



Walk to Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

L.O.V. Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Easter Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

April

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering April 25
- Gathering May 23

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All future Community Gatherings will now be held at 7:00 p.m. at Washington United Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors:

4/25/06 at 5:45 pm
5/30/06 at 7:00 pm

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Jerusalem OBITUARIES 33 AD

Calvary

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

THAT'S GOD!

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for? THAT'S GOD! He speaks to you through the Holy Spirit

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to Talk to? THAT'S GOD! He wants you to speak to Him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them? THAT'S GOD! There's no such thing as coincidence.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford. THAT'S GOD. He knows the desires of your heart.

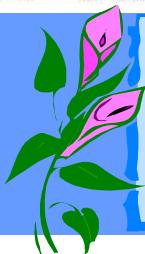
Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it? THAT'S GOD! He passes us through tribulation to see a brighter day.

Please pass this along and share the Power of God. In all that we do, we need to totally give HIM Thanks and our blessings will continue to multiply. NOW THAT'S GOD!!!!!!!

Don't tell GOD how Big your storm is. Tell the storm how Big your GOD is!

(Thanks to George Smith for sharing this piece!)

**If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.
In happy moments, praise God.
In difficult moments, seek God.
In quiet moments, worship God.
In painful moments, trust God
In every moment, thank God.**



Easter Greetings





Spring is here and we all know what that means, "spring cleaning". Since our Men's Walk #12 is just around the corner, Ruggles needs a little touch of tender, loving care to get ready for all of the men who will attend this Walk.

So, grab the mop, broom, dust pan, bucket, and cleaning supplies and join us Saturday, April 29 around 9:00 or Monday, May 1st from 5:00 – 7:00.

This would be a great time to invite your share group for a service project. Being God's servant always warms the heart and soul.

*Donnie & Walene Bennett
Volunteer Coordinators*

From the Community Lay Director

"What a wondrous time is Spring..." words from the song "Pass It On." Spring is a wondrous time. A time of rebirth and a time to focus on the gift of the Resurrection!

Early in my journey as a Christian I recall being focused on the wonder of Christmas, birthday of Jesus. As time has passed the wonder of Christmas is still there but I am AMAZED by the message of Easter, the resurrection of Christ! While the resurrection could not have occurred without Christmas I must remain focused on the fact that it is the resurrection that finished the work of Christ and provided salvation to all who believe.

As we approach Easter and the walk season of the LOVE community let us remember what the resurrection has meant for us. We have been called to show sacrificial love for our brothers and sisters. Remembering what Christ gave for us, ask how can I serve, how can I "Pass It On"?

*De Colores
Roger Cheesbro
Community Lay Director*



EMMAUS COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE!

Like everyone else, looking at someone else's green pastures, I eagerly agreed to switch positions with Donna Tavis on the Community Board. She had been Agape Chairperson and I thought it might be a cushy job. Well, well, well!

After recovering from the initial overload of looking at the list of agape community letter requests (over 100), I have received blessing after blessing reading the beautiful letters that have been created for the pilgrims this year. It was just like standing in awe on my own walk, looking at perhaps 20 letters from different communities. We could cover one wall at Ruggles Camp with what we receive via e-mail.

God is using all tools in today's fast paced world to show his love. We have received communications from Alaska to Texas, from Michigan to Mississippi, from Puget Sound to Florida, from Japan to Germany and many from Mexico. Isn't God amazing? Think of all the hearts that have been "strangely warmed" by God's touch just like yours. I feel comfortable in saying that there is a walk on every weekend in this world. Please include other communities in your prayers. We believe that the light of Christ will make a difference in this world.

*DeColores,
Colette McGinnis
Agape Chairperson
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Sponsorship: Our responsibility to our wonderful L.O.V.E. Community

Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of *The Walk to Emmaus*. Please do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through on the many responsibilities.

If you are new to sponsorship, we encourage you to study your Sponsorship Handbook (available at each monthly gathering) or talk it over with a friend in the Community who can help advise you. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Cyndi Frodge, or Roger Cheesbro. We still have many spots available for the upcoming Men's walk. Please take some time to prayerfully consider who you might offer this most special of gifts to!

*Remember, God Loves You!
Bro. George Smith—Sponsorship Chair
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THE STORY OF EDITH BURNS ... Happy Easter!

Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian who lived in San Antonio, Texas. She was the patient of a doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people. His favorite patient was Edith Burns.

One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her.

Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way: "Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

Dr. Phillips walked into that office and there he saw the head nurse, Beverly. Beverly had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, "My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Beverly said, "Why yes I do." Edith said, "Well, what do you believe about Easter?" Beverly said, "Well, it's all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up." Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Phillips said, "Beverly, don't call Edith into the office quite yet. I believe there is another delivery taking place in the waiting room. After being called back in the doctor's office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?"

Dr. Phillips said gently, "Edith, I'm the doctor and you're the patient." With a heavy heart he said, "Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you're not going to live very long." Edith said, "Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I'm going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!" Dr. Phillips thought to himself, "What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!"

Edith continued coming to Dr. Phillips. Christmas came and the office was closed through January 3rd. On the day the office opened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon, Edith called Dr. Phillips and said she would have to be moving her story to the hospital and said, "Will, I'm very near home, so would you make sure that they put women in here next to me in my room who need to know about Easter."

Well, they did just that and women began to come in and share that room with Edith. Many women were saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her Edith Easter; that is everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse. Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a "religious nut". She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She was the original G.I. Jane. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did every thing by the book.

One morning the two nurses who were to attend to Edith were sick. Edith had the flu and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her a shot. When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, "Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and

I have been praying for you." Phyllis Cross said, "Well, you can quit praying for me, it won't work. I'm not interested." Edith said, "Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family." Phyllis Cross said, "Then you will never die because that will never happen," and curtly walked out of the room.

Every day Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, "God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I'm praying for you." One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith's room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, "I'm so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day."

Phyllis Cross said, "Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, "Do you believe in Easter but you have never asked me." Edith said, "Phyllis, I wanted to many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked." Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Edith said, "Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?"

Phyllis Cross said, "Oh I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life. "Right there, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis Cross did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels. Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, "Do you know what day it is?" Phyllis Cross said, "Why Edith, it's Good Friday." Edith said, "Oh, no, for you every day is

Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!"

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she wanted to go up to see Edith and give her some Easter lilies and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith's room, Edith was in bed. That big black Bible was on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face. When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith's hand, she realized Edith was dead. Her left hand was on John 14: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall I be no more death nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Phyllis Cross took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down here cheeks, said, "Happy Easter, Edith - Happy Easter!" Phyllis Cross left Edith's body, walked out of the room, and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting. She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?"

If you believe in Easter, share this story. God works in wonderful ways, and to believe in his power is to truly be free.

(Thank you to Bren Frogde for sharing this story!)





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**Spring Walks
will soon be here!**

Walk #12

Men: May 4-7, 2006

Women: June 1-4, 2006

Walk #13

Men: September 7-10, 2006

Women: October 5-8, 2006

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