



Walk to Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

L.O.V. Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Summertime Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

July

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- **Gathering— July 27 at Maysville Church of the Nazarene, 7:00 pm.** If possible, please bring a snack to share.
- **Gathering/Cookout August 24—at Camp Ruggles, meet at 6:00 pm, eat at 6:30, worship at 7:30! Meat & drinks will be provided, but please bring a potluck dish to share!**

*Board of Directors:
July 27, 5:45 pm
August 31, 7:00 pm*

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SPONSORSHIP... THE BASICS

Let me take this opportunity to say WELCOME to the newest members of the LOVE Community from the Men's and Women's Walk #8. Brothers and sisters, as you enter your Fourth Days one of the foremost thoughts on your mind is likely focused on taking Christian Action by sponsoring a loved one on the Walk to Emmaus. This article offers some helpful hints as you consider this opportunity to share the Love of Christ with others.

As you prayerfully consider pilgrim candidates remember the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus...to build up leaders in the church. Each of us had such a unique and wonderful experience on the weekend it is only natural for us to want to share this experience with others. In our zeal to share we forget the main purpose of the weekend...to build up leaders for the church. For many, the weekend does provide an unparalleled spiritual experience but it was not created for saving the lost or relieving suffering. It can be very unfair to the team and the pilgrim to place a pilgrim on a walk weekend who is not ready for that experience. Remember... prayerful consideration.

Once you have identified a pilgrim candidate, if the pilgrim is married, the Emmaus literature states it is best to approach the pilgrim and the spouse together. This serves to include both in the information and decision process and raises the possibility for the spouse to attend the Walk as well. You can attract two pilgrims and only sponsor one as the first spouse attending will be very excited about sponsoring their spouse on a walk weekend.

Share your experience from your walk weekend...the talks, the food, worship, fellowship, etc. You need to share enough to give your prospective pilgrim an accurate picture of what to expect from the weekend. Remember there are no secrets on an Emmaus weekend only surprises. There is Emmaus literature available to help with the explanation of the weekend if needed. First time sponsors are encouraged to read the Emmaus booklet entitled "Sponsorship".

If you have any questions about sponsorship you can talk with your sponsor. He or she can offer helpful hints...they sponsored you! Or, if you need other information please feel free contact me.

De Colores!
Roger Cheesbro—Sponsorship Chair
Phone: 937.544.9728—Email: sponsorship@lovemmaus.org.



| Am a Christian!

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I'm not shouting "I am saved"

I'm whispering "I was lost"

That is why I chose this way.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble

And need someone to be my guide.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak

And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed

And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I'm not claiming to be perfect,

My flaws are all too visible,

But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I still feel the sting of pain

I have my share of heartaches

Which is why I speak His name.

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I do not wish to judge.

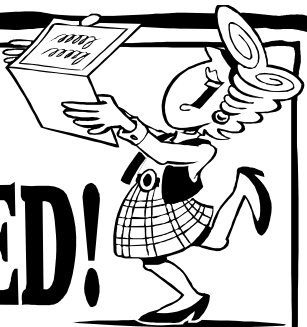
I have no authority.

I only know I'm loved.

Written by: Carol S. Wimmer

Contributed by: Joe Howard

YOU'RE INVITED!



Please join us in August at
Camp Ruggles for an Outdoor
Gathering and Cook-Out!

Date: Tuesday—August 24, 2004
Time: 6:00 pm—Gather & Fellowship
6:30 pm—EAT!
7:30 pm—Worship Service
Tabernacle

- Meats, buns, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair and your favorite potluck dish or dessert to share.
- Child care, if needed, will be provided during worship.

Summer
Fun

Logo CONTEST

Here is your opportunity to help create a piece of history for the LOVE Community! The Board of Directors is sponsoring a LOGO CONTEST!

What does the LOVE Community symbolize to you? Simply sketch your idea on paper, and send it, along with your name, address, and phone number to:

LOVE Community Logo Contest
PO Box 845
Greenup, KY 41144

If you're able to scan or create digitally, feel free to email your entry to: newsletter@lovemmaus.org. Entries may also be turned in at the July and August Gatherings.

The winner will be announced in the September Newsletter, and will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card from Wal-Mart!

RULES:

1. Only one entry per person.
2. Entry deadline is August 24, 2004
3. Selection will be made by a committee of the Board of Directors.
4. Logo will be re-created digitally, and may be subject to slight changes.
5. Possible uses for the logo may include, but will not be limited to: website, shirts, letterhead, newsletter, etc. By submitting your entry, you are granting the LOVE Community full permission to use the logo in any way deemed necessary.

Things to know . . .

