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A Note from the CSD

By Dr. Dan Willis

The Dog Days of Summer

What an odd summer we have had here in the Wabash Valley. I'm not sure about most of you, but I for one feel as if it has been a season of uncertainty.

We haven't had very many really hot days, but we've had several days of overcast skies and cooler temperatures. It almost seems like fall, and yet, it is July! In any case, a year ago was just the opposite. Some of the hottest temperatures and driest conditions in decades, which led to all the worry and the drought.

It is difficult to predict the seasons of weather. We rely on what we know the time of year is to determine what kind of weather we should have. The problem is God doesn't always conform to those things which we want to bank on. It's sort of like that in life too.

I'm sure all of us have made plans for this or that, only to discover that none of it worked out the way we planned or hoped. And what about those days or weeks…perhaps even longer, when unexpected things happen and then stick around…and we never saw them coming. Forrest Gump's mother said, "Life is like a box of chocolates…you never know what you are gonna get".

True. But isn't it a marvelous comfort to know that whatever comes, we have the Lord beside us? Isn't it soothing to realize that no matter how your best laid plans are upset, that God understands and continues to be in control? I am so comforted by these truths.

The Apostle Paul writes, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God."* (Phil. 4:6 ESV).

Paul is clearly speaking from experience, as well as inspired truth. So the next time you are anxious about anything, take comfort in these words and the go to the Lord.

Remember, that Paul is again so truthful when he admonished us to not look to the things of the earth for comfort or answers, neither to conform to the way worldly society does it: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

Remember too, that God is what we are all looking for; it is His comfort, availability and transformation that will truly make the difference. I will leave you this quarter with the inspiring plea from the Prophet Isaiah; *"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* (Isaiah 55: 6-9 ESV)

Serving Christ and you….
Dr. Dan Willis,
Community Spiritual Director

2013 Gathering Dates

September 20: Victory Baptist (Clinton)
October 18: Calvary Temple (TH)
November 15: Mt. Pleasant UMC (TH-South campus)

A Message from our Community Lay Director

By Marc Emmerke

Dear El Shaddai Emmaus Community,

As I sit here and write this letter, I realize that the summer has quickly slipped away and we are already into August. This means that the fall walks are fast approaching.

The teams are formed, and we have many pilgrims already signed up for these walks. We still have a few slots available, but I would suggest getting applications in as quickly as possible. Both of the winter walks this past February were full and I expect that the fall walks will be as well.

For the coming 2014 year we will be returning to the winter, spring and fall walk schedule. I pray that each and every one of you will prayerfully support all of these upcoming walks. Your support is necessary for working the walks as well as sponsoring pilgrims. Even if you can't work a walk or sponsor a pilgrim, there are plenty of ways to support the walks. You can make agape for the pilgrims and team, you can come to candlelight ceremonies, you can attend the Agape dinner or most importantly, you can pray.

For those of you that have worked walks, you are familiar with the Emmaus Team Canon. I would like to point out a portion of this canon, for I feel that the canon not only applies to the teams, but the entire community as a whole because as Christians, we are all part of Christ's team.

As a member of an Emmaus team, I am only one part of a complete being!

As an imperfect earthen vessel, my position is to be a servant.

Gatherings

Remember: Gatherings are on the 3rd Friday of each month with the exception of December. Gatherings will be at a different location each month always beginning in the Emmaus style with FOOD at 6:30 pm.

Gatherings are a great way to worship our Lord together, see Emmaus friends again, and make many new friends.

Come celebrate with us!

The Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control in all things.

Therefore, I will serve in humility and gratitude.

My prayer is to submit to the Holy Spirit in every area of my life.

God can use me more powerfully as a servant than in any position of my own choosing.

