

## President's Letter

Well, the summer has come and gone, and we have spent a couple more wonderful weekends in the woods. It is this time of year that I remember how blessed we are to live in this beautiful part of the world. We get to enjoy all four seasons to their fullest each year and further see and experience the miracles of our creator first-hand.

And as we are preparing for Thanksgiving, I am so thankful for all the miracles in my life, and I am blessed to be surrounded and supported by such a loving family from my wife and kids to my church family to my extended DaySpring family. I can't begin to thank all of you that have touched my life. It is an honor to serve on this board of directors, but even more an honor to be a part of such a loving community of believers.

Once again I get the privilege to welcome the newest members of our community from the fall walks, #89 and #90. It is apparent based on the "God-incident" stories I have heard from pilgrims and team members, as well as the testimonies and commitments that we heard at the closings that once again the Lord was moving in "the Woods" of southern Indiana.

I want to thank you, the DaySpring community, for your "yes" to God's calling to "feed his sheep." I thank God for each of your commitments to serve each other, pray for each other and love each other in all that you do everyday. As we each strive to be the leaders that He has called us to be and that these Emmaus Walks can teach us to be, I pray that we all remember that none of it would be possible without God's commitment to us. We are nothing without his guidance and grace. My prayer is that I am always focused on Him and humble in my service, my prayers and my commitments.

In closing, we have openings for pilgrims for this spring's walks; be in prayer for who we may find to sponsor. Both walks will be at Wooded Glen, so this will include our first men's walk at this location. It may seem early (although it never is too early), but please be in prayer for these spring walks. Please be in prayer for the Lay Directors of these walks, Mike May and Sheila Ehalt, as they are being led to put their teams together and prepare for these walks. Pray for these team members. Pray for the sponsors that already know their pilgrims, and for the ones that may not yet. Pray for those that are on the pilgrims list and for those that don't know yet that they will be on the list. Pray for your families, for each other, for this southern Indiana community, for your church, for our local leaders, our world leaders and of course pray for yourself that you will be used in a mighty and intentional way.

God bless each of you,  
In His service,  
Adam Palmer, President  
DaySpring Emmaus Community of Southern Indiana



# Calendar of Events 2008

Date	Event	Time	Location
2/1/08	"Praise Gathering"	7:30 PM	Wesley Chapel 2212 State St. New Albany, IN
4/6/08 Sunday	Walks #91 & #92 Team Dedication Community Invited	3:00 – 6:00 PM	First Capital Christian Corydon, IN
<b>4/17/08 – 4/20/08 – Men's Walk #91</b>			
4/17/08	Send Off	7:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
4/19/08	Candlelight	7:30 PM	Restoration Christian Church Sellersburg, IN (812.246.2776)
4/20/08	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
4/23/08	Set Up for Walk #92	7:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
<b>4/24/08 – 4/27/08 – Women's Walk #92</b>			
4/24/08	Send Off	7:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
4/26/08	Candlelight	7:30 PM	Restoration Christian Church Sellersburg, IN (812.246.2776)
4/27/08	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
5/9/08	Follow Up – Walks #91 & #92 (Team & Pilgrims) Community Gathering	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Southern Hills Church Salem, IN (812.883.1637)
6/21/08	Community Picnic	4:00 – 7:00 PM	Lyles Park Old Hwy. 56, Salem, IN
7/6/08 Sunday	Walk #93 Team Dedication Community Invited	3:00 – 6:00 PM	First Baptist 2402 E. SR 62, Jeffersonville (812.283.6136)
<b>7/10/08 – 7/13/08 – Women's Walk #93</b>			
7/10/08	Send Off	7:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
7/12/08	Candlelight	7:30 PM	Restoration Christian Church Sellersburg, IN (812.246.2776)
7/13/08	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	Wooded Glenn, Henryville, IN
8/1/08	Follow Up – Walk #93 (Team & Pilgrims) Community Gathering	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Edwardsville UMC Edwardsville, IN
8/24/08 Sunday	Walks #94 & #95 Team Dedication Community Invited	3:00 – 6:00 PM	Northside Christian Church 4407 Charlestown Rd. New Albany, IN (812.945.8704)
<b>9/11/08 – 9/14/08 – Men's Walk #94</b>			
9/11/08	Send Off	7:00 PM	O'Bannon Woods, Corydon, IN
9/13/08	Candlelight	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon, IN (812.738.4736)
9/14/08	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	O'Bannon Woods, Corydon, IN
9/17/08	Set Up for Walk #95	7:00 PM	O'Bannon Woods, Corydon, IN
<b>9/18/08 – 9/21/08 – Women's Walk #95</b>			
9/18/08	Send Off	7:00 PM	O'Bannon Woods, Corydon, IN
9/20/08	Candlelight	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC, Corydon, IN (812.738.4736)
9/21/08	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM	O'Bannon Woods, Corydon, IN
10/4/08 Saturday	Follow Up – Walks #94 & #95 (Team & Pilgrims) Special Community Gathering	4:30 – 8:30 PM	Georgetown Christian Shelter House & Family Life Center

