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Emmaus Community News

Women's Walk #89 FEBRUARY 17-20, 2005

Below are the names of the team and pilgrims for the next Walk. Please remember to keep these people in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared for the Lord to work in and through them. (List as of 1-24-05)

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him..." Luke 24:31 NIV

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Spiritual Director's Message

Hello Emmaus Friends,

As I write this month's Emmaus newsletter I'm living in as the spiritual director of January's Men's Walk # 73. I can never sleep very well that first night and was up early Friday morning in silence. As I woke up, I remembered this newsletter was due and some thoughts came to my mind.

Do you remember the video "In Remembrance" you watch on Thursday night? I've seen that video I don't know how many times and can almost repeat some of the one liners that show the humanness of the disciples or followers of Christ. There are times this group of men get at each other, see things differently, and even wonder why they leave their comforts to follow Jesus.

We are human too just like those early disciples. Each of us as disciples get frustrated, want our opinion or perspective to carry more weight, and at times want to throw in the towel. In our churches today we also find disharmony or discord. Yet it amazes me that if we embrace our diversity and our differences, and become more tolerant and non-judgmental, we have Christian fellowship when we remain seated at the table together. The church (as imperfect as it is) is an example of Christian love and fellowship.

I realized also as the men shared their "new best friend" in introductions that our common faith in Christ is what really matters the most. All of these men are like the disciples in the video wondering why am I here on an Emmaus weekend? What in the world have I been searching or seeking that has brought me to this place? Do I really trust the friendship of my sponsor that invited me? There is no greater joy than to have Christian friends who love and care for us unconditionally and are willing to sacrifice.

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one that this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you

friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

(John 15: 9-17 NIV)

It's my hunch this weekend that these men will see the love of this community through all the background support like: prayer chapel, food servers, chapel set up and clean up, sponsors, and other examples of servant hearts. Let us continue through acts of love in Emmaus, our churches, and our communities serve out of love for our neighbor. Let's extend this table of grace'"In Remembrance" of Christ's love and example of "laying down his life." May your joy be complete in friendships that are faithful to Christ's command: Love each other!

In Christ's Love, Dave Weaver

PS. I'm off to chapel now to serve Holy Communion to some new friends with joy in my heart!

HELP WANTED!

After many years of humble service, our Webmaster, Alan Greber, has decided to move into some new areas of service. He has asked us to find someone to take on this duty for the Emmaus Community. Alan has served us well, and we will miss him. He has stated that he will continue to help us in this area until the board can find a replacement. If any one in the community feels that they have the tools to serve in this role, please let Bill Schmidt, or anyone on the board know of your desire to apply for this board position.

If you would like to be on the Emmaus *email* list to be notified of Gatherings, Walks, Candlelights, etc, please send an email to Bill Lindenschmidt at BillLindy@fuse.net and request to be added to the list. This list will NOT be used for anything other than Emmaus notifications.

Thoughts from your Lay Director

I guess that it never really dawned on me that this "Thoughts from your Lay Director", thing was supposed to be every time that the newsletter was sent out. So again I find myself in the position of trying to put something on paper from my Winnie the Pooh type brain.

More than anything else, the Emmaus Community never ceases to amaze me. Most of us know what it is like to experience The Walk to Emmaus, but in the past month since I was selected to lead our community this year, I am now beginning to see how we must truly "act as one body, though many parts." This all started with one little phone message asking about Lanyards. My initial thought was, yeah, o.k. don't they just show up with crosses attached and names on labels? Well guess what! They do not;

our anonymous servants make them and bring them. I am still not sure how. Then I get this e-mail about 4th day packet inserts. Then I get job board signups about serving meals, praying, set-up, clean-up, bringing stuff, agape..... You get the picture! Questions about whose job is it to....? All of a sudden it hits me, this is way more than I can handle!

In a short time I have gone from Mr. "I know all about Emmaus" to Mr. "Just what were you thinking?" If anyone of you thinks that your job is not as important as someone else's, remember your Walk and try and imagine it with out any one little piece.

Our community is all about just that; COMMUNITY. We are One

Body, but we have so many, many parts.

At last month's gathering, we talked about simple gifts. This month let us begin to reflect on simple love, the kind of love that we call Agape. A word, an act of kindness, a way of serving that says, I Love You. I can't always personally speak with each of you who make up this Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, but I want to let you know that I stand in awe of your willingness to give and show Simple Love!

I thank God for each and every one of you,

Love, Bill Schmidt

You Can Help Us Save Money

In trying to keep newsletter costs down, we will soon offer the newsletter electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter (or at least notification of its availability on the webpage) via email, please contact Lori Markovic @ 528-0217 or by email: Lmarkovic?@goodnews.net.

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Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #89 February 17-20, 2005

Candlelight 2/19, 8:30, Sanctuary
Closing 2/20, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, February 5, 2005 Board Meeting: Tues, February 8, 7:00 Gathering: Saturday, March 5, 2005 Board Meeting: Tues, March 8, 7:00

2005 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #74: May 19-22, 2005 Women's Walk #90: June 16-19, 2005 Men's Walk #75: October 20-23, 2005 Women's Walk #91: November 17-20, 2005

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