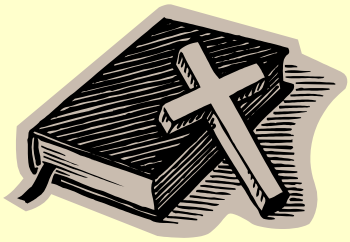
In John 13, we see that Jesus demonstrates this to the disciples as he washes their feet. At the end of this passage He admonishes the disciples to do for others as He has done for them. *"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet".*

As you can see by these words, as a member of the Emmaus community (Christ's team) we are called to serve our Savior by humbly and graciously serving His people. We are to follow His leading and demonstrate God's Grace by loving our fellow man. Let us all work together and serve our Lord by serving one another.

In Christ's Love,
Marc Emmerke
Community Lay Director

2013 Board of Directors

Marc Emmerke –	Community Lay Director
Kathy Deal –	Assistant Lay Director
Dan Willis –	Community Spiritual Director
Bill Coker –	Assistant Spiritual Director
Nancy Gibson –	Treasurer
Jill Hannah –	Secretary
Scott Hayes –	Registration and Team Selection
Brenda Utterback –	Memorial Fund and Team Sel.
Jim Bishop –	Newsletter
Dave Beil –	Transportation and Music
Tim Jarvis –	Gatherings
Jim Lumsdon -	Agape
Scott Jones –	Reunion Groups and Chrysalis
Gary Francis -	Maintenance



Memorial Fund

Contact the Memorial Fund Chairperson, Brenda Utterback, if an Emmaus member passes away so that we may send the family an acknowledgement and a Bible. We need the following information:

1. The deceased Emmaus member's name
2. What walk they attended
3. The surviving spouse or child's name
4. Appropriate address

Anyone interested in donating to the Memorial Fund to honor a deceased member, or donate as led by the Lord, may do so.

Contact:

Brenda Utterback
78 Briarwood
Terre Haute, IN 47803-1770
Bhu1031@gmail.com

Please remember that the Chrysalis community is an extension of the Emmaus community and they need our support in prayer, agape, and team participation.

They also need pilgrims. We all know some deserving teenagers that deserve to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to them through other believers.

Search your heart, pray, and talk to the youth about participating in something exciting and life changing.

UPCOMING WALKS
TEAM APPLICATIONS NEEDED

The Spring Lay Directors have been selected and they will be putting their teams together very soon. If any of the Community wishes to work the Spring Walk, please get your applications mailed to the El Shaddai Emmaus post office box as soon as possible. You can download the team application from the El Shaddai website (www.elshaddaiemmaus.org). The Team Selection Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks. As you know, the teams are made up of 1/3 experienced, 1/3 semi-experienced and 1/3 new members.

If you have not worked a walk yet, you are missing a tremendous blessing!
Get your applications mailed to:

El Shaddai Emmaus Community
P.O. Box 6162
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Dates for the 2014 Winter Walks at Merom, Indiana are:
Men's January 23-26, 2014 Women's January 30-February 2, 2014

Dates for the 2014 Spring Walks at Clay City, Indiana are:
Men's April 24-27, 2014 Women's May 1-4, 2014

What is KAIROS?

Kairos is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and, their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from the 4th Day movements such as Cursillo, National Episcopal Cursillo, Presbyterian Cursillo, Lutheran Via de Cristo, **The Upper Room's Walk To Emmaus**, and independently ecumenical Tres Dias as well as volunteers from independent and non-denominational churches. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36.

Why the name KAIROS? KAIROS, is a Greek word meaning in God's Special Time or in the Fullness of Time indicating an opportunity for our participants and guests to re-consider their life choices - as hearts are changed, inmates begin to take responsibility for their actions - it's like a front row seat at a miracle - transforming lives and impacting the world.

