



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15



L.O.V. Emmaus Community
Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Summer Edition

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

August 2010

IT'S PICNIC TIME!

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL L.O.V.EMMAUS PICNIC! - for a great evening of food, fellowship, music, food, worship, fun, food, laughter, hugs, praise - and did I mention food?

If you've missed other Gatherings, this will be a good time to get reconnected. Come on down to Ruggles' Campground, bring the family – even someone you might want to ask to be a Pilgrim - and plan to have a wonderful time!



- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 24th
WHERE: Ruggles' Camp
TIME: 6:00 (we'll eat around 6:30; worship service afterwards)
BRING: Side dish, family, potential Pilgrims & a hearty appetite
WE PROVIDE: Hot dogs & burgers, buns, drinks, plates, napkins, forks, etc.



Can't wait to see you on the 24th!

Deadline Extended!

Here we are again, praising God for filling another Men's Walk! Be ever prayerful about our Sponsorship calling. We all need to be watching for the next man or woman God would direct us to invite to go through this amazing growth experience.

It was touch and go for awhile to as to whether or not we would have enough Pilgrims to have the Men's Walk in September. As you know, we must have at least 15 Pilgrims signed up by 6 weeks before the Walk or it must be cancelled. By a majority vote, at the last Gathering the Board decided to extend the deadline by one week to August 5th. By God's grace we had 15 Pilgrims on that date!

The deadline for the Women's Walk has also been extended by one week (to Thursday, September 2nd) – we MUST have 15 women signed up by then (the Registrar, Alice Bailey, must have applications completed and signed by both Pilgrim and Sponsor, plus the \$15 registration fee) in order to have the Walk. That's why we keep emphasizing how important it is to seek God's direction for who He would want you to invite. With well over 500 people in our Community, having enough members to sponsor at least 15 Pilgrims should be easy.

Let's all pray for the leaders of our Community, for strength, for endurance and for the compassion it takes to make these Walks go so effortlessly (at least behind the scenes).

I again would like to tell all our new members how wonderful it has been to get to see them come through the Walk and enter into this L.O.V.E. Community, where we can come together to worship and praise our Heavenly Father as one body.

So let's continue to pray for our upcoming Walks:

(MEN - Sept. 2 - 5 & WOMEN - Oct. 7 - 10).

And I hope we get to see a lot of new faces at the picnic this year on August 24 @ 6:00 p.m.!

Your Sponsorship Chair,
Jeremy Rutledge

COMING UP!

- Picnic - 8/24/10
- Gathering - 9/28/10

NOTE: Gatherings are at Washington United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm
- Board of Directors meet at 5:45 pm

Bring a snack & stay to eat after we meet!

- MEN'S WALK #20 - 9/2 - 5
- WOMEN'S WALK #21 - 10/7 - 10

Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person.

Proverbs 3: 27
The Message

From our LAY DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of summer and that the Fall Walks are approaching. Team selections have been completed and training sessions have begun. By the time you receive this newsletter, the men will know if their Fall Walk will happen (*Praise God, it is!*). Again, it was the last minute filling of Pilgrim slots. Please help by finding that special person God is leading you to sponsor!

On August 21st, some members of our Community will be taking part in a training session in Corbin, Kentucky. Pray that the information learned will help our Community to grow and fulfill our mission to share Christ's love.

Your Lay Director,
Phil Brown

From the *Good Shepherd*

Dear Community,

Greetings! I hope your fourth days are going well.

I have several people looking for a Share Group, so I am reaching out to the Emmaus Community for help. At the Gathering I requested that someone from each Share Group please send me a list of your members and where and when you meet. I got three lists plus my own.

I want to compile a list of Community Share Groups so I and future Good Shepherds can assist new Community members in finding a Share Group they could possibly join.

Please forward your information to me at my email: MY4THDAYS@YAHOO.COM. Thank you in advance. I can't stress enough how important a Reunion or Share Group is - mine keeps me grounded and accountable to my fellow Christian brothers.

PLEASE HELP ME HELP OTHERS BY
ANSWERING MY REQUEST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If there is anything I can do to help anyone find or start a Share Group, don't hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Love,
Mike Burke

Unconditional Love...

Remember what it felt like to receive all those tangible Agape gifts when you were a Pilgrim? Perhaps it was a bracelet, a cross, a bookmark, bubbles, flashlight, a razor (of all things) – people get pretty creative! Some made you laugh, some made you cry, some made you think, but whatever you received, each one had a scripture or phrase that reminded you of how much you are loved – by God and by the members of the Emmaus Community.

