



Walk to Emmaus  
THE UPPER ROOM

# L.O.V.Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

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March

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

**Luke 24:15**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Gathering March 28
- Gathering April 25

**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:**  
3/28/06 at 5:45 pm  
4/25/06 at 5:45 pm

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## From the Community Lay Director ...

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ! Since January 2005 I have served the LOVE Community as Assistant Community Lay Director. At the February 2006 board meeting I was asked and agreed to assume the Community Lay Director position as Stacy Downing, after much prayerful consideration, tendered her resignation.

As I step up to assume the responsibilities of the Community Lay Director I am reminded of the message of priorities and action held up through the talks we heard on our walk experience. Once we have chosen to follow Christ as the main priority in our lives we must consciously be about the task of evaluating how to act on that priority each day as it is defined through our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And sometimes that means change...change in how we are serving Christ in our lives each day! The structure of the leadership in our community has changed but the priority has not. Our focus is still on being the hands and feet of Christ!

Christ has called us to love one another through word and deed. Let us turn to the words of Christ as found in John 15: 12 – 13 (NIV). "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Christ is calling us to sacrificial service to others in love...giving up some or all of what I want for me so that I may serve the needs of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

As you contemplate this scripture and how Christ is calling you to lay down your life for others, I ask that you prayerfully consider the role Christ has placed in your heart to support the ministry that is the LOVE Community. Ministry opportunities include service on the community board, pilgrim sponsorship, team service, serving on committees in support of the walk weekend, prayer for the walks and the community, and many other avenues of anonymous servanthood that abound in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Join me in my prayer that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide the hearts of His faithful as we lay down our lives to be His hands and feet each day.

*DeColores!*  
Roger Cheesbro  
LOVE Community Lay Director

## Men's Walk #12 Team Members

<b>Spiritual Director</b>	Mike Canada
<b>- Assistant</b>	Jim Finch
<b>Lay Director</b>	Tom Josche
<b>-Assistants</b>	Jim Pyle
	Joe Howard
	Phil Brown
<b>Board Rep.</b>	John Denham
<b>Table Leaders</b>	Ed Siders
	George Smith
	Dell Click
	Al Leonard
	Tom Tavis
<b>-Assistants</b>	Mike Burke
	Jim Deatley
	Dave Lewis
	Dan Reed
	Tim Ratcliff
<b>Music Director</b>	Ken Harmon
<b>-Assistants</b>	Mike Adkins
<b>Prayer Servants</b>	Bob Smith
	Michael Starkey
<b>Logistics</b>	Jeff Frodge
	Zac Farrell
	Ian Canada
<b>Kitchen</b>	Lynn Dunn
	Ronnie Bennett

**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!**



# Wise Sponsorship

Our Spring Walks are quickly approaching and many spots are still available. It is not too early to begin thinking, and to be in prayerful consideration of whom you might sponsor. You have been, or will be starting to talk over your sponsorship ideas with God and may have already made some contacts with your pilgrim. Remember, that the *Walk to Emmaus* has very specific guidelines that we must keep in mind.

Failure to heed the *Walk to Emmaus'* ideas on sponsorship can result in a diminished experience for not just the pilgrim you have sponsored, but many others—other pilgrims, team members, and even you, the sponsor.

## Some important guidelines to follow:

- Start with prayer. Pray that God will show you the person who is ready, willing, and in need of the Emmaus experience.
- Present the Walk to your would-be pilgrim. **Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than he/she "needs to go."**
- Wait for his/her decision.
- Work actively to support the pilgrim, before, during and after the Walk.
- Do not take sponsorship responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly.
- Pray extensively, with diligent thought, careful planning and follow-through.

The *Walk to Emmaus Sponsorship* booklet details wise and unwise sponsorship.

## Whom to Sponsor

Sponsorship can be unwise or wise. Unwise sponsorship results from unbridled enthusiasm that wants everyone to have the same experience. Sponsors with unbridled enthusiasm approach anybody and everybody with the admonition that "you need to go on The Walk," and that open invitation is the primary (sometimes the only) emphasis. This approach lacks discernment and will result in a burden for the church.

Wise sponsorship is careful, intentional, prayerful, and purposeful because it results from God's leading. Pilgrims return to their churches and communities renewed in their commitments to be effective disciples.

Remember, we need a few good men . . . and women, to build our community and strengthen our local churches!

De Colores!

