



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

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



CHANGES . . .

Bill Henry, Community Spiritual Director



We are all familiar with the age-old question, "How many church leaders does it take to change a light bulb?" And of course we all know the correct answer is, "Change? My grandparents gave that light bulb!"

Change can often be uncomfortable and once we get into the routine of doing things a certain way it is very difficult to adjust to new ways. It has been said that change is inevitable and I know from experience change gets harder to accept as we get older. Change becomes even harder to accept when you think you have a good thing going and see absolutely no reason to change. We tend to ask ourselves, "Why mess with success?"

The truth is that change is part of all aspects of our life and our Emmaus Community is not immune. There have been many changes made to the Walk to Emmaus Handbook in the last several years and, quite honestly, we haven't always been quick to adopt these changes in our Community. Our hesitation has been due to many different factors. I think the primary factor has been poor communication. As changes have occurred they have not always been passed along to the proper people in a timely manner. Handbooks have not always been updated as quickly as we would like. And sometimes when Handbooks *have* been updated, we have not been diligent in reading the changes because we have "read this before" and we "know" what the book says.

Another factor in the response time to changes has been some disagreement as to the interpretation of some of the information in the Handbook. Some statements may be vague or may be interpreted in different ways. This causes hesitation to implement some of the requirements called for in the Handbook. Most of you know that the Board of Directors of our Community signs an agreement each year that we will conduct our Walks and our business based on the Emmaus Handbook. We take this agreement very seriously. We are in the process of procuring updated manuals and coming to an agreement on issues that have caused confusion in the past. What this means for our Community is that change is coming.

Hopefully, most of the changes will be minor but, rest assured, that all will be designed to make a wonderful experience even better for all involved. Whatever transition that is called for I believe will be easier for all to accept if we can continue to focus on the fact that we are all servants and, as such, we all work together to accomplish a common goal. I know I want to contribute to this Community in any way I can in order for as many people as possible to have the experience of the Walk to Emmaus just as we have had.



You're Invited

Please share our joy as we begin our new journey together

on

Saturday, October 1, 2011

2:30 p.m.

at

Ruggles Campground

Jane Tolle & Charlie Shoemaker

COMING UP!

- Gathering - 9/27/11
- Gathering - 10/25/11

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

* New members are our guests at their first Gathering
- we'll provide the food

- **Men's Walk #21 Reunion Group meets at 6:00 pm on 9/27 in the Dining Hall (basement)**
(Sponsors, be sure and get your Pilgrims there!)

- **Women's Walk - 10/6 - 9**

Don't Forget !

Let's bless the women on Walk #23 with an abundance of Agape! You can:

Make table Agape (60 pieces)!

Pray!

Write Agape letters (*the team likes them, too!*)

Show Agape love at the send-off picnic!

Make bedtime Agape (30/Pilgrims - 60/everyone)!

Be Christ's hands and feet - Help clean up before or after the Walk!

Smile!

Show Agape love at Candlelight!

Attend Closing!



Lord, Sweep Us Away ...

Greetings Emmaus Community!

Men's Walk 21 has just finished up. As a result, we have 12 new members of the Love Emmaus Community! What a joy to get to see members of this Community be the hands and feet of Christ to make this weekend happen!

We have another opportunity to be servants of Christ. The Women's Walk is scheduled for Oct 6 - 9. God already knows who will be on this Walk. We need to be obedient to His prompting to get them there.

As a family and a Community, let's listen to our Father and reach out to bring more brothers and sisters into our Emmaus Community. God has a plan! To take the words from a song, let's open ourselves and let Him 'sweep us away' in His love as we reach out to love others around us!

De Colores!

Alan Leonard, Assistant Community Lay Director

'Ketch-up' with the Kitchen

Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator



I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else - not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him Head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, Who fills all things everywhere with Himself. Ephesians 1:19-23

There are not enough words to show my appreciation for the response to my plea for help in the kitchen for this Men's Walk. It was unbelievable. Many came and all worked with diligence and happiness. It was the body of Christ working together. These examples of such response reinforce again and again that the term "CHURCH" works.

Debbie Kendle was once again my "left hand" and she gave her all for the work of the LORD. Bill and Billy Boling were assigned from the Men's Team and they are going to be a hard act to follow. It was hard to stay ahead of them. Debbie, Bill and Billy were always willing and eager to work.

It is said that someone always has to be in charge. Well, let's just say that my name is at the top of the list but all the work came from below that name. There were over 40 others who volunteered different times throughout the weekend. I have to also give praises to my husband who helped beyond measure (*he has not been a pilgrim as yet!*). He brought all the containers from the Log Room, then helped me shop for groceries and packed them all into the kitchen. The kitchen was totally responsible for only 4 meals and Share Groups or church groups were responsible for 5 meals. What a great blessing!

This article is obviously to thank all of those who helped in any way in the kitchen but also opens the door for the same opportunities for the next Women's Walk: Friday Breakfast, Friday Noon, Saturday Noon, Sunday breakfast and Sunday Noon are available for YOU and YOUR group to prepare and serve.

From the *Good Shepherd* . . .

Hello everyone,

Well, Fall is fast approaching which means this is a good time to start or renew your commitment to join a Share Group, especially the new members of the Community from Men's Walk #21. I hope our new Community members are having the most wonderful of 4th days! If you haven't joined a share group yet, let me encourage you to do so. Mine is one of the most uplifting parts of my week.

Community, since we have new members looking for Share Groups, I would appreciate any help you can offer matching them up with Groups that are already meeting - or assisting them in starting a new Group of their own.

