requires many "hands and feet" displaying God's love. Every Walk Weekend we always run short of people to setup, carry luggage and break down the required areas. Please sign up to show your love and support to the Emmaus Community:

- Wednesday 5:30pm (setup)
- Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)
- Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown)
- Sunday 4:00pm (conference room teardown)



Look for more details on the website and sign-up sheets at the upcoming Gatherings. Please contact me if you have questions about serving on the Housing Team.

De Colores, Lex, Housing Chair

AGAPE CHAIR



Community members - if you are visiting the Agape room during Walk weekends, **please do NOT move items around!** Consult with someone who is designated to work the Agape room if you have questions or problems. If you leave agape items for pilgrims or team members, be sure to specify the full name of the recipient and when you would like the items to be delivered (for example, "Friday night bedtime" or "Saturday lunch" or "Sunday packet").

August is Men's Walk #50, and we will need agape for these pilgrims! Any and all agape gifts are gratefully accepted.

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) 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

Are You "Over-churched"?

Have you heard this expression yet? It appears to be the rage in church circles these days. Everybody is talking about it, looking out for it, and warning against it. But, what does it mean? I was curious and tried to get a good working definition. Most people said, "You know... it means over-churched!" Thanks!

I did find someone who helped me a little bit. She said, "Let me explain it this way. You can tell you are 'over-churched' if you can say 'yes' to two or more of the following..."

- Spend more time attending church meetings than you spend with your spouse and kids
- Have ever slept at the church. (Emmaus weekends don't count!)
- Feel the church couldn't survive without your wisdom and leadership
- Have church business cards
- Always keep a pre-packed suitcase and tools in your car's trunk ready for the next mission trip
- Have your pastor's cell phone on speed dial
- Have a key to the church on your key chain
- Have ever wondered why others in the church don't work as hard as you do
- Dream about Robert's Rules of Order
- Have ever gotten frustrated with how your church is being "run" and switched churches

Well? Are you "over-churched"? If you are, don't worry! The cure is at hand. Let's look to Jesus and listen.

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

In our love and gratitude for Jesus it's all too easy for us to become Marthas and forget about spending time sitting at Jesus' feet just like Mary did that day. Jesus reminds us that the "one thing needed" is not for us to work our fannies off at church 24/7, but to reserve time to be with Jesus with eyes and ears wide open. Seeing. Listening, Learning. Growing. Remember how wonderful, enriching, and life-changing your Walk weekend was? Do you realize that you spent seventy two hours in Mary's shoes sitting at the feet of Jesus? Wasn't spending seventy two hours being "under-churched" a blast? No committee meetings, No votes. No minutes to write or accept. No plans to make or execute. No Robert's Rules of Order. No volunteers to recruit. No phone calls to make. No text messages, No clocks.

Wasn't it wonderful?

Is it still? Or have you fallen back into being "over-churched" again?

The choice before us is not to decide whether we want to be Marys or Marthas. We need to be both. It's a question of balance. Remember that three-legged stool that was mentioned in many of the talks during your weekend? If any leg of a three-legged stool is a different length, you fall over when you try sitting on it. The same is true of our maturing spiritual life on our continuing walk with Jesus.

Remember what each leg represented? One was "Action". That's the Martha leg. The remaining two were "Piety" and "Study". Those are the Mary legs. Two Marys and one Martha. Sounds like a formula, a model, for us to live a healthy life in Christ.

Take a look at your calendar. Are you spending enough time at Jesus' feet, or you spending more time doing church chores? Are the three legs of your stool the same length?

Remember, you can be over-churched, but you can never be over-loved by our Lord and Savior!

DeColores! Pastor George Brewer

Pray for One Another

Men's Walk #50
August 19–22, 2010

PILGRIM LIST

Joe Bueno	Dayton
Andy Byers	Dayton
Jeff Centers	Miamisburg
Michael Collins	Kettering
Ken Cooper	Centerville
Rob Crawford	Miamisburg
David Danner	Kettering
Josh Davis	Dayton
Wayne Duhon	Dayton
Paul Evenden	Dayton
Brian Hester	Hillsboro, KY
Fred Hoffman	Centerville
Nick Hunter	Enon
Matthew Jessup	Oakwood
Jerry Kinder	Xenia
Robert Lamka	Xenia
Brent Lewis	Bellbrook
Paul Loschi	Englewood
Daniel Ormsby	Beavercreek
Sterlien Preter	Clayton
Ron Puterbaugh	Kettering
Tom Robinson	Springboro
Steve Rudisill	Springboro
Paul Sherman	Centerville
Dan Sullivan	Bellbrook
Thomas Venema	Dayton
Neil Wollpert	Kettering
Ray Zerhusen	Pleasant Hill

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Jeff Adams	TL	<i>Body of Christ</i>
Mark Brown	TL	<i>Life in Piety</i>
Robert Cannata	ATL	
Leroy Chambliss	ASDL	<i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
Chris Christoff	ATL	
Bill Clark	ATL	
Greg Crabtree	PS	
Mark Davis	ATL	
Grant Dunigan	ALD	<i>Grow Through Study</i>
Mark Flannery	TL	<i>Priesthood of All Believers</i>
Steve Hiatt	TL	
Steve Holmes	LOG	
Jason Palmer	ASD	<i>Justifying Grace</i>
Mamie Johnson	ASD	<i>Obstacles to Grace</i>
Kerry Kline	LD	<i>Perseverance</i>
Ron Kline	TL	<i>Christian Action</i>
David Matthews	ATL	
Tom McElfresh	PS	
Dean Miller	ATL	
Lance Moyer	AMD	
David Pappenfus	TL	<i>Changing Our World</i>
Wil Phipps	ALD	<i>Priority</i>
Bob Schneider	ALD	<i>Fourth Day</i>
Dave Scharff	TL	<i>Discipleship</i>
Dave Tackett	ASD	<i>Prevenient Grace</i>
James Taylor	ATL	
Mike Updike	LOG	
John Whitaker	SD	<i>Means of Grace</i>
Chris Wissinger	MD	
John Wissinger	LOG	
Brian Wood	BR	

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*

SHARE GROUPS

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community. If you are not currently in a share group or if you are looking to grow your share group, please sign up on line at www.daytonemmaus.org under share groups. Paper forms are also available at the book table at the Gatherings.

The next share group orientation and networking session will be August 9th at 6:15 in the small chapel.

KITCHEN CHAIR

For those unable to attend Gatherings, you can now sign up to help in the kitchen online, anytime. Just go to the Emmaus Home Page at www.daytonemmaus.org, click on the "Kitchen" tab, then click on the link to sign up and put in the time and day you want to serve. You should receive a confirmation within two days. Or for those not online, call me at 854-7583 and please leave a message with time and day, if no answer. Keep an eye out a week before the walks for a "help wanted" sign posted on the web page if we need more help.

WORSHIP CHAIR

I need helpers to clean up after Men's Walk # 50 on August 22nd and after Women's Walk #82 on September 26th. I need 2 or 3 people to help clean the sanctuary area and put the worship items away. Please arrive at the church by 6 p.m, or if you would like to go to closing, be there at 4:30.

De Colores, Linda Haller, Worship Chair

EMMAUS BOARD POSITIONS

If you are interested in serving on any of the board positions that will be open at the end of the year, please contact Chantele Dow, Past Chairman. She can be reached at gatherings or by email at cdow@woh.rr.com. The open positions are: Secretary, Worship, Agape, Normandy Representative/Book Chair and Documentation. Christ is counting on you!

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“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts; See if there is any offensive way in me; and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 149:23-24



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