



Walk to
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L.O.V.Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Early Fall Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

September

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering September 25
- Ruggles Clean-Up: September 29 (9:00 am) & October 1 (5:00 pm)
- Women's Walk #15: October 4—7
- Gathering October 23

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All Community Gatherings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Washington United Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors:

9/25/07 at 5:45 pm
10/23/07 at 5:45 pm

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Change a Life - Sponsor Someone!

Sometimes we wish that we could find some simple thing to do that would make a great deal of difference in someone's life. Being called to do God's work can seem to be an overwhelming task at times. As we all know, the good news is that God helps us with this, and I believe one of the helps that He has given us is this little thing called the Emmaus Walk. One of the best and most simple things you can do to make a vast difference in someone's life is to be a sponsor for them and welcome them into the strong and faithful Emmaus Community.

Don't make any assumptions—you may be surprised who would be absolutely delighted to go. There are people out there just waiting for a little nudge to make the decision. When I was first asked to go on my walk, I don't think I had even heard of Emmaus. I was at a point in life where I wasn't even sure if I was worthy. All it took was a bit of gentle persuasion from a fellow church member, who I didn't even really know at the time, but since have come to know very well—which, by the way, is another one of those things I mentioned that have made a difference in my life since my Walk. I just can't put into words how much difference that one slight gentle persuasion by someone I hardly knew has developed into such radical changes in me and in my walk with God. I am thoroughly convinced that had I not been a part of such a wonderful community in Emmaus and supported by a great group of friends I have met within the community, I would have drifted far from the path I should be following.

Don't be discouraged if someone you approach does not accept your invitation. Even if the person you have asked does not decide to go this time, at least you have planted the seed and you have let them know that someone takes interest in their spirituality, which can be a very powerful thing... you have been a part of opening the door for greater things in that person's spiritual journey. The seed you planted will grow when the time is right; whether that time is immediate or several years later. You may never know the effect you have on someone simply by showing this interest and being an ambassador of God in that person's life.

Think about the opportunities that your sponsor has opened up for you. Aren't you glad your sponsor stepped out of their comfort zone and approached you? Aren't you glad your sponsor didn't think you were "not the type"? Aren't you glad your sponsor didn't decide it would be "too much trouble"? Do what your sponsor has done for you for someone else. Take it from me, they will hold a dear spot in their heart for you, and you will be doing one of the greatest things I know of to help them grow in their Spiritual journey... and what a wonderful journey it is!

For questions/comments on Sponsorship, please don't hesitate to contact me.

DeColores,
Dave Lewis
Sponsorship Chair
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**A
BOUNTY
OF GOOD
WISHES**



Men's Walk #14 Team News

The Men's Fall Walk #14 has finally come--but it's fruit will continue to bear for eternity. How amazing it was to see God work in such an awesome way. From the time of team selection until the closing service on Sunday, the results of your prayers, fasting, and acts of agape were so evident. When the presence of the Holy Spirit keeps everything "lubed", the "gears" keep turning smoothly. That is exactly how God allowed this walk to go.

Let me summarize by listing just a few of the examples:

1. Five table leaders who had never given a talk
2. Four of the assistant table leaders had never served on a team
3. The entire team was formed in 72 hours
4. The Manchester UM Church allowing us to have our training at their facility
5. A walk with 18 pilgrims that were placed there by God
6. Great support of the community at both the candlelight and closing services.
7. The Holy Spirit working in the lives of both the pilgrims and team.

I could go on for a long time, but I'll stop with the perfect #7. With a team to support the walk so strongly, it was quite easy to be the Lay Director. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve. It is one of my best experiences at seeing God at work.

*De Colores,
Phil Brown*

LOVE Community Men's Walk #14 Lay Director and Team

Women's Walk #15 Team News

Dear Emmaus Community,

The team meetings of the L.O.V.E. Community Women's Walk #15 are underway and God is doing great things as he bonds us together with his "Super Glue". He has shown us from the beginning that He is in control and has a definite plan for the Pilgrims and Team. This walk is his puzzle and we are all the pieces. As we prepare ourselves for the Emmaus weekend, we have made this scripture written by King Solomon our focus - "*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.*" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

We, as a team, look forward to serving Christ as he unfolds his awesome artwork and as he uses each of us to fill the spots to make his puzzle complete. We ask that the entire L.O.V.E. Community join with us in prayer that the pilgrims come with an open heart and a real desire to seek God. To allow them to experience Him in a way that will change their lives. More importantly, that they will go back to their family, church, and community and share this Jesus that they have met.