Where can I get more information? Please contact Michael Ray at topshot.rhit@gmail.com

Men's Walk #164, Clay City, Indiana
September 26-29, 2013

Team

Spiritual Director
Dan Willis *

Clergy
Tom Simmons *
Kevin Barnes *
Paul Myers *

Lay Director
Jay Slater *

Asst. Lay Directors
Todd Swearingen *
Pat Killeen *
Hank Kidwell *

Board Reps.
Scott Jones
Scott Hayes

Music
JR Drew - Head Music
Dave Lloyd
David Cox
Jack Templeton
Gary Reid

Table Leaders	Asst. Table Leaders
Eric Bass *	John Readinger
Steve Gadberry *	Jerry Baker
Joe Shell *	Forest Rains
Dan Browne *	Jim Sparks
Greg Halls *	Glenn McClain
Matt Cress *	Chris Sawyer

Chas

Ron Readinger-Head	Steven Riley
Aaron Rugenstein	Brian Connor
Mark Krock	Scott Lough
Scott Williams	Randy Hill
Bill Marts	Robert Steed
Ralph Heshelman	Doug Mace
Ervin Buse	Tommy McGregor
Fred Joaohims	Ron Dowell
Stephen McCain	Tommy Harris

Team Continued:

Kitchen

Rick Jenkins-Head	John Reintjes
Clyde Hosterman	Nick Schneider
Walt TerMeer	Keith Walters
Don Kidwell	Mark A. Kaiser
Bill Rosebraugh	Bill Booth
Fritz Oehler	George Browne
David Erwin	Ronnie Harris
Bill Webb	Chuck Waters
Dwayne Hood	Chuck Speer
Steve Lamb	Kevin Kingery
Jim Taylor	Mike Horn
Raymond (wezzer) Jenkins	Bill Holloway

PILGRIMS

(As of Monday, August 19, 2013

Pilgrim	Sponsor
Ricky Adkins, Brazil	Andrea Colclasure
Jason Barnes, Terre Haute	Marcia Lough
Joel Brooks, Terre Haute	Dan Willis
Bill Coker, Jr., Nashville, TN.	Bill & Ann Coker
Donald Cooper, Brazil	Susan & Steve Lamb
Don Dalton, Terre Haute	Bill Harbour
Lee Deverick, Terre Haute	Jim Pinegar
Dan Drake, Brazil	Cheryl Rugenstein
Bob Fagg, Cloverdale	Bob Harmon
Everett Funk, Harmony	Don Loughmiller
Ray Headley, Terre Haute	Keith Kester
Gale Manlove, Shelburn	Adrian & Kyma Drake
Adam Myers, Sullivan	Cindy Slater
Todd Sevier, Bowling Green	Ron & Raina Heckleberg
Aaron Shipley, Terre Haute	Randy Ringo
Kevin Shively, Terre Haute	Chuck Speer
Steve Spencer, Reelsville	Patty Aker
Mike Webb, Rockville	Karen Webb

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Women's Walk #165, Clay City, Indiana
October 3-6, 2013

Team

Spiritual Director
Gary Scroggins *

Clergy
Bill Coker *
Judy Lints *
Susan Martin *
Paul Zurcher *

Lay Director
Ettie Evans *

Asst. Lay Directors
Becky Loudermilk *
Melissa Sawyer *
Beth Willis *

Board Reps.
Nancy Gibson
Brenda Utterback

Music
Marilyn Fisher- Co-Head
Tammy Greenwood – Co-Head
Jama Hostetler
Lynn Padgett
Cathy Seward

Table Leaders	Asst. Table Leaders
Linda Agresta *	Tammy Grundlock *
Kathy Deal	Randi Maas
Bethany Jones *	Betsy Mace
Jayne McCoy *	Erin Moore
Dana McLain *	Cheryl Risler
Cheryl Raines *	Donna Voll

Chas
Gayla Thiemann, Head
Stephanie Jackson, Assist. Head
Devon Adamson
Rozanne Aker
Shawna Bahlmann
Mary Lou Britton
Cathie Browne
Susan Eisman
Jennifer Guerin
Carolyn Houck
Kathy Jackson
Susan Lamb
Linda Lumsdon
Kathy Marts
Emily Myers
Robin Orman
Kari Pell
Lori Pierce
Cindy Slater
Fran Tucker
Karen Webb

