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Chairman's Corner

Greetings. I am Neal Stout and I attended the Greater Dayton Men's Walk to Emmaus #37 and sat at the Table of Stephen. I have the great privilege of serving as the Community Lay Director / Board Chairman for 2012. For those who don't know me, I will be conducting the business part of the Gatherings this year, so please feel free to let me know of any questions or concerns that you have about the Community.

At this time of year, many people have made New Year's resolutions. This is a practice that I have never followed, but I have no problem if others want to do it. Many of these resolutions seem to be about stopping a bad practice, such as eating too much, not exercising enough, or spending too much money. My feeling has always been that if I see something in my life that is a bad practice, I should try to stop it right away, instead of waiting for some time like New Year's Day.

When I was trying to decide what I was going to write about in this article, it came to me that I was going to make a resolution, even though it was the middle of December. My resolution is that every day, as part of my morning devotions, I will resolve to stop doing anything that diminishes my relationship with Jesus Christ. I will ask God every day to point out anything that I am doing that is not in harmony with what He wants me to do, and to help me to stop doing that thing. I will also ask God every day to point out what I am not doing that He wants me to do, and help me to start doing those things. Instead of a New Year's resolution, I am going to be making New Day's resolutions, because we never know when today will be our last.

De Colores, Neal Stout

HOW TO FIND US!

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

2011 EMMAUS WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:
Men's Walk #51 - January 20-23
Women's Walk # 83- Feb 17-20
Women's Walk # 84- July 21-24
Men's Walk #52 - August 18-21
Women's Walk #85 - Sep 15-18

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: January 9, 2012/6:30

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: February 13, 2012 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. 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 \$5.

SHARE GROUPS

Share groups are the backbone of the Emmaus Community! There is a need to place a few ladies and gentlemen in share groups. If your share group is willing to consider new members, please contact me either through the web site at www.daytonemmaus.org under the drop down menu for the Board by phone 937-321-9011 or at the next Gathering. The next share group orientation and networking session will be at 6:15 just prior to the Gathering at Normandy Church, February 13. Sponsors, please bring your pilgrims to this session.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

Would you like to volunteer in a different way on Walk Weekends. Each team could always use volunteer LOGS to assist during the day. Please contact Neal Stout to volunteer.

FYI Beginning with the July Walk Pilgrim fees will be changed to \$85.00. This increase will compensate the rise in the cost of food and supplies to assure the Pilgrims are served as best possible. If you have any questions please contact Neal Stout at the Gatherings.

WILLING SERVANTS

Please remember to either update, or submit for the first time, your willing servant form. This is especially important for those of you who desire to serve on a live-in team (and hopefully, that is all of you!). The willing servant forms provide the basis for team candidate lists that are prayed over by the lay director for guidance from the Holy Spirit before forming the team. You can submit a willing servant form online at www.daytonemmaus.org, print a copy from the website and submit via the US mail service, or fill one out at Gathering. Please make sure your contact information is correct! If you have any questions about this process, please contact Brian Woods, Leadership Chair, at leadership@daytonemmaus.org.

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

Groundhog Day

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

Before anyone decides to correct me, I understand that the official recognition of Groundhog Day is February 2. I remember this day because it was the birthday of my very first boyfriend (we were in the second grade). Ok, that was a stab at humor but seriously, I was reading an article in the January 2012 issue of Family Circle and there was a comment about how depressing it was that they could easily write their New Year's resolution for 2012 because all they had to do was change the heading of the resolutions they'd made in January 2011. In the movie "Groundhog Day", which was released in 1993, actor Bill Murray plays a weatherman who finds himself living the same day over and over again until he gets it right. In reliving his life, he concludes that he's immortal and as such, no matter what behavior or patterns he engages in, he will get to do it over again. Unfortunately for many, that is exactly what New Year's has become, Groundhog Day. We are constantly repeating patterns and behaviors that do not honor our God. What is also unfortunate is that unlike the character Bill Murray who considers himself immortal, we are not. We live in mortal bodies subject to an expiration date. I've not seen any scripture that says, "just in case you don't complete the work I've called you to do, you'll get to do it over again".

The Apostle Paul knew all too well the work which he had been called to do. In the 20th chapter of Acts he was well aware that there were things that awaited him that would be unpleasant at best, but it meant more to him to "*finish*" his course mind you "*with joy*" than the unpleasantness of not completing his course at all. The key word here is "*finish*"

There are times when we're too apathetic in our walk with Christ and unfortunately those are the times when we easily take His grace for granted. Yes He forgives us and restores us but why not be purposeful in achieving the goals that He's set for you? There's work to be done and we need to get it completed. We don't seem to have a problem with letting ourselves down yet did you know when we let ourselves down we're also letting God down? So, what resolution has God given you year after year that remain incomplete? God has given you work to do and He wants you to "*finish*" your course "*with joy*"!

