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For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. - Isaiah 57:15



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear DaySpring Emmaus Community,

As I sit here at my computer I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. In about 6 weeks Christmas will be here and we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. Many things have happened this year in the Emmaus Community. We have had five Emmaus Walks, two Praise Gatherings, three Follow-up Gatherings, a Community Picnic and an election of board officers not to mention the REC and Chrysalis.

The board has updated our website and our newsletter quality has improved. God has truly blessed this Community with gifted leaders on our board and each board member is talented and dedicated to serving our Lord Jesus Christ. While we have accomplished much in the past year we still have much to do. We will have five walks again in 2006 along with the praise gatherings and follow-up gatherings. Our community is thriving and we are honoring God with our service. While we are very excited about where we are and what is going on in our community, we must remember that these blessings are God given not man made.

In James 4:10 it says "Humble yourself before the Lord, and He will lift you up." Humbling ourselves means recognizing that our worth comes from God alone. To be humble involves working with His power according to His guidance, not with our own independent effort. Although we do not deserve God's favor, He reaches out to us in love and gives us worth and dignity despite our human shortcomings. My prayer for this community is that each of us, especially the leadership, will continue to humble ourselves before God and realize that without Him, we can do nothing.

May the Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you throughout this Holiday Season.

In Christian Love
John Hodges, President

SPONSOR UPDATE

The cost of everything seems to get higher each year and unfortunately, our community is not immune to the budget strain. The increased cost for camp rental, food, gasoline, supplies, etc. makes it necessary to implement a couple of changes. Therefore, starting January 1, 2006 the following changes will be implemented.

The cost for a Pilgrim to attend the Emmaus Walk will be increased to \$90 per person with a non-refundable \$40 deposit due with the application. We fully understand that unforeseen circumstances sometimes prevent a pilgrim from attending their scheduled Walk as planned. In the event that your pilgrim is unable to attend their Walk, the deposit will be applied towards a future Walk date.

Also, please be courteous to your fellow community members by contacting our Registrars, Jeff and Lou Ann Ganote, right away if your pilgrim cannot attend their Walk. An early cancellation may allow another pilgrim who is on the waiting list to attend in their place. The Ganote's can be reached at (812) 948-8610 or jganote@sbcglobal.com.

These changes are reflected on an updated sponsorship application, which can be obtained from any Board Member or by visiting the DaySpring Emmaus Community website at www.dayspringemmaus.org.

We trust that you understand the need for these changes since our community cannot afford to absorb the increased costs. We sincerely hope that they do not affect your decision to sponsor pilgrims on future Walks. We remain your fellow servants in Christ Jesus and look forward to seeing each you soon.

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The DaySpring Emmaus Community Board Members



THE JOY OF GIVING

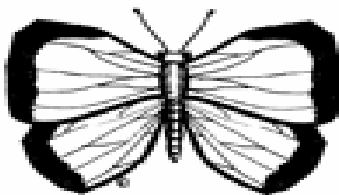
Somehow not only for Christmas
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER



2006 Calendar of Events

Dates	Event	Time	Location
February 3, 2006	"Praise Gathering"	7:30 PM	Wesley Chapel UMC 2212 State St., New Albany (812) 944-2570
April 7, 2006	Team Dedication: Walks #81 & 82 (Team & Community Invited)	7:30 PM	First Baptist Church 2402 E. SR 62, Jeffersonville (812) 283-6136
April 20-24, 2006	Send-Off: Men's Walk #81	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
April 22, 2006	Candlelight: Men's Walk #81	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon
April 26, 2006	Set Up: Women's Walk #82	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
April 27-30, 2006	Send Off: Women's Walk #82	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
April 29, 2006	Candlelight: Women's Walk #82	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon
May 12, 2006	Pilgrim/Team Follow Up (Walk #81/82) Community Gathering	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Unity Chapel UMC 1770 Lost Creek Rd., Ramsey, IN (812) 347-1329
<i>June 17, 2006</i>	Community Picnic	4:00-7:00 PM	Camp Cedar Brook, Lanesville, IN
<i>July 13-16, 2006</i>	Women's Walk #83	7:00 PM	<i>Wooded Glen, Henryville, IN</i>
July 15, 2006	Candlelight: Women's Walk #83	7:30 p.m.	Henryville Community Church Hwy 31, Henryville, IN (812) 294-4417
August 25, 2006	Team Dedication: Walks #84 & 85	7:30 PM	Northside Christian Church 4407 Charlestown Rd., New Albany (812) 945-8704
Sept. 7-10, 2006	Send Off: Men's Walk #84	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
Sept. 9, 2006	Candlelight: Men's Walk #84	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon
Sept. 13, 2006	Set Up: Women's Walk #85	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
Sept. 14-18, 2006	Send Off: Women's Walk #85	7:00 PM	O'Bannon "Wyandotte Woods" Forestry
Sept. 16, 2006	Candlelight: Women's Walk #85	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon
October 6, 2006	Pilgrim/Team Follow Up: Walks #84/85 Community Gathering	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Georgetown Christian Church Hwy 64, Georgetown - (812) 951-2126
November 3, 2006	Community Gathering	7:30 PM	Covenant Life Church 2326 Charlestown-NA Pike Jeffersonville - (812) 282-9227



2006 YAC & TEEN CHRYSALIS

January 6-8, 2006	YAC
January 14-16, 2006	Teen Chrysalis
January 23, 2006	Chrysalis Hoot Gathering
June 23-25, 2006	Teen Chrysalis

REUNION GROUPS

Last Updated 11/11/05

CORYDON AREA

For Him Reunion Group

(mixed group)