A share group is very important - it keeps us grounded in Christ and accountable to other Christians who may be going through hard times. You might just be the right person they need to talk and fellowship with.

Something else to keep in mind is that not everyone in your Share Group has to have already been on the Walk to Emmaus and this could open the door to future sponsorship of a brother or sister in Christ.

In Christs Love,
Mike Burke



We wish to thank those who helped with getting supplies and helping the Logs before, during and after the Men's Walk. As always there are many ways and items that are needed to make a Walk successful - your help is vital.

Remember there is a Women's Walk coming up in October. We have way too many people in this Community to let things go undone.

We can always use art supplies and Agape for the Walks. Time is something else you can give - you will never be turned away helping in the kitchen or anywhere else during the weekend!

Cleaning up and putting everything away after the Walk is not just the LOGS' responsibility, but everyone's! Blessings come to those who do God's work.

DeColores!

Tim & Linda Ratcliff, Logistics Coordinators

" 'Not called!' did you say?

'Not heard the call,' I think you should say.

Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters, and servants and masters not to come there.

And then look Christ in the face, Whose mercy you have professed to obey, and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world."

William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army

Utterly Amazed!

Let me explain about the verse that was given to me for this Walk. *Habakkuk 1:5: "Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."* Does this not describe the way we felt after our Walk? I know that was the way I felt after my Walk.

This Men's Walk #21 started with 19 men on the roster. One by one something came up to have them cancel out their Walk with the Lord at this time. The 12 men who were there on Sunday afternoon were a blessing to be a small part of God's work in their lives. They were fast to bond with their table group.

We need to keep lifting Tim Robinette up in prayer for he had to leave Saturday for medical reasons. He was really getting into the Walk and hated to leave but thought he needed to seek out help from his family doctor.

God has never let us down on a Walk. They keep getting better and better as time goes on. It started on Friday morning with the "Priority" talk and has not ended as of yet. What a team the Lord put together for this Walk! One by one things happened or a team member had to step down. I thought it was over. As I tried to take things into my own hands and things were falling apart God stepped in and said "let Me show you who to get to replace this person or what you need to do in this situation". He is amazing! I cannot thank Him and the team enough.

The spiritual team was a blessing for me. They seemed to in tune with what God had for them to say and do from start to finish. At times they let the Pilgrims see another side of a man whom God has called to do His work here on earth. The human side - you know, the one where they want to have fun!

The music was heavenly. It seemed that our angels had their voices tuned up and raring to go. The song selection was phenomenal. I was as truly blessed with the songs on this Walk as I was on my time being a Pilgrim. There was a tingling up my spine when they sang the special song that had meaning to me. Again, what an amazing blessing I got from the songs and I pray that the Pilgrims got one as well.

The Tech-log has a selection of clips that was hard to compete with. There was an awful lot of food for thought from them and he was always on the ball with the power points. This kept the Pilgrims close to the Conference Room because they didn't want to miss a thing. God blessed this Walk with four great Prayer Servants. That's right - four! We needed all 4 of them!

The kitchen help was indescribable. This started on Thursday night and ran all the way through Sunday lunch. You were there for every meal and made sure the Pilgrims wanted nothing. I cannot thank you people enough for all you did. I know this is a hard job to do.

If I have forgotten to mention anyone, I am sorry. My brain is still on overload. What an honor and a humbling experience this has been for me to serve as the Lay Director for Men's Walk #21.

May our God bless you beyond belief!

DeColores!
Tim Ratcliff



MEET THE WOMEN OF WALK #23!

Dear Community, We have 20 Pilgrims at the time of publication. Please continue to lift these women up in prayer, that God would renew, restore, rejuvenate and revive their hearts and lives in the way that He deems best for each of them. Pray for their families, for the campground and for the woman who God might want you to Sponsor in the future.

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

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

PILGRIMS Women Walk #23

- Tess Baker
- Tara Barbour
- Kim Barger
- Robin Boling
- Bev Cox
- Kathy Cross
- Rena Gilliam
- Pat Grooms
- Grace Helms
- Rhonda Holsinger
- Debra Horvath
- Geneva Insko
- Cookie Linsky
- Katie McCammon
- Penny McCammon
- Erica Meade
- Tiffany Mignerey
- Suzan Mintkenbaugh
- Megan Shelton
- Vickie Walters

TEAM - Women's Walk #23

- LD - Denise Burke - Perseverance
- ALD - Linda Ratcliff - Fourth Days
- ALD - Alice Bailey - Priority
- ALD - Linda Naylor - Discipleship
- SD - Ken Harmon - Means of Grace
- ASD - Charles Mallory - Sanctifying Grace
- TL - April Henderson - Grow Through Study
- TL - Nancy Harmon - Priesthood/All Believers
- TL - Brenda Reveal - Changing Our World
- TL - Michele Mills - Body of Christ
- TL - Gayle Erhardt - Christian Action
- TL - Lisa Jump - Life in Piety
- ATL - Kim Futch
- ATL - Kristyn Foster
- ATL - Cricket Crase
- ATL - Casey Rutledge
- ATL - Jessica Reveal
- ATL - Lisa Boling
- Pr. Svt - Sally Teegarden
- Pr. Svt - Shauna Brillhart
- Music - Suzanne Hopkins
- Music - Karen Hughes
- Music - Rhonda Brandenburg
- LOG - Jutta King
- LOG - Diana Starkey
- LOG - Judy Nolte (replaced Jerrylyn Younts)
- TLOG - Kay Grooms
- Kitchen - Collette McGinnis
- Bd. Rep - Donna Tavis

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WALK DATES FOR 2011:

Women #23: Oct. 6 - 9

WALK DATES FOR 2012:

To be announced



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