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Chairman's Corner

Being There

"I was there yesterday. The trouble is to stay there after you get there..."
Brig. Gen. Ambrose Wright, CSA, Gettysburg PA, July 2, 1863

General Wright was referring to his army's failed attack on Union forces during the second day of the battle at Gettysburg, and then his receiving orders for another attack on the Union forces coming across the same ground he previously held!

When I consider how often I have read or heard inspiring words from the scriptures, from one of my devotional readings or a sermon, and how I have promised to heed the sound advice offered, and have not done so, I recall how I was "there" (inspired) and then had a considerable struggle staying "there."

Praise be that we have a gracious and loving God Who will meet us "there," and stay "there" with us for as long as we can maintain that position or attitude. And if we are overcome and falter in our ability to stay "there," God's grace will sustain us until we find ourselves "there" again.

Perhaps being "there" and staying "there" are part and parcel of every Christian's inevitable journey. Just for this moment, recall your thoughts and emotions as you neared the end of your Walk to Emmaus...how many of us remained "there," or even could remain "there?" Oswald Chambers (*My Utmost For His Highest*) reminds us we do not appear to be designed to live only on "mountaintop experiences," but rather, are intended, by God's design, to live and work and have our being in the valleys of everyday life. Consider how often the scriptures depict Jesus in common, day-to-day aspects of life: at a wedding, at a barbeque on the seashore, and at others' homes. Jesus patiently and skillfully used these common settings to teach us profound truths, the "open the scriptures" type of experience so that we may finally see the light of the Father's grace and love.

Although I am far removed from being a prophet, it may be that in this life, if we do find ourselves "there" we soon begin to discern that we shall not remain "there."

So, here's a wee bit of an experiment, and yes, you can try this at home. The very next time you find yourself "there," rejoice and praise God for His gracious gift to you. Allow His thoughts to penetrate you and His Spirit to wash over you in successive waves. When the end of "there" ultimately occurs, praise Him, and walk as far as you are able in the grace and light He has shared with you. Then, rejoice in His wonderful light!

Unlike General Wright's soldiers, we understand we can return to "there" as often as we seek Him and we can seek Him as often as we desire.

May God bless you as you keep the faith.

DeColores,
Brian Wood, Community Lay Director

HOW TO FIND US!

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

2013 EMMAUS WALKS

Held at Normandy UMC:

February. 14 - 17 Women's Walk #89

September. 19 - 22 Women's Walk #91

Summer Walks Sulphur Grove UMC

July 11-14 - Women's Walk #90

August 15-18 - Men's Walk #56

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: February 11, 2013/6:30

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 11, 2013 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. The next session is January 14.

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. Verna Drake, Good Shepard

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 Keith Crabtree to volunteer. Pilgrim fees are now \$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 Brian Wood 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 Keith Crabtree, 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

Living God's Way from A-Z

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

Years ago and earlier in my faith walk I read books by author Warren Wendel Wiersbe. Warren is "an American pastor, Bible teacher, conference speaker and a prolific writer of Christian literature and theological works. Wiersbe is perhaps best known for his series of 50 books in the "BE" series: *Be Real, Be Rich, Be Obedient, Be Mature, Be Joyful*, etc. and other theological works." I was so encouraged by his spiritual insight and how his writings influenced me to examine my faith walk more closely.

My remembrance of Wiersbe's writings was brought back to mind as I took a look at the things I'd accomplished the previous year but moreover what I wanted to "be" (or accomplish) for 2013. Just like millions of individuals who make resolutions or set goals based on what they desire to "be" whether it is to be fit, to be financially stable, to be more diligent in reading the Bible, to be purposeful in attending church etc., my ultimate goal is to "be" obedient to Christ!

A-Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.	O-Open
B-Bolder	P-Pleasing
C-Confident	Q-Quiet
D-Deliberate	R-Resolute (in belief)
E-An Example	S-Silent (so you can hear God speak)
F-Faithful	T-Thankful
G-Godly	U-Unmovable
H-Holy	V-Victorious
I-Integrity (that you possess the character of Christ)	W-Willing (to go and do whatever He calls you to do)
J-Just	X-Don't be like the letter X (e.g. not found in the Lamb's book of life) - Revelation 20:15 declares, "If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." "The Book of Life is the set of names of those who will live with God forever in heaven. It is the roll of those who are saved."
K-Knowledgeable (read the word)	Y-Yielding (my will to His will)
L-Living Testimony	Z-Zealous (in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ)
M-Mature	
N-Non-wavering (let your yea be yea and your nay be nay)	

These are the transforming works that God can do and does in us by the power of His Holy Spirit. May you too "*be transformed by the renewing of your mind!*" *Mamie Johnson*, Spiritual Director

Pray for One Another

**Women's Walk
February 14-17, 2013**

PILGRIM LIST

Please keep these Pilgrims and team in your daily prayers.