Make this a year of purpose. Be deliberate in your efforts with tenacity and joy and you'll be more than able to get the work done! May God bless you richly in 2012 and may He forever keep you in His care.

Mamie Johnson
Spiritual Director

Pray for One Another

Men's Walk

January 19-22, 2012

PILGRIM LIST

Matt Baker
 Nathan Bowersock
 Tom A. Burrowes
 Donald Chisholm
 Kevin Desch
 Tom Fillers
 Karl Gilreath
 Daniel Gassett
 Anthony Gressell
 David Guinaugh
 Brett Henry
 Ron Herre
 Kevin Hughes
 Raymond J. Jackinowski
 Harold Jewett
 James Jones
 Ed Lenos
 Brad Lewis
 Mitchell Long
 Greg Love
 Donald McConnell
 Ryan Mouser
 Stephen L. Nichols
 Gary Paynter
 Damon A. Price
 Christian Prince
 Mike Roop
 Anthony Sharp
 Ryan Speakes
 Chadz Woods
 Calvin F. Woolums

Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

Men, would you like to help? Let us know if you could be a volunteer LOG

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Andrew Addy	TL	Discipleship
Gary Bobst	ATL	
Tom Burrowes	ATL	
Robert Cannata	TL	Body of Christ
Keith Crabtree	BR	
Bud Dean	ALD	Grow Through Study
Mark Flannery	TL	Christian Action
Virgil Gallagher	LD	Perseverance
Dick Hawley	ATL	
Jeff Hinkley	LOG	
Jason Hoang	ATL	
Kerry Kline	LOG	
Ron Kline	LOG	
Doug Lolling	TL	Life in Piety
Dick Kooser	PS	
Monty Mabry	ATL	
David Matthews	LOG	
Dean Miller	TL	Changing Our World
Jeff Null	AMD	
David Pappenfus	MD	
Doug Pudderbaugh	ALD	Priority
Dave Scharff	ALD2	4th Day
Ray Tope	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Steve Uphouse	ATL	
Dean Wells	PS	

CLERGY

Palmer Jason	SD	Means of Grace
Mammie Johnson	ASD	Justifying Grace
Dave Tackett	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Thom Venema	ASDL	Obstacles to Grace
John Whitaker	ASD	Prevenient Grace

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 REMEMBER, Starting with the July Walk Pilgrim fees will become \$85.00 . As the cost of food and supplies increases, this fee increase will make certain our Pilgrims will be served abundantly.

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*

MUSIC

Dear Community, Kandle Lights will be for sale before Candle Light for \$5.00 each. These make a great gift for a Pilgrim. ALSO, if you have your own Kandle Light please bring it with you as we have a very limited number of loaner Kandles. If you are interested in providing music for a gathering or playing for Candle Light or closing, please contact the worship chairs, Linda Haller or Tim Macy.

WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

Invitations to Women's Walk #86, February 16-19, have been mailed to pilgrims. Sponsors, please encourage your pilgrim to return her RSVP card immediately to secure her spot or release a spot for another pilgrim! If your pilgrim has not received an invitation from me, please notify me immediately at womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org, or call 937-681-3361.. Pam Shively, Women's Registrar

MEN'S REGISTRAR

To the Greater Dayton Emmaus Community, we need to ask God to lead us to invite His adopted sons to be on a Walk for this next year. For the year 2012 we need 60 men. That does not seem like very many. Let's be more proactive, have higher expectations, and ask God to lead us to the men that God wants on His 72 hour Walk to Emmaus. Yours in Christ, Coley Logan, GDMW# 32 Table of John.

HOUSING

Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming Women's Walk in the following areas:

Wednesday 5:30pm (set up)

Thursday 5:30pm (luggage)

Sunday 7:00am (sleeping area teardown) 4:00pm (conference room tear down)

Look for more details on the website. Please contact the Dennis Leach if you have questions about serving on Housing Team

AGAPE NEEDS

We are still looking for one or two more share groups to join in the making of the halos for the women's walks. We are covered for the February walk, but need volunteers for the remainder of the year.

There is a share group that would like donations of old ties to use for agape on the men's walks. There will be a collection box in the narthex at the January Gathering for any donations. If you need more information, please contact Trudi Gilchrist at tgilx@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your support in making our pilgrims feel Christ's love through our agape! Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chair

KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED


Men's Walk #53 weekend is just around the corner—and we can use all the help we can get in the kitchen. Next is Women's Walk #86 in February. NO COOKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!! Just show up at the designated serving time and the kitchen manager will assist you. Sign-up sheets will be at the next Gathering or you can sign up on line. So come, help out, and get a taste of that "spirit" that you experienced during your Walk! DeColores, Steve Uphouse, Kitchen Chair

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Christ who
gives me
strength.



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