Kitchen

Rita Steed, Head
Shirley Booth, Assist. Head
Karen Anderson
Sue Bass-Harmon
Becky Buse
Jodie Coffman
Amy Cress
Laura Culler
Bette Fisher
Susan Gofourth
Karen Hires
Susan House
Mary Long
Jan McCain
Jeannine Muncie
Jessie Neier
Norma Nelson
Michelle Oehler
Janet Rose
Marianne Rudisel
Victoria Smith
Connie Unger

Pilgrims

(As of August 10, 2013)

Pilgrim	Sponsor
Jennifer Brooks, Terre Haute	Dan Willis
Jennifer Cox, Brazil	Jean Brown
Hollie Cunningham, Shelburn	John Cunningham
Rebecca Deverick, Terre Haute	Darlene Pinegar
Julia Duchene, Clinton	Paula Shoaff
Erin Dulin, Brazil	Roger Dulin
Lisa Edington, Fontanet	Mary Sutton
Kerri Erwin, Brazil	T.J. Erwin
Marge Evans, Brazil	Bob & Carolyn Kumpf
Tiffany Gibson, Terre Haute	Corey Gibson
Sally Grindle, Terre Haute	Jill Mishler
Joan Heshelman, Sandburn	Scott Williams
Missy Jeffers, Terre Haute	Brenda Utterback
Amber Jenkins, Terre Haute	Abi Jenkins & Scott Lough
Dawn Kingery, Hillsdale	Kevin Kingery
Joyce Krock, Terre Haute	Mark & Andy Krock
Nancy Marlow, Brazil	Phyllis Mogan
Dee Dee Morrison, Sandborn	Ralph Heshelman
Anita Onken, Brazil	Kay Hosterman
Helen Schafer, Reelsville	Ann Spelbring
Sharon Schneider, Elnora	John & JoEllen Laughlin
Yvettes Setzer, Brazil	Mercedes Setzer
Monica Shipley, Terre Haute	Teresa Ringo
Beth Slick, Mechanicsville	Missy Reintjes
Jeri Sutherland, Brazil	Preston Sutheriand
Patty Syester, Clay City	Brian Syester
Christy Webb, Rockville	Kathy Deal

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What is Sponsorship?

By Kathy Deal

From the time that I took my walk on Walk #15 in Clay City, in 1993, I loved this El Shaddai Emmaus Community. I became a born-again Christian fully in love and gratitude for what God had done and continues to do in my life. I came back to my church, home, and workplace on fire for God wanting to share this mountain-top experience with as many as possible. Some folks were interested while others were not at all. I have been so honored to have sponsored many growing Christians over the years-some of whom have become weekend lay directors! (I must be getting old!!!) For our new folks, they may ask, "What is sponsorship?"

According to The Walk to Emmaus: Sponsorship book, "Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus. Do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning and follow-through."

Wise sponsorship builds up the body of Christ. It further strengthens the effect of the walk on all participants to go back to their churches renewed and revitalized to carry on the mission of spreading the Gospel. There are many duties associated with sponsorship: 1. Praying at Sponsor's Hour for your pilgrim on Thursday night, 2. Arranging for someone to serve them at the Agape Dinner on Saturday, 3. Praying for them before Candlelight on Saturday night, 4. Driving them to and from the walk, 5. Providing support for the pilgrim's family back home, 6. Gathering agape letters from family, friends, and church members, 7. Bringing them to their first gathering, and 8. The most important of all-prayer coverage from before you ask them through their Fourth Days.

Never enter into sponsorship without fully understanding all of your responsibilities. However, when you do, this will truly be one of the most rewarding things that you will ever do for another person. Watching them blossom under the love of Christ during and after their Emmaus weekend is a great blessing.

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-- JOHN WESLEY

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WHO SHOULD GO TO EMMAUS?

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE EMMAUS WEEKEND?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

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