Patty Applegate	Vandalia, OH
Kathryn Batdorf	Vandalia, OH
Brenda Benedict	Dayton, OH
Jacqueline Clark	Farmersville, OH
Brandy Gorham	Centerville, OH
Helen Hoke	Dayton, OH
Charlene Jeong	Xenia, OH
Genae Lamb	Beavercreek, OH
Mariah Lauber	Miamisburg, OH
Carolyn Lewis	Riverside, OH
Tammy Lewis	Troy, OH
Judith Lyons	Springfield, OH
Annie Morgan	Huber Heights, OH
Nancy Ortlieb	Piqua, OH
Pamela Rauch	Beavercreek, OH
Bev Riffle	Miamisburg, OH
Jenni Robillard	Kettering, OH
Lori Ryan	Fairborn, OH
Valerie Schaefer	Dayton, OH
Hope Bembower Sibson	Joliet ,IL
Nora Slye	Dayton, OH
Julie Smith	Germantown, OH
Brenda Spalding	Dayton, OH
Angie Stockton	Lebanon, OH
Helen Swihart	Dayton, OH
Erin McBride-Schmars	Momence IL
Nicole Tracey	Monroe, OH
Teresa Tucker	Tipp City, OH
Donna Willis	Dayton, OH

Ladies, would you like to help? Let us know if you could be a volunteer LOG for this walk. We could use your help.

TEAM ROSTER

Name	Position	Talk
Rita Anspach	TL	(BODY OF CHRIST)
Jennifer Bear	LOG	
Barb Burrowes	ATL	
Donna Conley	LOG	
Barbara Courtice	TL	(DISCIPLESHIP)
Julia Crowl	AMD	
Carol Dondero	LD	(PERSEVERANCE)
Verna Drake	BR	
Michelle Flannery	LOG	
Karen Hall	ALD2	(FOURTH DAY)
Denise Haws	TL	(CHANGING OUR WORLD)
Kathleen Hosner	MD	
Juanita Krisher	ATL	
Kathy Kruse	PS	
Sonya Lemmerbrock	TL	(LIFE IN PIETY)
Martha Logan	LOG2	
Robertta McMahan	TL	(PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS)
Michele Ruff	TL	(CHRISTIAN ACTION)
Gail Simpson	ALD	(GROW THROUGH STUDY)
Debbie Slife	ATL	
Cheri Spencer	PS	
Laura Trice	ATL	
Susan Updike	ALD	(PRIORITIES)
Kikeyia Young	ATL	
Rosemary Young	ATL	

CLERGY

Heth Corl	SD	Means of Grace
Andrew Wagner	ASD	Justifying Grace
Linda Dulin-Moore	ASDL	Sanctifying Grace
Fritz Merkes	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Victoria Smith	ASD	Prevenient Grace

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 REMEMBER, Pilgrim fees are \$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

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, Jean Jarusiewicz or Tim Macy.

WOMEN'S REGISTRAR

Another year of opportunities to grow in our walk with the Lord is upon us. The February walk at Normandy UMC is full. We are accepting applications for the July walk. A reminder: Sponsors, please, be sure the applications are COMPLETE with legible addresses. The \$20.00 registration fee is to be included with the application. We already have people anxious to join the July walk in our new location. Please send your completed applications to Women's Registrar, Greater Dayton Emmaus, P.O. Box 292224, Dayton, Ohio 45429. If you have questions, please contact, Pam DeHart at 937-318-8760 or womensregistrar@daytonemmaus.org. Pam DeHart, Women's Registrar

MEN'S REGISTRAR

"I'm excited about the opportunity God is going to give us to make this year a blessing to the applicant you are going to sponsor. I trust God, to reward us with the people that He wants to go on a walk this year. Thank you for being a sponsor!" God is doing his part so BE STILL, concentrate, slow down, and LISTEN to Him. He needs you to ask the one he is preparing for this journey. Then as soon as he says yes get me his application. Don't delay. Please make sure the application is legible. Like measure twice, cut once (it's a guy thing). One person typed the information. We serve an AWSOME God. De Colores, Coley Logan Men's Registrar.

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 Housing Chair

AGAPE NEEDS

A few reminders from the Agape room:

- Please put first and last name on all agape letters. This will help us make sure that all the letters get to the correct person.
- Sponsors, please make sure your pilgrims have at least 15 letters for the Sunday packet.
- Pilgrims are not to receive gifts. There should be nothing larger than a card for the Sunday packet for pilgrims or team members. Anything larger will be returned to the sponsor.

Please feel free to contribute agape to any walk,. If you contribute meal time agape, you will need to donate 57 pieces of identical items. If you would like to contribute bedtime agape for pilgrims only, 30 pieces are needed. Please mark your contribution accordingly. Halos for the women's walk in July are needed. Is there a share group willing to donate them?

Thanks and blessings, Trudi Gilchrist, Agape Chairperson

KITCHEN HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Women's Walk #89 will be here before you know it! Please volunteer to help in the kitchen and be Jesus' hands and feet to the pilgrims. Sign-up sheets will be laid out at the next Gathering or you can send an email to kitchen@daytonemmaus.org.

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Zephaniah 3:17

"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE.

HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU, HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE, HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU."



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