

# Emmaus Community News

## Men's Walk #73

*"Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men."*  
Matthew 4:19

### A New Year's Prayer

*Dear Lord, please give me -  
A few friends who understand me and yet  
remain my friends;  
A work to do which has real value, without  
which the world would feel the poorer;  
A mind unafraid to travel, even though  
the trail be not blazed;  
An understanding heart;  
A sense of humor;  
Time for quiet, silent meditation;  
A feeling of the presence of God;  
And the patience to wait for the coming of  
these things,  
with the wisdom to know them when they  
come.*

-- W.R. Hunt

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#### TEAM ROSTER:

- Rev. George Brown ..... Obstacles to Grace
- Rev. Jim Clark, ASD ..... Sanctifying Grace
- Rev. Jill Crosswell ..... Justifying Grace
- Mike Day, TL ..... Christian Action
- Peter DeHaan, ATL
- Jamey Duke, TL ..... Priesthood of All Believers
  
- Greg Foster, ATL
- Bob Gerding, ATL
- Rev. Brian King ..... Prevenient Grace
- Bill Knorr, TL .... Growth Through Study
- Glenn Larson, Bd. Rep.
- Walt Lowe, LD ..... Perseverance
- Ed Merritt, ALD ..... Fourth Day
- Paul Neagle, ATL
- Rick Nelson, TL ... Changing Our World
- Doug Newman, ATL
- Dustin Nimmo, Music
- Phil Partridge, TL ..... Body of Christ
- Doug Rachford, ALD ..... Discipleship
- Doug Roush, ALD ..... Priorities
- John Smith, Music
- Rev. Dave Weaver, SD Means of Grace
- Ralph Ziegler, TL ..... Life of Piety

**The pilgrim list for Men's Walk #73 was not available at press time. Please check the website prior to the walk.**

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**SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day books are available for purchase (\$5). They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's Fourth Day!**

Gathering Spotlight  
Saturday, January 8 • 7:30

# Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Beloved in Christ,

We have an exciting New Year before us with new opportunities to be involved in our Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community.

By now you have heard about the changes of various team roles and community roles so more and more folks can participate in our powerful weekend walks. Each walk still needs a team of over 250 willing individuals to make it successful (and the best weekend ever!) There is the "live in" team, and the rest of the team is made up of all of us helping behind the scenes, the hands and feet of Christ.

You know the scripture about the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) and how important each part is to the whole. Well, the same is true for making a walk "happen" and for the community to be healthy and strong. So, we need YOU active in our community of faith.

Start by coming to a Gathering with our new format to promote meeting new Emmaus friends and deepening older friendships. We want you to enjoy an evening of praise and worship and to have the opportunity to sign up on the job boards so you can participate as part of the team. Since we no longer have "LOGS" (but one more ALD) we need more folks to help carry out the mission. Gatherings are the first Saturday evening of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 at the Erie Building. Mark your calendar now for the entire year.

Come to Candlelight on the Saturday evening of a walk at 8:30 in the Erie Building sanctuary. Its format is the same. Closings are still at 4:30 on Sundays. Meet downstairs and quietly wait for the signal to surprise our pilgrims.

## OTHER TID BITS

- ◆ Prayer Servants are still very much a part of the weekend in a fresh new way. Instead of only two prayer servants as live-in team members, we will now have a prayer chapel on the lower level open to anyone from the community to come and pray for as short or as long as you would like from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. There will be a couple of folks each weekend to help co-ordinate the process. AND we still have the 72 hour prayer vigil. Talk about prayer cover!!!
- ◆ The walk remains the same; replete with clowns who continue to spread God's love through actions while toning down the "hugginess" (is that a word?).

- ◆ Pilgrims will get 12 letters in their packets on Sunday. Sponsors will give additional agape to the pilgrim on the way home. Soooo, Sponsors MUST come to a training session to learn the new ins and outs of sponsorship. Training is offered at 6:30 p.m. until 7:25 before any Gathering.

Community members will notice we are having less recognition of ourselves during the weekend with more emphasis on anonymous giving. Meal servers will not be recognized by name nor will our names be on table or bedtime AGAPE. It's ok to say "Thurs. Share Group" or a church group name, but again, the walk is not about us, but rather GOD's gift of AGAPE to the pilgrims, we are simply the conduit of His love. He knows who we are, and we know who we are.

We enter our Emmaus New Year with changes. I know change is confusing and rarely easy. So if you have ANY questions, please call a board member to understand why some of the changes were made. And please, Beloved of Christ, know we have more wonderful opportunities to be servants for our God, bringing people closer to the knowledge of Christ's love for them. What a way to start a New Year!!! I can't wait to serve with you!