- There has been some discussion in the community as to whether the 4th Tuesday is the best night to hold our monthly gathering. Voice your opinion! Simply visit the "Get Involved" page on the LOVE website at: www.lovemmaus.org and share your thoughts. We want to hear from you!
- Also found on the same page are other opportunities for serving God in the Community. Feel free to fill out this form and see how you might become involved.
- Directions to Gatherings and other helpful information, such as upcoming walk dates and applications can be found under "Happenings".
- Does your church, share-group, or organization have a website? Do you have other helpful links you'd like to share? If so, just email them to: newsletter@lovemmaus.org
- Do you have an article, news, or information to share for the newsletter, but don't have internet access? Please feel free to pass along any suggested topics or information to:

LOVE Newsletter

PO Box 845—Greenup, KY 41144



As the men's and women's walks for the fall are approaching, we are in need of share groups to volunteer for meal preparation. Most share groups have divided the cost among their members, which really helps our budget. This is a time when we can give back, and be the hands and feet of Christ. A sample copy of the menu will be available at the next gathering. Recipes are also available. If your group is interested in volunteering, please contact me, or simply sign-up on the Walk Volunteer Lists that will be available at the Gathering soon.

God bless! De Colores,
Pat Welti—Kitchen Director

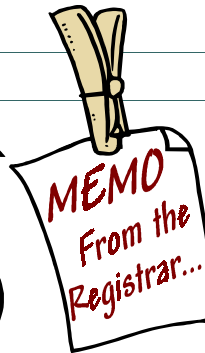
FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am quoting a section from Coming Down from the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation (which is one of many valuable handbooks published by the Walk to Emmaus, that will be available at the next Gathering).

While the weekend Walk to Emmaus is an event, continuing participation is primarily in small groups. Some people meet each week with between two and eight other Emmaus friends, for prayer, support, and encouragement. Others prefer a more open approach and welcome anyone to join the group, regardless of their interest in or history with Emmaus. Regular participation in a Fourth Day small group is explained and encouraged on the Walk to Emmaus. The majority of Emmaus pilgrims are involved at this level.

Continued small group involvement in Emmaus is important to sustain spiritual growth and renewal. Long ago, John Wesley discovered the disciple's need for small group nurture: *"I was more convinced than ever, that the preaching like an Apostle, without joining together those that are awakened, and training them up in the ways of God, is only begetting children for the murderer."* He bemoaned the fact that in one area, twenty years of hard work had produced no societies and *"...the consequence is, that nine in ten of the once-awakened are now faster asleep than ever."* I wonder if the same could be said of Emmaus pilgrims who have availed themselves of a Fourth Day group.

De Colores,
Colette McGinnis
The Good Shepherd



I have sent out letters to all the possible pilgrims for Walk #9 (Men & Women). They will receive a letter so they can check their calendars and let me

know if they are truly interested in being a part of Walk #9. The letter contains three different ways they can let me know what they plan to do: email, phone & returnable postcard.

There are a few women who will not receive a letter, because they are currently on the waiting list. There are only 24 slots for each walk available. As soon as I receive a decline from one of the top 24, I will send the next letter out.

If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please call and verify that they still want to go. You can even tell them there is a letter coming in the mail. If anyone knows of cancellations at any time, please let me know as soon as possible, so we can let those on the waiting list know. To contact me: 606-759-5006 or email me at:

Membership@LOVEmmaus.org

Thank you,
Cyndi Frodge
Registrar

From the Spiritual Director . . .

Hello Beautiful Emmaus People!

Most of us are familiar with the OT story in II Kings 2.11 where the prophet Elijah is taken away to heaven in a chariot of fire. Elijah had a successor walking beside him that day called Elisha.

In the narrative we discover that Elisha sticks close to Elijah desiring to receive all that he can from the Lord. Even when given the opportunity he does not leave Elijah's side. Finally, Elijah asks, "What shall I do for you before I'm taken away from you?" Elisha says, "Let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." His response is something that all who are followers of God and who are truly interested in seeing God's Kingdom come with power in their lives, church, and community should meditate on. Elijah says, "You've asked a hard thing, nevertheless, if you see me when I'm taken away from you, it shall be so for you, but if not; it shall not be so." What I see here is a principle of diligence and faith at work that opens the door of success and blessing in any person's endeavors for the Lord.

As persons who have attended, and hopefully are now involved in the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community, we want to see a double portion of God's Spirit poured out upon us. In a sense, we are all "successors". There is someone who introduced us to the Emmaus Walk, so likewise we

will introduce others too.

The power and the success of the Emmaus community around the world lies in how seriously each "successor" expands God's Kingdom by seeking and training other successors! The hardest thing in being successful for God is to allow God to train us (to be teachable) and to be responsible to train others. Elisha received a double portion because he was teachable; he didn't take the easy route, and he took his training seriously.

As a community, we are preparing for our upcoming fall walks. To those who have been asked to serve on a team, please take your training seriously-- even if you've done it before. Some of you will be sponsoring pilgrims. Know your responsibility and how to stand by the side of your pilgrim as a sponsor! Take the harder road and be sure to "brush up" or clarify what the Walk to Emmaus guidebook suggests we do as a sponsor. Take it seriously, do it right, because we are laying the groundwork for what is to come—a double portion of God's blessings upon our community!

De Colores,
Michael Canada
Spiritual Director





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Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Walk #9

Men: September 9-12, 2004

Women: October 7-10, 2004

Walk #10

Men: May 5-8, 2005

Women: June 2-5, 2005

Walk #11

Men: September 8-11, 2005

Women: October 6-9, 2005

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