



Walk to Emmaus  
THE UPPER ROOM

# L.O.V. Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Labor Day Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

August

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

Luke 24:15

## Upcoming Events:

- Gathering August 23
- Men's Walk #11: September 8-11, 2005
- Gathering September 27

Next Community Gatherings at 7:00 p.m.  
The Maysville Church of the Nazarene  
156 Maple Leaf Rd.

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors:  
8/30/05 at 7:00 pm  
9/27/05 at 5:45 pm

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## The Joy in Sponsorship!

I greet you from the Sunny Sunshine end of our Great LOVE Community. Time is growing short for Sponsorship for the Mens Walk #11, and many spots are still available. I hope that you're prayerfully considering who you might sponsor and share this most special gift with!

Allow me to share a true story from our Sunshine Church. Little Angie came back from her Walk, and— like all of us who have been through the 72 hours at Ruggles— was on fire for Jesus. While teaching children's church, Angie invited the kids to give their hearts to Jesus. Brett did just that. That same week he talked to his little sister Mariah and she also accepted Christ. She then talked to her girl friend Sarah, from the same Sunday school class, and she, too, gave her heart to the Lord. The very same week Kelsey also gave her heart to Jesus!

Two or three weeks later our Pastor Charles Mallory baptized four of our beautiful children. All this was able to happen because someone felt that our Angie would be a great candidate for the Walk to Emmaus. Most of us will never be a Billy Graham, a Paul or a Peter, and bring thousands to Christ, but just maybe the one we sponsor will sew the seeds and be that evangelist who makes a difference in someone's life!

DeColores,  
George Smith— Sponsorship Chair

## Service

by Arthur Holly Compton

"What would you say about service to people?"

I asked Prime Minister Nehru of India.  
"Doesn't doing things for people give meaning to life?"

"Yes, service to people can be very important, but only if you do things for people whom you love because you care for them, not for pay—but because you are concerned with their welfare.

Such service is an aspect of freedom, and can truly give meaning to life, he replied."

## From the Community Lay Director

Just as the Apostle Paul would open his Epistles with, "To all the saints in Christ Jesus...", I give all praise and glory to God who allows all of us in the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community to also be saints in Christ Jesus.

The sweltering weather tells us it is summer, but have you looked at your calendar? Our children have returned to school and our summer has nearly come to an end. Look at your calendar again. Incredibly, the team for Men's Walk #11 is well underway with team training, the walk begins in a few weeks (Sept 8). Women's Walk #11 is four weeks following. My, how time flies when we are having fun.

So the message for this month is, "We need to get our minds and hearts back to the work of Emmaus." With two walks quickly approaching, we need lots of servants. The opportunities to serve are endless.

- It all starts with prayer - sign up for a time to pray during a walk weekend. Sign up sheets are available at the gathering on August 23.
- Consider sponsorship. Space is available on the walks. Has God been calling you to sponsor a pilgrim? Maybe now is the time to act.
- Cleaning - the campground needs to be prepared for the walk weekends. Plan to come to Ruggles during cleanup - and bring a couple of friends to help!
- Meals need to be served. Are you in a share group? Would you be willing to prepare a meal during the weekend?

Many hands and feet are required to provide the environment for the weekend walk experience. How can you help?

It doesn't take much to serve others for Christ. But, there certainly is joy in serving our Lord. In serving others, we are served. Please consider serving.

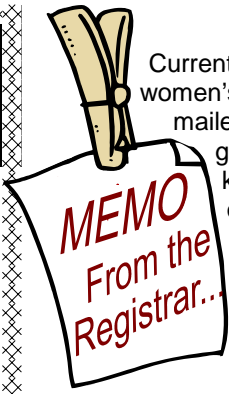
DeColores,  
Stacy Downing  
Community Lay Director