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## Read All About It!

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### **Candlelight Reminders:**

- Please remember to wear your nametags
- It has been suggested that the Community wear white shirts – this magnifies the impact of the candlelight experience for the pilgrims!

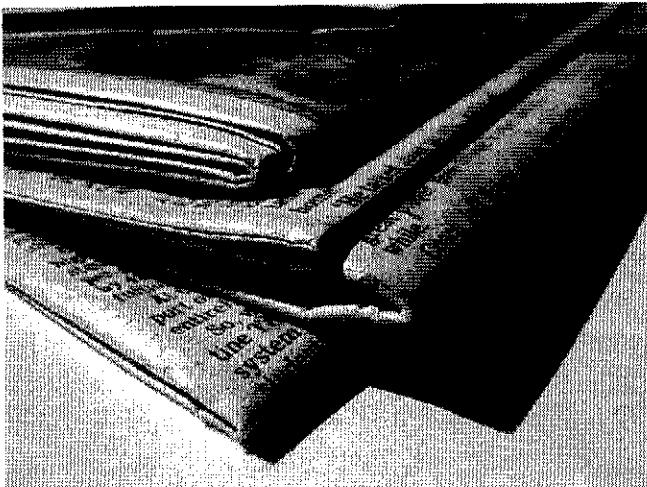
### **[www.DaySpringEmmaus.org](http://www.DaySpringEmmaus.org)**

**Be sure to check out our website for important information about the following:**

- Reunion Group meeting times and locations
- Service Sheets
  - Future Lay Directors refer to these when selecting their teams
  - If you haven't filled one out within the last year, please go online to download a sheet so that we have your most recent information
- Chrysalis – be thinking of young people who would enjoy this exciting weekend! Applications can be found on the website.
  - Young Adult Chrysalis (YAC) (ages 19-24) – 1/4/08 – 1/6/08
  - Cornerstone Chrysalis (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders) – 1/19/08 – 1/21/08

### **Did you know...**

The DaySpring Emmaus Community celebrates communion using a method called Intinction. That means that when you come for communion, you break off a piece of the bread and then dip it into the chalice of juice before eating it.



**THE LIGHT**

# ARE YOU PLANNING TO SPONSOR A PILGRIM?

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING TIPS:

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## Why do we sponsor?

- To bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life & vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, & community.

## Whom do we sponsor?

- Active Christians & members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, & vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake.