We are all well aware of Satan's tactics and how he can try to mess things up. So, as Lay Director, I am asking the Community to "pray without ceasing" for the team members and to pray for the wisdom we need to know that the only "Super Glue" we need has already been provided through the "Blood of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ". It is sure to adhere any loose ends we may encounter and to finally bond each of us as a community at the end of the weekend. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this team and ask that God richly bless each of you for your overwhelming support. I hope to see you at candlelight, closing, serving meals, cleanup, agape, and any other capacity in which you choose to participate.

DeColores,

Lori Perry, Lay Director

L.O.V.E. Community Women's Walk #15

Women's Walk #15 Team Members

Spiritual Director	Mike Starkey
- Assistant	Marc Wells
Lay Director	Lori Perry
-Assistants	Donna Tavis
	Cyndi Frogde
	Janice Edingfield
Board Rep.	Stella Hull
Table Leaders	Bren Frogde
	Denise Burke
	Bonnie Fox
	Vicki Click
	Peggy Richards
	Judy Nolte
-Assistants	Kathy Bisotti
	Monica Gillum
	Amanda King
	Casey Reed
	Rebecca Smith
	Jeannie Ford
Music Director	Renee King
-Assistants	Linda Naylor
	Tracy Wells
Prayer Servants	Helen Henry
	Brenda Reed
Logistics	Elise Starkey
	Jutta King
	Elizabeth Reed
-Techno-Log	Colette McGinnis

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!



Hello Community,

Another successful walk has just been completed thanks to a great team of guys and an equally great group of pilgrims. Personally I want to thank all who helped in the kitchen in any way, but especially Tim Ratcliff, Emory Wilson and Dan Reed.

The Women's Walk is fast approaching - share groups have signed up for Friday morning breakfast, Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner - so you see that there is still plenty of places to help. If you are not a part of a share group that can do an entire meal, you can always sign up to help prepare one or to help serve the meal to the pilgrims and team. It's a great opportunity to see first hand how God is working during these three days. You can sign up by emailing me at kitchen@lovemmaus.org, calling me at 937-549-2113 or signing the "Sign Up Sheet" (include your phone number and/or email address) that will be at the next gathering on September 25. Hope to see some new faces in the kitchen and, of course, always happy to see old friends again.

I have been told that people have been asking others how they can help in the kitchen - you can see it is very easy. Just call or contact me as indicated above.

*DeColores,
Kay Grooms—Kitchen Chairperson*

God Treasures Me

Father, I praise You for treasuring me. Thank You for being my dearest Friend and reminding me:

- When I felt worthless, You developed my abilities.
- When I felt I lacked beauty, you reminded me of the inner beauty You gave me.
- When I was unworthy, You showed me Your love and instilled worth in me.
- When I wept over my sins, You forgave me.
- When I tried and failed, You bridged the gap.
- When I felt I had nothing to offer, You saw potential in me.
- When others didn't seem to care, You adopted me as Your child, and You treasured me as Your own.

God does treasure all of us. I have to be reminded of this for I lack self confidence most of the time. The Men's Walk was a great week-end. Phil and the team did a great job. God is always in charge. Keep praying for the Women's Walk, it is coming up very soon.

*God Bless,
Georgjean Shelton
LOVE Community Lay Director*

Ruggles Outdoor Gathering is Huge Success

WOW!

The August Gathering was a big hit. The attendance was great and the food awesome. But most important was the presence of the Holy Spirit to renew and refresh us.

A special thanks for all of you who were willing to help with the music and lead us in praise and worship. God smiles when his children are willing to use their gifts and talents to share His love and grace.

*DeColores,
Phil Brown
LOVE Community Music Director*

Does God Show Through You?

On the way home from church, a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the Pastor's sermon this morning confused me." The mother said, "Oh! Why is that? The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

Yes, that's true," the mother replied. "He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?" Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

Thanks to Kathy Weber for sharing this piece!

Pilgrims—Women's Walk #15

- Becky Avery
- Terry Barger
- Linda Beasley-Bradford
- Deb Bennett
- Amanda Calvert
- Scottie Crabtree
- Nora Day
- Kari Hayslip
- Tammy Holbrook
- Reba Kasselmann
- Carol King
- Kathy Kratzenberg
- Amy Lofton
- Lori McKenney
- Tricia Molebash
- Nancy Moore
- Traci Nickel
- Julinia Robirds
- Molly Stevens
- Janet Turner

Please be in prayer, specifically by name, for these pilgrims who are answering God's call to participate in our upcoming walks. We ask that they have open ears, minds, and hearts to receive whatever He has in store for them!



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