With the Fall Walks coming up, let's make sure the new Pilgrims have the opportunity to know without doubt that God loves them and we love them through these tangible gifts of Agape.

Agape is an expression of unconditional love, so here are some reminders:

- Agape should be delivered to the Log Room on Thursday evening of the Walk, if at all possible;
- No personal names can be attached, although Share Group and church names are acceptable;
- For each Walk, we need:
 - 30 pieces if you want it to be for Pilgrims only (*this means it will be "bedtime" Agape*); and,
 - 60 pieces if you want your Agape to be for Pilgrims and Team.
- Please place Agape in a bag or box with a label or note attached with your name and the number of pieces enclosed

Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in this way!

From the desk of *the Spiritual Director*

Edmund Burke, the great English statesman and philosopher, once said that a man does not take a giant step from a life of virtue and goodness into life of vice and corruption. He begins his journey into evil by taking little steps into the shaded areas almost unnoticed by those around him and one day he awakes and finds himself entangled into a life of vice and corruption.

We read about Sampson and Sampson was a man of God from his birth. But gradually he began to flirt with evil until one day the Lord departed from him and Sampson did not realize that the Lord was no longer with him. The same thing happened with King Saul. He was a man who loved God and God loved him, but gradually he turned his back on God.

It is not the giant step to corruption that we need to fear but it is the little steps that ultimately lead us away from God. This must have been the way that it happened with the church at Ephesus. There were many things about the church that Jesus liked. But he goes on to say, "You have forsaken your first Love."

Do you remember your first love? You could spend hours just talking to one another. You planned for the future. In your mind you could picture the little cottage with the white picket fence around it, the well-manicured lawn and the little children running around and playing happily. You did not need much money because you could live on love.

What is "first love" in the eyes of God? It is the love that brought you to God in the first place. It is the love that you experienced when you saw the Cross as it really was. It is when you realized that God loved you even before you were born and he never stopped loving you even when you were in the far country. It is when you realized that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed for you and through His blood, though your sins were as scarlet, they were made white as snow.

But first love can be fragile. It is like the young couple who marries and says, "We will always be together and life will always be wonderful." But there are jobs to go to, appointments to be kept, stresses to be dealt with, arguments, problems, family feuds, and fusses and all of these take a toll on the love relationship. One day you look across the kitchen table and say, "This is not the person that I married." This is what happened to the church at Ephesus. So many good things, yet they had forsaken their first love.

What advice does Jesus give? He is saying that if you lost it, go back to when you last had it and find it again.

Recently our church's laptop ceased to function properly. It would not send the Power Point presentation to the projector. It was still in warranty and I got on the phone with a lady from India who led me through the procedure to correct the problem.

In layman terms this is what she had me do: she said "when was the last time that the computer worked properly?" I told her and she had me go back in the memory of the computer to the time when it was working properly and she told the computer to work in the future the same way that it was working on the date that I gave her. This is a non-technical description to what I did with her instructions, but essentially it happened the way that I said.

When was the last time that you were touched by the wonderful love of God? Wherever it was, if you lost it, it is still there. God has not moved. He is waiting for you to come back and become reacquainted.

We all have reached the time in our lives when the burdens of sin become so heavy that we say to God, "God, I cannot carry it. It is too heavy for me." And God says, "Welcome home, my child". Then He reaches down and lifts the burdens from our shoulders and begins to carry them for us. That is when healing takes place and our first love is restored.

Decolores,
Les Grooms, Spiritual Director





BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES!

Dear Community, with two Walks coming up, it is a very important time to free up some time on your calendar for servanthood. Some Share Groups are already working on Agape, and if yours isn't, well, that was a little hint. Individuals making Agape are also very welcome.

Clean-up for the Men's Walk will be:

Saturday, August 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, August 30th from 5 to 8 p.m.

We need helpers in the conference bldg., chapel, landscaping, girls' dorm and tabernacle.

Clean-up for the Women's Walk will be:

Saturday, October 2nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, October 4th, 5 to 8 p.m.

We need help in all areas listed above, along with the boys' dorm.

If you want to help and are not able to see the chart at a Gathering, please feel free to contact us at 606-564-9313. We don't have Caller ID, so be sure to leave your name, phone number, and area you would like to help if leaving a message on our recorder.

