

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community News

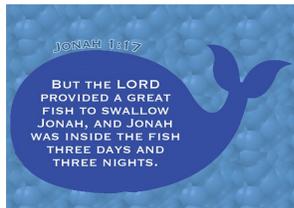
"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them."
Luke 24:15

A Word From Our Spiritual Director



October 2014

What is God calling you to do? This is a question that most of us wrestle with at one time or other in our spiritual journey. I am reminded of two Old Testament prophets, Amos and Jonah, and their answer to their own callings. Jonah, a prophet, was called by God to go to Nineveh to prophesy to the inhabitants for their "great



wickedness" and for the need of repentance. Jonah answers God's call by running away. After days

of trial on board a ship, Jonah realized that he needed to heed his call. You know the rest of the story. Amos, a shepherd, was called to go to Judah and admonish the Israelites for turning their backs on God and worshipping other earthly gods. Amos was

reluctant because he felt unworthy of carrying the message of God to Israel, but he was faithful and did what God asked of him.

Are we Amos or are we Jonah?

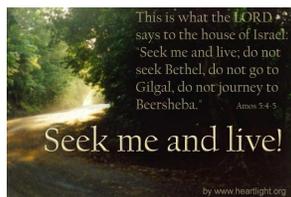
As members of the Emmaus community, God calls us to bring the message of God to our world. Do we run away or do we say yes even though we may feel

unworthy? We can answer yes in many ways. As we approach the walks in October and November, we all need to be

in prayer as to how God can use us in ministry to the pilgrims that we are blessed to serve.

Don't be a Jonah!

Rod Fightmaster,
Community Spiritual
Director



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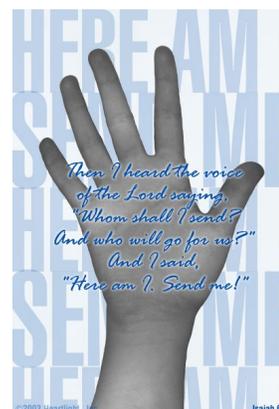
We Need YOU for Men's Walk #95!

As this edition of the newsletter is put to bed (a publishing term meaning finalized and ready to print), a check of the job boards revealed that only 76 of the 206 slots on the job boards and 42 of 73 slots on the prayer boards have been filled. Could you search your heart - and your calendar or wallet - to see if you could be the one God is nudging to come through for the men of Walk #95?

As most of you know, it takes many more people than the team members to provide to the pilgrims the blessings God intends for them. If you would like to help make Men's Walk #95 "the best Walk ever," just visit the website at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org, then click on either (or both)

the "Job Boards" or "Prayer Boards" link on the left side of the home page. Find the slot(s) you are called to fill by clicking on "Sign up now!" and filling in the requested information. Don't worry that it will then show "Pending." You are signed up!

Go to the web site now!
Remember: Christ is counting on YOU!



Men's Walk #95

October 16-19, 2014

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.

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Rob Cordes	Amelia UMC	Gil Maple
Xavier Cortez	First Baptist Church of Glen Este	Matt Ferguson
Michael Dodds	Global Wineskins Ministries	Sterling Hawks
Brian Findley	Owensville UMC	Diana Willey
Josh Findley	Owensville UMC	Diana Willey
Nathan Foley	First Baptist Church of Glen Este	Matt Ferguson
Rick Greene	Springdale Church of the Nazarene	Linda St Myers
George Hart	Christ Community Church	Elvalee Gillming
Jeff Hastings	Epiphany UMC	Ben Reigle
Ron Hickman	Christ Community Church	Guy Bainum
Charles Hill	Owensville UMC	Debbie Nickell
Wayne Johnson	Crossroads	Ron Schilling
Dan Ladrikan	Owensville UMC	Debbie Nickell
Joe McNamara	Good Shepherd Lutheran	Dave Hauser
Kenny Morgan	Church by the Chesapeake	Kim Ireton
Billy Morrison	Faith Church	Jeff Markovic
Chris Nickell	Owensville UMC	Debbie Nickell
Carl Ray	Montgomery Community	Chuck Peckham
Tim Vehr	Mt. Healthy UMC	Jonathan Kollmann
Jermaine Way	New Prospect Baptist Church	Annise Anderson
Michael Wilkin	Williamsburg UMC	Guy Bainum
Jeremy Ziegler	Fairfield West Baptist	Jay Picagli
Edward Zeh	Milford First UMC	David Tennant

This list is accurate as of the date of publication to the website. Log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for any updates between publication and the start date of the Walk. Please note that one name has been left off this list at the pilgrim's request.