WHATEVER YOU DO...  
**WE SALUTE YOU!**  
LABOR DAY

# Men's Walk #11 Team Members

- Spiritual Director** Jim Vaden
- Assistant** Ken Harmon
- Lay Director** Bill Shelton
- Assistants** Tom Josche
- Jim Pyle
- Marc Wells
- Board Rep.** Al Rhonemus
- Table Leaders** Tim Naylor
- Wayne Frye
- Tim Teegarden
- Jeff King
- Joe Howard
- Assistants** Fred Kragler
- Jim Bowman
- Tom Tavis
- Dell Click
- George Smith
- Music Director** Phil Brown
- Assistants** Ronnie Tolle
- Prayer Servants** Bob Hedlesten
- Jeff Frodge
- Logistics** Donnie Bennett
- Ronnie Bennett
- Mike Starkey
- Kitchen** Jim Deatley
- Donnie Townsend

Please pray for our team members, that they will serve in humility, and with gratitude for the opportunity. That they will be reminded that the Holy Spirit calls for their love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self control in all things!



Currently we have 7 men for the Men's walk on Sept 8-11 and the women's walk is not full. All of the sponsor's and pilgrim's letters were mailed on August 1<sup>st</sup>, for the men's walk. The women's letters will be going out mid August. If there are any cancellations, please let me know. If you are thinking of sponsoring anyone for the September or October walk, please turn in the application and the \$15 as soon as possible. So, say a prayer and listen to God speaking to your heart for a pilgrim. If you are nervous about sponsoring someone, feel free to ask your sponsor, George Smith or myself. We will be glad to help.

*DeColores,  
Cyndi Frodge—Registrar  
Memberships@LOVEmmaus.org*

## Men's Walk #11

Name	City	Sponsor Name
Lee Pertuset	Peebles	Janice Edingfield
Danny Mercer	South Shore	George Smith
Russ Ernst	Hamersville	Jeff King
Matt Seel	Lancaster	Charlie Shoemaker
Dennis Jolly	Manchester	Alison Dunn
Lyle Bilyew	Manchester	Bill Shelton
Raymond Miller	Batavia	Jim Bowman

It's hard to believe that the Fall Walks are almost here. Just a few weeks until the Men's Walk # 11. I hope and pray that you are all very busy working on sharing God's precious and overflowing love by preparing agape for both walks. Here are a few of the upcoming Walks from other communities that we need to be praying for:



Springfield Ohio Men's Walk	Aug 18-21
Springs of Life, Junction TX	Oct 13-16
Springfield Ohio Women's	Nov 3-6

Just a reminder that we need approximately 55-60 pieces of agape for pilgrims and team for table agape and 30 pieces for pilgrims only for bedtime agape. No individual names on agape but you can use Share group names or Church Name.

I can report that while working on the last Walk, I did hear God getting all the praise and glory for His outpouring of love with their gifts of agape. Job well done, faithful servants!

*Donna Tavis, Agape Coordinator  
Agape@LOVEmmaus.org*



### From the DeColores Café:

Just a reminder that the Men's Walk September 8th thru 11th and Women's Walk in October are coming up. Please pray about this, would your share group or church family like to prepare a meal for the pilgrims? This is a time to let your light shine for Christ. Sign up sheets and menus will be at the next gathering.

*God Bless! DeColores, Pat Welti*

# WHAT DO WE SHARE FROM WEEK TO WEEK?

Again, for this month I have copied these pages from "The Group Reunion" handbook from the Upper Room. The two following sections explain questions from the group reunion card that each person received on his or her "Walk". I sincerely pray that these explanations have given each group a fresh approach to necessary and tough weekly questions.

## Call to Discipleship

*At what moment during this week did you feel you were responding to God's call to be a disciple? Where did you participate in being the Church this week?*

The message of the Walk to Emmaus is that God loves each of us with an unconditional love that our discipleship consists in sharing that gift of love with others. In reviewing the service sheet, we share how we followed through on our planned commitments to Christian action. In the "Call to Discipleship", we examine our awareness and responsiveness to God's call of love in the midst of everyday life. When did we help someone become open to God's love? When do we reach out to a friend in need or go out of our way for

someone we did not even know?

The question invites us, first of all, to think positively about the ways we responded faithfully to God's call to love, witness, and service during the past week. Responsiveness to God's call of love often comes naturally. When Jesus came as a stranger to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they received him without question into their company. When they arrived at Emmaus, they invited him to stay over and to share their food.

By naming even those ways in which our discipleship comes naturally, we celebrate the ways in which God's grace is active already in who we are. Discipleship is seldom a rare and heroic deed. It is, at its best, a lifestyle of grace that expresses itself in everything we do.