Kitchen helpers are also needed for both weekends. Be sure to contact Collette McGinnis to offer your services there.

Most of all please continue praying for the Teams, Pilgrims, future Pilgrims, and volunteers, that all will have an open heart and mind for God. The Prayer Vigil Chart for both Walks will be available at the next Gatherings.

As always, thanks in advance for any and all help. A devotion we once shared stated that we should look on servanthood as an "Appointment with God" - a time and place that we hold as a place of importance in our lives.

So, let's open our calendars and set up that appointment right now!



De Colores



Tim and Sally Teegarden, Volunteer Chairpersons



MEET the TEAMS & PILGRIMS!

Community, meet the Teams and Pilgrims God has blessed us with for the upcoming Fall Walks! Cut out the lists and put them where you will see them often (the fridge, bathroom mirror, computer) as a reminder to pray for each Pilgrim and Team member individually. Pray for God's plan for the them, for the Walks and all the families involved. Please pray for the Sponsors, too, and for the campground. And don't forget to ask how God would want YOU to serve, as well.



TEAM - MEN'S WALK #20		
Lay Dir.	- Dell Click	- <i>Perseverance</i>
Asst. LD	- Tim Ratcliff	- <i>Priorities</i>
Asst. LD	- Dave Lewis	- <i>Fourth Day</i>
Asst. LD	- David Reveal	- <i>Discipleship</i>
Sp. Dir.	- Ken Harmon	- <i>Means of Grace</i>
Asst. SD	- Bill Henry	- <i>Sanctifying Grace</i>
Table Ldr.	- Jeremy Rutlege	- <i>Changing Our World</i>
TL	- Denny Perkins	- <i>Priesthood / Believers</i>
TL	- Charles Kemp	- <i>Body of Christ</i>
TL	- Kyle Purdy	- <i>Growth Through Study</i>
TL	- Lanny Rice	- <i>Christian Action</i>
Asst. TL	- Fred Kragler	- <i>Life in Piety</i>
ATL	- Jeremiah Durbin	
ATL	- Jack King	
ATL	- Jeff Newman	
ATL	- Rick Satterfield	
Music	- Adam Sparks	
Music	- Phillip Hogg	
Music	- Ken Applegate	
Tech Log	- Jeff Frodge	
Log	- Jonathan King	
Log	- Alan Leonard	
Log	- L. T. Rice	
Prayer Svt.	- Mike Burke	
Prayer Svt.	- Steve Richards	
Board Rep	- Tom Tavis	
Kitchen	- Gerald Mullins	
Kitchen	- Kenny Fox	
Clergy	- Bob Hudson	- <i>Justifying Grace</i>
Clergy	- David Lofton	- <i>Prevenient Grace</i>
Clergy	- Les Grooms	- <i>Obstacles to Grace</i>

TEAM WOMEN'S WALK #21	
Lay Dir.	- Judy Nolte
ALD	- Bren Frodge
ALD	- Denise Burke
ALD	- Shauna Brillhart
Sp. Dir.	- Tami Coleman
ASD	- Charles Mallory
Table Ldr.	- Vickie Click
TL	- Alice Bailey
TL	- Gwynne Thompson
TL	- Kay Flannery
TL	- Peggy Rice
TL	- Elizabeth Reed
Asst. TL	- Diana Starkey
ATL	- Brianne Moore
ATL	- Donna Riley
ATL	- Brenda Reed
ATL	- Allison McElroy
ATL	- Chantsey Carter
Music Dir.	- Rita Harper
Asst. Music	- Linda Naylor
Asst. Music	- Bev DeAtley
Tech. Log	- Cyndi Frodge
Log	- Tammy Unger
Log	- Melody Robinson
Log	- Debbie Kendle
Prayer Svt.	- Bonnie Fox
Prayer Svt.	- April Henderson
Board Rep.	- Donna Tavis
Kitchen	- Collette McGinnis

MEN'S WALK #20
<i>(These are the Pilgrims as of the time of publishing)</i>
Greg Barbour
Billy Boling
Brian Burke
Steve Cox
Jarred Darnall
Jeff Daulton
Jeason Gilpin
Aaron Haslam
Doug Keith
Ed Lowdenback
Gary McCammon
Nick Staggs
Scott Stewart
Jeremy Tutt
Travis Unger



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