TEAM ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	TALK
Paul Wykoff	LD	Perseverance
Bob Clo	SD	Means of Grace
Don Fruechtemeyer	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Dick Lehman	ASD	Justifying Grace
Damon Lynch	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
David Tennant	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Brian Pickens	BR	
Steve Ferguson	ALD	Priority
David Heflin	ALD	Fourth Day
Ennes Ireton	ALD	Body of Christ
Tom Ballentine	TL	Christian Action
Andy Goodpastor	TL	Changing Our World
Marvin Jones	TL	Life of Piety
Chris Kollman	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Joe Kollman	TL	Discipleship
Kevin McKee	TL	Grow Through Study
Tom Clore	ATL	
Steve Gellenbeck	ATL	
Lee Kresser	ATL	
Bret Linne	ATL	
Chris Swofford	ATL	
Larry Verdier	ATL	
Jeff Markovic	Music	
Ben Reigle	Music	
Michael Jordan	Log	
Tom Koch	Log	
Les Sper	Log	
John Ireton	PS	
Bill Knorr	PS	



From Our Community Lay Director



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful... Familiar words, we pray this prayer every time we come together as a community. I must admit when I first heard this prayer I was perplexed by it. Was it proper to pray to the Holy Spirit? After all didn't Jesus pray to God the Father? And besides all that, what *exactly* were we praying for? So in my quest to find the answers to these questions, one day I just sat with this prayer and contemplated and tried to satisfy my own curiosity. These were my thoughts that day:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful... who are the faithful? Can I be counted among the group of faithful? Most days I'm faithful, I think. So I must be asking the Holy Spirit to fill my heart. But wait—isn't the Holy Spirit already in my heart – yes he certainly is so why am I asking Him to fill my heart. Oh! Now I get it, just because the Holy Spirit is *in* my heart does NOT mean that I allow Him to *fill* it. Sometimes I have the tendency to keep Him locked away in a little room of my heart but do not allow Him full access! So okay, Come Holy Spirit fill my heart, take control of it.

And kindle in us the fire of your love... Ok, Lord, I understand this, if I allow the Holy Spirit to truly fill my heart He will kindle in me the fire of Your love. Were not the disciples hearts “burning within them” on the road to Emmaus that day? I want to feel this burning within my heart everyday, so YES, Lord kindle in ME this fire!!

send forth your Spirit and we shall be created... Ok, this is starting to make sense now! If I allow the Holy Spirit full access to my heart then I will feel the fire of Your love burning within me and I will be created anew – “So if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the old has passed away and all things become new”!

and you shall renew the face of the earth... Now I really get it. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” And the earth will become new!

Oh God, who by the light of your Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise... According to Proverbs, true wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord, so yes, Lord, please make me wise.

Yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, I think I finally understand; now this is my Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill *MY* heart and kindle in *ME* the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and *I* will be a new creation and *YOU* can renew the face of the earth through *ME*. Oh God, who by the light of your Holy Spirit instruct *MY* heart and grant that by the same Holy Spirit, *I* may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations, through Christ *MY* Lord, Amen.

De Colores!

Ev Gillming, Community Lay Director

AGAPE  **AGAPE**  **AGAPE**

HELP WANTED: MAKERS AND SHARERS OF TABLE AGAPE FOR MEN'S WALK #95

Come on, agape makers, let's show these men our unconditional love of agape and overflow their tables with your small tokens of L-O-V-E. It seems the men's walks do not get as much as the women so please, please let's get busy and show them our unconditional agape love.

If you need ideas, just Google “101 Agape Ideas” and you will get links to other Emmaus communities that have shared some of their creativity. Or, you can contact our Agape chairperson, Linda St. Myers, at 513-874-0514 or lstmymers@cinci.rr.com. And remember that agape is meant to be anonymous. Please do not include individual names on the items. Group names are okay (e.g., ABC Share Group or XYZ Circle).



Linda is also compiling a list of those who make agape, so if you could let her know what you made and brought to a walk, she would greatly appreciate it.

 You can find us on Facebook! Look for us under Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community and Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis. It's a great way to get the latest news and stay in touch with your community!

Outreach Is Reaching Out

The Outreach team would love to spread the gift of Emmaus with the local church community. The team is seeking invitations from area pastors to come and share with their congregations what The Walk to Emmaus is about. One of the stated purposes of the Walk to Emmaus is "to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders." We need YOU to help us connect with your pastors so that we can do just that. Please contact Annise Anderson and/or Chris Khwaja (telephone numbers on page 6) if your pastor would be willing to learn more about the walk and the partnership between The Walk to Emmaus and the local church.

