



L.O.V.E.

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus

Emmaus Community Newsletter

July 2003

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

Upcoming

Events:

July 22nd

at 7:00 p.m.

Next Community Gathering at The Maysville Church of the Nazarene
156 Maple Leaf Rd.

If possible, bring a snack to share.

Board of Directors Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Role Model Integrity

As I give you a list of several names, what is the first thought that comes to your mind? I have listed mine at the end of this article. Here are the names: Martha Stewart, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Sammy Sosa. These people have all been in the news recently and we may disagree with some of the choices or decisions they made. That brings us all to the word "Integrity" and how we see these people in the light of integrity.

Sammy Sosa is a role model to many young boys who dream of playing major league baseball. Even for the adults, Sammy is seen as a person of integrity, that is, until he broke the now famous "cork bat". In one swing of the bat, his whole baseball career was momentarily shattered with a broken cork bat. Now each time Sammy steps to the plate, somebody will wonder about the bat in his hands, especially if he hits a home run.

As we step to the "plate of life" each day, are there any cork bats that you may be trying to use? As Christians seeking to follow God, it is not worth the risk to use a cork bat that will put our integrity into question. Truth is one of the ways Jesus identified himself (I am the Way, the Truth, ...). Sincere use of the truth will not allow you to take such a risk, but why do some insist on using a cork bat? Enjoy the game of life and swing a real bat using "truth" from the Word of God.

(My thoughts on the list of people: Martha Stewart: prison cookies; Bill Clinton: rather not say; George W. Bush: Iraq War - right decision?; Sammy Sosa: Baseball Hall of Fame)

De Colores,
Charles Mallory
Community Spiritual Director

Change?? You can't be talking about me!!

Why are we so afraid of change? It seems most of us like to have everything stay the same so that we live in a very stable environment. We may complain about our lives being boring but as soon as something changes we think our world has come apart. This seems to apply most vividly in our churches. If someone sits in "our pew" or the choir changes the music we seem lost and our church experience is lessened because we are fretting about the loss of familiarity.

But isn't change what being a Christian is about? We should embrace change. Our redemption should be the greatest changing experience we can have as we are renewed in Christ. We should no longer fear change in our lives because we have the one and only solid anchor – God. As change swirls around us and blows our lives in different directions we should feel secure because we connected solidly to the safest port in any storm, whether it is changes in jobs, families, or in our church.

PS 107:28 - Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out of their distress.

PS 107:29 - He stilled the storm to a whisper;
the waves of the sea were hushed.

PS 107:30 - They were glad when it grew calm,
and he guided them to their desired haven.

The greatest cause of stress in our lives comes from trying to control or stop change. If we would only let God keep us safe and be our guide to our calm haven we might even be able to enjoy and appreciate the changes that are occurring.

Yes, there are changes coming and some of those changes might even be for the better!! De Colores,

Bob Bennington,
Community Lay Director

Pilgrims from Women's Walk #6

Rhonda Brandenburg	Christy Lukemire
Amy Bundy	Karen Schiltz
Karen Burton	Lucille Schumacher
Linda Cable	Rebecca Smith
Pat Coleman	Vernice Smith
Peggy Copley	Susan Wise
Donna Friend	Martha Workman
Brenda Frodge	Kathy Chisman
Teresa Gossard	Jocelyn Laber
Teresa Hayes	Betty White

*Please pray for all of these women that their
Fourth Days are filled with God's blessings.
Welcome to our community!*

Men's & Women's Walk dates for 2003 ...

Men's Walk #7 –
September 4th - 7th
Lay Director:
Roger Cheesbro

Women's Walk #7 –
October 2nd - 5th
Lay Director:
Stella Hull

**All walks will be held at
Ruggles Campground
near Tollesboro, KY.**

*If you have someone you
wish to sponsor or if you
have some sponsorship
questions, please contact
Jim Downing at 606-759-
7655 or via email at:
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Chrysalis...

Want your teenage son or daughter to have a chance to experience the same spiritual transformation that you did on your Emmaus Walk? Well, now they can through Chrysalis! Chrysalis is a three-day journey that mirrors Emmaus but is specifically designed to show God's agape love to today's youth. Chrysalis is a fast-paced, intense, and fun experience. However, it is also a very deep and soulful time of reflection. The purpose of the three days is to transform your teen's relationship with Christ by teaching them about what it means to be a disciple, and by revealing to them the awesome love that God has for them. So, if you want to see your son or daughters grow in their relationship with Christ, then Chrysalis is the place for them to go. Chrysalis is for youth ages 15-18. For more information, contact Debbie Shoemaker.

Southern Ohio Chrysalis:

Girls #13 July 12-14

Boys #13 July 19-21

www.southernohiochrysalis.com

Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis:

Girls #26 July 11-13

Boys #23 July 25-27

www.gcchrysalis.com

(Editors Note: Sorry this newsletter is out too late for announcement of the Girls flights. Please contact the Chrysalis coordinator to get future dates.)

God's Wings

A feature in National Geographic several years ago provided an interesting picture of God's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4)

Being loved this much will make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.

P.S. Don't soar faster than your Guardian Angel can fly.

Important Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Men's Walk Sept. 4-7.
Women's Walk Oct. 2-5. Candlelight service will be held on Saturday Sept. 6 and Oct. 4 at 8:00 pm and Closing Service on Sunday, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5 at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Please pray for the Men's and Women's teams, their training and the upcoming walks.

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God & the scientist . . .

God was sitting in heaven one day when a scientist said to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing - in other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting...show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man. "No, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

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