Time: 7 p.m. – 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Place: First Capital Christian Church

Contact: John & Trish Hodges

Phone: (812) 738-7163

(812) 738-8808

God's Guys

(men only)

Time: 7 Thursdays

Place: Old Capital UMC

Contact: Randy West

Phone: 812-738-4082

Pfrimmer's Chapel

(mixed group)

Time: 6 p.m. – 3rd Sundays

Place: Pfrimmer's Chapel UMC

Contact: Cecil & Dwana Trobaugh

Phone: 812-738-3962

Sonshiners

(women only)

Time: 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Place: Corydon Elem. Art Room

Contact: Sharon Timberlake

Phone: 812-952-2020

Women's Reunion Group

(women only)

Time: 7 a.m. Wednesdays

Place: Cracker Barrel, Corydon

Contact: Eunice Wiseman

Phone: 812-738-4283

ELIZABETH AREA

Southside Reunion Group

(mixed group)

Time: 7 p.m. – 4th Saturdays

Place: The Lighthouse UMC

Elizabeth, Indiana

Contact: Rev. Roy Ice

Phone: (812) 969-2463

NEW ALBANY AREA

The Breakfast Club

(men only)

Time: 8 a.m. Saturdays

Place: Floyd Memorial Hosp. Café

Contact: Daryll Walters

Phone: 812-944-7514

In His Time

(women only)

Time: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Place: Depauw UMC

Contact: Sherry Gardner

Phone: 812-945-5321

New Albany Men's

(men only)

Time: 7:00 a.m. Tuesdays

Place: Wesley Chapel UMC

Contact: Stu Newbanks

Phone: 812-945-3739

On Eagle's Wings

(mixed group)

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Place: Location varies

Contact: Terry Todd

Phone: 812-948-8578

Side-By-Side

(mixed group)

Time: 5:30 p.m. 2nd / 4th Sunday

Place: Location varies

Contact: Lana Wright

Phone: 812-923-5557



NEW ALBANY AREA (cont.)

Share & Care

(women only)

Time: 4:15 p.m. Mondays

Place: Trinity UMC, UTL Room

Contact: Nancy Hottell

Phone: 812-944-0883

The Emmaus Reunion Group

(mixed group)

Time: 6:00 p.m. Mondays

Place: Silver Street WMC

Contact: Barbara & Smitty Smith

Phone: 812-246-9279

NEW SALISBURY AREA

New Salisbury UMC

(mixed group)

Time: 7:00 p.m. 3rd Friday

Place: New Salisbury UMC

Contact: Gary Loy

Phone: 812-366-4139

RAMSEY AREA

Unity Chapel

(mixed group)

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Sundays

Place: Unity Chapel Choir Room

Contact: Debbie Barr

Phone: 812-347-2678

SELLERSBURG AREA

Rainbow Connection

(mixed group)

Time: 6:00 p.m. Thursdays

Place: Sellersburg UMC

Contact: Don Broady

Phone: 812-948-9726

I WAS WRONG

For almost ten years, I have been erroneously blaming sponsors for not taking their sponsorship responsibilities seriously. How could a pilgrims' sponsor;

- Not make sure that their pilgrim had a meal prior to arriving at the Walk on Thursday night.
- Not stay for Sponsor's Hour to pray for their pilgrim at the beginning of their Walk.
- Bring beautiful and expensive gifts to be given to their pilgrim during the Walk.
- Not ensure that their pilgrim has enough letters from their friends and family.
- Not be there at closing, leaving them to find their own way home.
- Not bring them to the follow-up and/or provide support to them during their Fourth Days.

I am sorry to say that I have personally witnessed all of these occurrences and I am sure that some of you have witnessed others. All this time, I have found fault with the sponsor, judging them, for not caring and nurturing their pilgrim.

What can we, as a Community, do better? We can, train our sponsors to be nurturing, supportive and involved in the pilgrim's walk before, during, and after. Community training can be provided to promote the responsibilities of the sponsors to their pilgrims and to assist the pilgrims in their Fourth Days. One of the most powerful gifts that you could pass on to your pilgrim is the ability to be a good sponsor. A sponsor, who in turn, will be blessed by inviting a new pilgrim that will be able to reach out and feel the love of the risen Christ in their 72 hour walk on the seven mile journey to Emmaus.

Further, it has also been noted that many pilgrims require counsel prior to their experience on the Walk. This is not something that has just begun to take place, but has been ongoing, probably since the second walk took place in Peoria, IL.

I know and understand that we want to fan the flame of the love of Christ Jesus. We are "on fire" for the Lord and want all of our family and friends to receive this awesome blessing. However, if we follow the guidelines of the Emmaus Movement, we will invite folks that have received Christ Jesus in their hearts and are willing to become leaders of their church. In those 72 hours, the five ministers on each Walk are not always able to provide the therapy or counseling to the extent needed for some of the pilgrims. As sponsors, we must determine if our pilgrim is ready for the Walk to Emmaus. The Walk is not to provide therapy for the pilgrim or to bring them to Christ Jesus, but to promote and build leadership for those who are prepared to "step up" into these roles in their churches.

I have finally come to the understanding of a hero of my youth, Pogo; "We have met the enemy and they are us." When we sponsor a pilgrim, do we realize all of the work, nurturing, time, and attention we needed to devote to our pilgrim and their family?

If you feel you or your church would benefit from learning more about the Emmaus Movement and sponsorship responsibilities, I would be humbled to arrange for myself or a team from the Emmaus Board to have an informational meeting in your home church.

Your Brother In Christ Jesus,

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