The question also challenges us to reflect upon the ways God may be beckoning us to share Christ's love in a new and unanticipated ways. Which persons continually surface in prayer and thought? What human need continues to interrupt our peace? What injustice keeps us awake at night? Sometimes faithful response requires planning and collaboration with others. Some-

times it means changing our plans. Sometimes it means sacrifice. Sometimes it means finally forgiving someone or seeking forgiveness in a relationship that needs healing.

## Discipleship Denied

*When was your faith tested this week through failure?*

This question has two sides. First, the question invites us to review ways in which our best efforts as disciples were denied, obstructed, or rendered fruitless during the past week. For example, the crucifixion of Jesus clearly reflected the world's denial of Jesus' and the disciples' ministry. Apparent failure tested their faith. But what did God accomplish through, or in spite of, their failure? What did they learn about following Jesus and about the walk of faith?

Jesus' journey with his disciples makes it clear that the experience of failure is inherent in the call to discipleship. We find our faith tested when persons reject our efforts at reconciliation, take advantage of our attempts at generosity, do not return our investments of love and energy, and disregard our attempts to witness.

*(Continued below...)*

## From the Spiritual Director . . .

Hello beautiful Emmaus people!

Norman A. McMurry tells about a palace in the city of Rome which has a great high dome. Inside that dome there is a painting known as The Dawn by Guido Reni. In order that the visitors may see this masterpiece, a table has been placed directly beneath the dome, and on the table a mirror. When one looks into the mirror, they see the majestic painting far above.

That's what the incarnation is all about! Jesus Christ is the "mirror-image" of God. Sent by Christ, the Holy Spirit is God's incarnation (Cleansing agent) that begins a thorough work in cleaning our mirror and what we reflect. It's here that we must understand something about image.

Yes, we as Christians, members of particular denominations, and our Emmaus community are made "image-conscious" by the Holy Spirit, but we can become frustrated in the quest of trying to imitate Christ if we don't understand the principle of "rest".

David Wilkerson writes that Hudson Taylor, a great man of God and missionary to China in the mid-1800's, ministered in that capacity for many years without joy. He was "downcast over his struggles, agonizing over secret longings and thoughts of unbelief". The key to his knowing joy in the midst of the blessing of God's incarnation, was learning to rest in Jesus' promise of continual union with him. Taylor wrote his sister of his breakthrough: "God sees me as dead and buried at the Cross, where Christ died for me. And now He asks me to see myself as He sees me. So I rest in the victory that His blood won for me, and I count it so. I am as capable of sinning as ever; but now I see Christ with me as never before. As I confess my sins quickly; I believe they are instantly pardoned."

We know the familiar tune "I'm proud to be an American....." I'm prouder to be an imitator of God in Christ Jesus as a pastor, father, husband, part of a wonderful Emmaus Community, but joy

is found by searching out Christ's promises for change, reciting them, and personalizing them by faith. I think that's what Jesus meant when He said in John 15:8: "By Abiding in me the Father is glorified and you shall bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

*De Colores,*

*Michael Canada—LOVE Community Spiritual Director*

*(Continued from above...)*

Only those who never try to follow Jesus avoid failure. And yet, the potential in these experiences is to grow in grace though adversity. God uses failure when we give it over in faith. Christ teaches us the meaning of the call to faithfulness, not success. We learn to surrender the fruit of our actions to God.

Another side of the question of discipleship denied is the naming of the ways in which we failed to be responsive to God's call to love and service during the past week. Like Peter, we stood by warming ourselves at the fire while truth was being crucified. (See Luke 18:25) Like the rich young ruler, we were unable to respond to love's call with the necessary commitment. The aim is not to beat up on ourselves but to become aware of our "no" to God and resistances to grace that are still active in all of our lives. We acknowledge the ways in which Christ's perfect love does not yet reign in our lives. We identify opportunities for further growth in the love and likeness of Jesus Christ.

*DeColores*

*Colette McGinnis—The Good Shepherd  
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## Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

### Walk #11

Men: September 8-11, 2005

Women: October 6-9, 2005

### 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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