Blessings,
Team AC4JC
Annise and Chris



CHILD CARE

Childcare is available for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events. The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Make reservations at least 48 hours before the event.

Cancellations must be made no less than 24 hours before the event. For reservations, contact Rebecca Homan at 513-979-8193 or by email at rhoman@hpcumc.org.

You will need to provide your name, phone number, and the name and date of the event for which you need child care. You will also need to provide the names and ages of your children.

Payment is due at the time of the event.

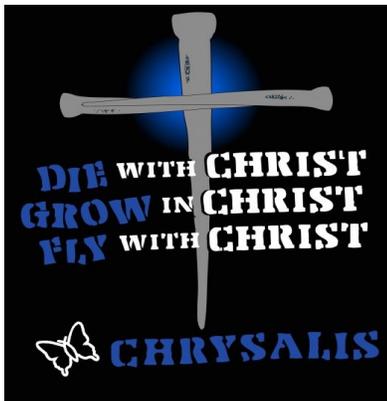
Hey Sponsors! It's Never Too Early!

The dates for the next men's and women's walks for 2015 are listed on page 6. Next year seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it.

If you are praying about inviting someone to attend a Walk, now is the time to plant the seed. Don't wait until just a few weeks before the Walk date to issue the invitation. Many prospective pilgrims need time to prepare and to coordinate such things as time off work, childcare, appointments, and so forth. They don't need to feel locked in simply because they submit an application early and pay the \$25 deposit. If something comes up, we can hold the deposit for a future Walk.



Chrysalis News and Notes



"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship. Get more info at www.cincinnati.chrysalis.org.

2015 FLIGHTS

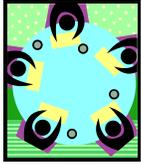
- Young Women's #46, Jan 17-19, 2015
 - Young Men's #43, Feb 14-16, 2015
 - Young Women's #47, June 26-28, 2015
 - Young Men's #44, July 24-26, 2015
- Milford First United Methodist Church
541 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150

Give a young person the gift of "flying with Christ" on a Chrysalis flight. Be a sponsor!

And Just a Few Friendly Reminders.....



We are still accepting donations of new or gently used books for the agape book table. Bring them to any gathering or candlelight or contact Linda St. Myers at lstmyers@cinci.rr.com or 513-874-0514 to make other pick up or drop off arrangements.



If you have never served on a weekend live-in team or if it's been a while and you want to serve in this capacity, submit an application. Just go to our website, http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf, print the application and send it in as indicated at the bottom of the form.



Sponsor training will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, and Thursday, December 4, before the monthly Gathering. Training is scheduled to be conducted in the parlor of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, but is subject to change. Signs will be posted if the location changes.



We always need crafty people to volunteer to make lanyards for the crosses presented to our newest pilgrims. If you would be able to contribute in this meaningful way, please contact either Sharon Wright at 513-404-0456 or Linda St. Myers at 513-874-0514.



Community volunteers for Friday breakfast and Friday lunch are asked to park on the side streets surrounding the church. The church's preschool is in session on Fridays during Walk weekends, and the church has asked that we leave the parking lot for parents and school staff. The lot will continue to be available for parking during Candlelight and Closing.



2014 Board of Directors <i>Worshipfully Working Together</i>		
Position	Name	Phone
Agape	Linda St. Myers	513-874-0514
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Outreach	Chris Khwaja	513-304-8201 cell
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Women's Registrar	Linda Evans	513-680-5455
Women's Registrar	Lisa Linne	513-289-6706
Worship	Todd Whitman	513-439-4394
Worship	Kimberly Heileman	513-349-4612
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2014-2015 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #95, Oct 16-19, 2014
 Women's Walk #113, Nov 13-16, 2014
 Men's Walk # 96, Feb 19-22, 2015
 Women's Walk #114, Mar 19-22, 2015
 Women's Walk #115, Aug 13-16, 2015

 Candlelight, October 18, 8:30pm

Closing, October 19, 4:00pm

Board Meeting, Monday, November 3, 6:30pm

Gathering, Thursday, November 6, 7:30pm

 All Emmaus events take place at

Hyde Park Community UMC

1345 Grace Avenue

Cincinnati, OH

 Sponsor training before Gatherings—6:30 in the parlor

 Please make childcare arrangements before attending
 Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for
 children to be present at these services. See page 4 for
 details on using our coordinated childcare.

Christ is Counting On You!



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