## How do we sponsor?

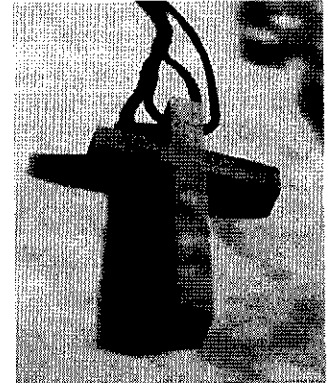
- Pray
- Share the Emmaus Experience with prospective pilgrims
- If married, speak with both partners & encourage an equal commitment
- Complete & mail Walk to Emmaus application ([www.DaySpringEmmaus.org](http://www.DaySpringEmmaus.org))

## Sponsors' responsibilities to their Pilgrims:

- Continue to pray
- Answer their questions completely & honestly – Don't worry about "ruining it"
- Make sure they know what to take with them for the weekend
- Make sure they have eaten before Send-Off on Thursday
- Collect agape letters prior to Walk
- Assure them that you will look after their family & needs – Follow Through
- Attend Send-Off, Sponsors' Hour (immediately after Send-Off), Saturday night services, & Sunday Closing services
- Final payment paid timely (2-3 weeks prior to Walk)
- Continue to pray

## Sponsors' responsibilities after the Walk:

- Bring Pilgrim to Follow-Up
- Help Pilgrim find a reunion group
- Inform Pilgrim of ways to serve the Community & future Walks
- Helps Pilgrim sponsor others



☀ No cameras or children at Candlelight or Closing. Please honor this for the pilgrims who may miss their own children.

☀ Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church.

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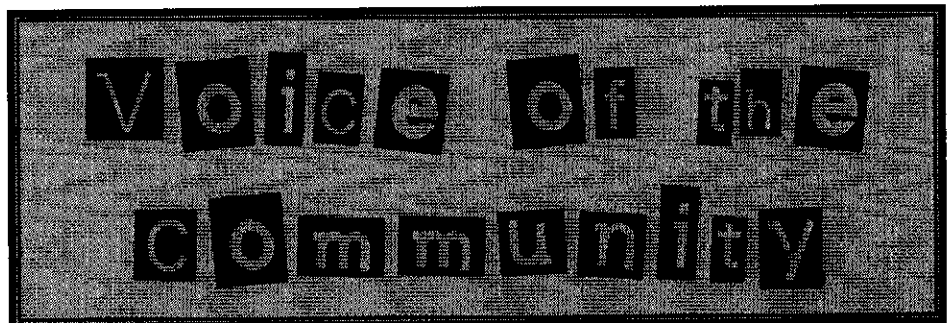
In the last issue of The Light, we asked you to share the most meaningful Agape you have experienced while on an Emmaus Walk...

"One evening while at work I got a call from my husband to inform me of a call he had gotten from the pharmacy. I had left my keys at the pharmacy. After leaving work at 11pm I stopped by to pick up my keys. The person on duty was not informed of the incident. She became very frustrated and irritable when she had to search for my keys. I felt the sting of her frustration. I showed her my extra set of keys. They were on a key ring, as my misplaced keys were, that had a red heart with JESUS LOVES YOU inscribed on it. These were table agape I had received. She looked at JESUS LOVES YOU, and her countenance changed immediately. She soon located the keys, and we were both happy. Yes, there is power in the name of JESUS!"

- Tressie Johnson  
Walk #30

"On Women's Walk #88, I had two items of agape that meant the most to me. The first was that my husband, pilgrim from Walk #3, served breakfast. It meant a lot to me that he would drive over an hour to come and serve us on his day off from work and church duties. The second was seeing friends that drove over 2 hours to come and see me at Candlelight. It really meant a lot to me to think that they would sacrifice 4 hours (plus the time at Candlelight) just to support me on my Walk!"

- Tracy Martin  
Walk #88



From follow-up questionnaires:

"God seemed closest to me on my Walk during Dying Moments and the Candlelight. I feel I finally surrendered things that have been hurting me all of my life. I finally feel free!"

- Diane Terrell, Walk #88

"One way I am renewing my commitment to Jesus is by joining with my husband and working together at our church. We are going to head the project Operation Christmas Child for our first step together and from here, heaven only knows!"

- Nancy Riley, Walk #90

"A change others have noticed about me since my Walk is my freshness and the ability to notice the needs of others and not to be bothered by things of 'the world.'"

- David Riley, Walk #89

"The biggest change I noticed in myself after my Walk was a huge weight lifted from my heart and forgiveness of myself and others."

- Rosie Rosenbarger, Walk #88

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