George Smith  
Sponsorship Chairperson  
Sponsorship@LOVEmmaus.org

# Learn Educate And Do

The LEAD Committee met February 21, 2006. We had a good meeting and our guests were the LDS for up and coming men's and women's walks. Things seem to be moving right along. We pray that all are committed to what God wants. We feel the LOVE Community is doing what God is calling us to do. We would like to see people other than the team sponsor pilgrims if possible to free up team to better do their job.

DeColores,  
Georgjean Shelton  
LEAD Committee Chair



Hello From The DeColores Cafe!

It is that time of year to think about the upcoming Men's Walk in May, and the Women's Walk in June. Does your share group, or friends, want to prepare a meal for the pilgrims? This is a time to serve, and be the hands and feet of Christ. We will have menus available at the gathering. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and team.

God Bless! DeColores,  
Pat Welti—Kitchen Chair

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

1. Are you receiving the newsletter via USPS but would like to help save trees and dollars for the LOVE Community by receiving it electronically? If so, please email "[newsletter@lovemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@lovemmaus.org)", provide your name and current USPS mailing address, and specify that you would like to be removed from the USPS mailing list. Please also provide a current email address that you would like the newsletter notification sent to.
2. Mailing lists will be provided at upcoming gatherings and Candle Light for members to verify/change addresses or specify other direction, such as removal from the mailing list altogether.
3. The LOVE Community website can be found at [www.lovemmaus.org](http://www.lovemmaus.org). The site is a great source of information on upcoming walks, gatherings, and for reviewing our newsletter archives.
4. Do you have news, an article, or a special story you'd like to share with the LOVE Community via the newsletter? Maybe a touching email, or a special story from your local church? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please send submissions electronically to "[newsletter@lovemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@lovemmaus.org)", or via USPS mail to:

Rebecca Smith—LOVE Newsletter  
PO Box 845—Greenup, KY 41144

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these items!

DeColores,  
Rebecca Smith  
Communications Chair

# EXPERIENCE Spring

# From the Good Shepherd ...

Hello again! I hope that you attended the February gathering and were blessed by the wonderful presence of our Lord. He accepts our invitation when we begin with "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful..." I would like to share with you what the Emmaus Group Reunion book says about the role of the Holy Spirit in our share groups.

"Emmaus groups that effectively support Christian growth do not come about by our human effort alone. We certainly do our part; we get together, practice our discipline, and go to the meetings. But it is the Holy Spirit who opens our hearts to God and to one another, who makes us spiritual friends, who weaves us together and prompts us with ways to watch over one another in love. The Holy Spirit connects us with others like ourselves who are ready for such a group and whose gifts will blend. For this reason, forming groups requires earnest prayer and

openness to God's little surprises. Sometimes the last persons we would have chosen for our groups show up there and turn out to be the best for us. And sometimes the first persons we would have chosen simply do not work out."

The Fourth Day speaker at the gathering was Georgjean Shelton and she also talked about how blessed she was in her fourth days by being a part of a share group. Please take advantage of this blessing that can help you stay focused and on track in your spiritual walk. If you are in a share group I don't have to tell you all of the benefits, but I would like to remind you to first and foremost invite God's Holy Spirit into each and every meeting. If you are not part of a share group please begin by praying for God's guidance and if I can be of any help at all just contact me.

*DeColores,  
Donna Tavis—The Good Shepherd  
GoodShepherd@lovemmaus.org*



## I Saw Jesus!

I saw Jesus last week.  
He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt.  
He was up at the church building.  
He was alone and working hard.  
For just a minute he looked a little like one of our members...  
But it was Jesus,  
I could tell by his smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday.  
He was teaching a Bible Class.  
He didn't talk real loud or use long words,  
But you could tell he believed what he said.  
For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher...  
But it was Jesus,  
I could tell by his loving voice.

I saw Jesus yesterday.  
He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick.  
They Prayed together quietly.  
For just a minute he looked like Brother Jones...  
But it was Jesus,  
I could tell by the tears in his eyes.

I saw Jesus this morning.  
He was in my kitchen making breakfast and fixing me a special lunch.  
For just a minute he looked like my mom...  
But it was Jesus,  
I could feel the love from his heart.

I saw Jesus everywhere.  
Taking food to the sick.  
Welcoming others to his home.  
Being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute  
I think he's someone I know...

But it's always Jesus,  
I can tell by the way he serves.  
May someone see Jesus in you today.

*Author Unknown*

*Thank you to Bren Frogge for sharing this article!*





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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

[www.lovemenaus.org](http://www.lovemenaus.org)

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