

EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Men’s Walk #81 Oct. 11-14, 2007

Please remember to keep these brothers in Christ in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared and their eyes would be opened to the Lord to work in and through them. Please log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for a complete list of pilgrims for the upcoming Walk.

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SPONSORS...

Remember 4th Day Books are available for purchase (\$5) at Sponsor’s Hour. They are a great gift for a Pilgrim’s 4th Day!

Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

Men

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 513-841-1645

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Jill Sloneker
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 Maineville, OH 45039
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FROM THE COMMUNITY WORSHIP DIRECTOR—

As a musician, it may surprise you to know that I believe that worship has very little to do with music.



Nehemiah writes, “Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you” (Nehemiah 9).

Nehemiah is telling us that we were created to worship God. Worship is our calling as children of God. Worship is not about music; rather, it is a spiritual discipline. Worship involves a daily relationship with Jesus Christ, prayer, study, service, praise and commitment. Worship is the way in which we walk with our Savior and acknowledge with gratitude His goodness toward us.

Early in our marriage, my wife, Crysta, and I found ourselves in a situation in which we were living in two different states. Throughout the week, we spent time thinking about each other, writing letters to one another and talking on the phone. All week long, I looked forward to seeing my bride. And, when the weekend came, it didn’t matter whether we met in our living room, in a restaurant or in the grocery store—I was just happy to see her.

I wonder whether corporate worship can be like that. When we have spent the entire week walking with God, we can’t help but anticipate the opportunity to worship God corporately. When worship is a daily part of our lives (not just weekly), our focus in corporate worship is on Jesus Christ and not on anything else.

As a worship leader, I am passionate about reminding folks that worship is not merely singing songs about God when we get together as a body of believers. No, worship is an attitude of gratitude, and corporate worship is a special opportunity to reflect on our walk with Christ. As you enter a corporate worship setting, ask yourself whether you are entering corporate worship for the right reasons and in the right spirit. If you find yourself focused on the clothes the musicians are wearing, or the songs that have been selected, or the talents of the musicians or the volume of the music, ask yourself whether you have come to worship God or if you have merely come to listen to some music.

I must admit that I am the chief offender when it comes to being distracted, especially when I lead worship. There are so many logistics that can take your eyes off of the purpose of worship. However, I invite you to join me in going back to the throne of grace where you and I will be reminded why we come together to worship God corporately. It isn’t about the music at all!

God bless,
Tracy Fletcher

If you would like to be on the Emmaus *email* list to be notified of Gatherings, Walks, Candlelights, Community News, etc, please send an email to **EmmausNews@fuse.net** and request to be added to the list.

It will NOT be used for anything other than Emmaus notifications.

Childcare for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events is available!. It is arranged through the HPCUMC child care staff.



The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Spots must be reserved at least 24 hours before the event.

For reservations, please contact Howard Sloneker at 513-313-0275 or Howard@dmlive.com.

You will need to provide your name, phone number, name and date of the event you need child care for along with the name and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERDS—

We are attempting to compile a list of share groups that are willing to accept new members. If that is you, please send the following information to: Rongoenssystems@fuse.net or rlg134@one.net.

Contact Name
Telephone
What part of town you meet
Meeting time
Mens/Womens Share Group

DeColores, Ron & Donna Goens

New Pilgrim Costs in 2008

The cost for a pilgrim to attend the spirit-filled three-day Walk to Emmaus experience will be \$100, effective 1/1/08. A \$25 deposit (non-refundable) needs to accompany the pilgrim registration form, and the remaining \$75 paid at Thursday night registration. This is due to ongoing food and supply cost increases. There has not been an increase in over ten years. The pilgrim fee is still less than many other communities. The Emmaus board will make all attempts in being good stewards in keeping the cost for pilgrims reasonable. Donations to the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community for scholarships are graciously accepted.

From the Community Spiritual Director —

Hello Emmaus Friends,

I hope your summer was filled with family fun, vacation, or splashing around in a pool on those 90 degree days. I hope even more you get reconnected to Christ, your church, and the Emmaus community.

In one of my devotional readings this past month, I was struck by familiar passages and stories that spoke to being “lost and found.” The text is Luke 15: 1-10. Take time to read it right now.

The first story Jesus asks the question about leaving the ninety-nine sheep behind and going after the one that is lost until it’s found. The other is about a widow who lost her ten silver coins and searches frantically until they are found. And both of these “lost and found” stories end with great rejoicing and celebration. Then Luke 15: 11-32 is about the prodigal son returning home....”lost and then found”.....and another celebration party!



My first inclination is to think about these stories in terms of repentance. The scripture even suggests that there was rejoicing because of repentance over one sinner returning home. Repentance certainly does mean to “turn back.”

We in our faith journey have all sinned and “fallen short of the glory of God.” We’ve experienced God’s amazing grace in that “we were once lost, but now found.” That’s good news.....let’s celebrate!

On further reflection, it’s easy to think of the lost only as those in dire trouble or deep in sin or those who do not know God, but a part of every person is “lost.” God sees the ‘smallest lost parts’ within each of us and seeks to return us to wholeness. Matter of fact, God is even present and meets us in those places we are lost in life.

Where are you lost? Think about it! Are you lost in loneliness? Lost in a relationship? Lost in busyness? Lost in a career or vocation? Lost in ailing health or the normal aging process? Lost in church work.....and the lost list goes on and on.

During dying moments in Emmaus....I think folks realize they are “lost” somewhere. Sometimes we are not living in sin and in need of repentance. In many cases, we are just lost in life situations and need God to find us, to embrace us, to give us hope, to open our eyes, to heal our hurts, and to help us feel loved by God, and by others. That’s good news....let’s celebrate!

Every time we gather at the communion table there are parts and pieces of our lives that are lost at some level. I do not always come to the communion table repenting and confessing. I come to the communion table inviting God to find those places where I’m lost. I always go away feeling or being made more whole. Do you experience that?

So, I invite you to think about where you’re lost. Gather with me and the Emmaus community at the communion table and rejoice because we were “once lost, but found.” It’s amazing grace! Emmaus is a great place of celebration with God and others!

DeColores,
Dave Weaver
Spiritual Director

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For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log on at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #81 Oct. 11-14, 2007

- Candlelight 10/13, 8:30 p.m.
- Closing 10/14, 4:30 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.

2007 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #97: Nov. 8-11

2008 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #82: Jan. 10-13

Women's Walk #98: Feb. 7-10

Men's Walk #83: May 15-18

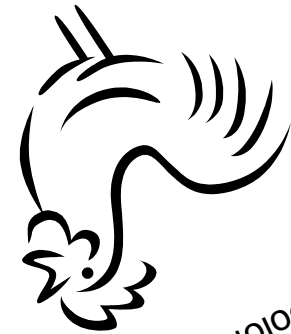
Women's Walk #99: June 19-22

Men's Walk #84: Oct. 16-19

Women's Walk #100: Nov. 13-16

Please make childcare arrangements before attending Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services.

Christ is Counting On You!



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