Blessings in His Name,

*Stephanie Tunison*

Assistant Spiritual Director

## Traveling Hoots!!!!

Remember how special your Emmaus Walk was! Well, how would you have liked that very special weekend to have happened to you when you were a teenager? If your church is interested in getting your teen- and college-age kids to experience this wonderful weekend and would like having a traveling Hoot come to you, please contact Debbie Kidwell, Outreach Coordinator for the Chrysalis Board @ 513/754-0875.

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](mailto: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 want to first introduce myself to all of you. My name is Bill Schmidt, Greater Cincinnati Men's Walk to Emmaus #42, Table of Joseph [CLAP]. Now that the introductions are out of the way, let's talk. I have been attempting to write something wise, Christ-filled, loving, thankful, touching, witty and meaningful for about two hours now, and it's not happening.

O.K., go ahead, check out the current list of pilgrims (Oops! You'll have to check the website later), see who is on the team, see who the new board members are, check for any important news, see what is happening with Chrysalis and for goodness sake, please read the Spiritual Director's Message!

After you have done all of those things you can come back to this section. I'll wait...

Oh, you're back! Well let's continue:

I am not trying to minimize the previous "Thoughts from your Lay Director" of years past, but I am trying to tell you that they could write good stuff, alas, I cannot. Let us keep this section very simple, I am truly honored and humbled to have been asked to be your community Lay Director for 2005. I want to thank the 2004 board of directors for all of their hard work, prayer and anonymous servanthood that the members have shown this past year. There is a maxim expressed in the Directors manual

that is given to the Emmaus team, but it certainly can apply to all of us in the Emmaus community. It has definitely applied to the 2004 board and it is my hope and prayer that it will guide our board for 2005:

*"Pray as if everything depended on Christ; work as if everything depended on you."*

I look forward to working for you during this next year. I want our Emmaus community to grow and prosper in love, grace and forgiveness. It is especially important that all of you remember those three gifts. I will need them.

Have a blessed New Year!  
*Bill Schmidt*

## Interested in Becoming a Sponsor?

The Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community is now offering SPONSOR TRAINING for everyone! Conveniently scheduled just prior to the Gatherings, Sponsor Training will provide complete information about the duties and responsibilities of the sponsor – including some of the newer information that everyone is talking about! Planning on serving as a sponsor within the next few months? You definitely won't want to miss this...interested in knowing what being a sponsor involves? Mark your calendar now so that you don't miss this!

## 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: [Lmarkovic7@goodnews.net](mailto:Lmarkovic7@goodnews.net).

Let us know about address and email changes, too!

**Remember:** Send in your newsletter subscription fee for 2005!!!



**Greater Cincinnati Walk To Emmaus**      **Application to Serve on a Weekend**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My Original Walk Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Walk #: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

I have NOT worked in an Emmaus Team before

Date of last team worked: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of teams worked: \_\_\_\_\_

I have served as (check all that apply):

Table Leader       Asst. Table Leader       Music

Background Support       Clergy       ALD

List talk(s) given: \_\_\_\_\_

List special talents (music, computer, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a reunion or accountability group?       Yes       No

Indicate Weekend Preferences. Place an X in the appropriate block(s).

Weekend	Dates	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	No Preference
Men's # 74	19-22 May '05				
Women's # 90	16-19 Jun '05				
Men's # 75	20-23 Oct '05				
Women's # 91	17-20 Nov '05				
Men's # 76	19-22 Jan '06				
Women's # 92	16-19 Feb '06				

Please send completed application to:  
Ms. Debbie Skidmore  
Emmaus Leadership Chair  
3665 Bootjack Corner  
Williamsburg, OH 45176

## 2005 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director .....	Dave Weaver .....	979-8184
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Candlelight .....	Dawn Bethart .....	755-1505
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Community Education Training ....	Candy Day .....	965-9114
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Social .....	Bob Evans .....	583-5052
Web Master .....	Alan Greber .....	563-1695
Worship .....	Carol DeGreg .....	598-6345

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

#### Men's Walk #73

**January 20-23, 2005**

- Candlelight 1/22, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 1/23, 4:30, Sanctuary

Board Meeting: Tues, January 4, 7:00  
 Gathering: Saturday, January 9, 2005  
 Gathering: Saturday, February 5, 2005  
 Board Meeting: Tues, February 8, 7:00

#### 2005 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #89: Feb. 17-20, 2005  
 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

**Please make childcare arrangements before attending candlelight and closings. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services.**

For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log in at [www.cincinnatiemmaus.org](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org)

Christ is Counting on You!



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