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Greetings from Your Community Lay Director

By Kathy Deal

As we prepare for our fall and winter walks, I'm always reminded what an honor and a privilege it is to serve God through Emmaus. What a wonderful, loving community El Shaddai is! Whether you are working on a team, coming as a pilgrim, making agape, fellowshiping at a monthly gathering, or volunteering in some way – you are aware of God's awesome presence at the walk events. Our Lord is truly using this mighty and wonderful tool called "The Walk to Emmaus" for His glory and edifying the church. It truly is amazing how over 6,000 people's lives have been transformed in our El Shaddai community. Multiply that with the many communities in Indiana, the United States, and world-wide, and the numbers are staggering! God's NOT Dead!

As I write this letter, my husband, Jim, and I have just had dinner with another couple who we hope to sponsor on an upcoming walk. Our walks 14 and 15 meant so much to us, and we love to share this experience with others through sponsorship. We pray and ask for God to guide us in sponsorship for it is truly a rewarding but important responsibility. We usually invite those believers that God is calling us to talk to over for dinner or out to a restaurant to share how God uses the Walk to Emmaus. Sometimes, we talk to them at work or church and do a follow-up meeting. We simply follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and talk enthusiastically about God in our lives and what Emmaus can offer them in discipleship and spiritual growth. We continue to be so grateful for the loving grace of God and all of the great friendships we've made over 20 years in the El Shaddai community.

I cannot begin to thank our Board of Directors enough for all that they do behind the scenes to support our walks and gatherings. I truly love and admire these dear servants for Christ. Many are former lay directors who dedicate many hours to helping our walks to be a blessing for others. They come to our board meetings and extra committee meetings with God focused hearts, enthusiastic to do whatever they can to help make our weekend walks a success. Our volunteers who do a wide variety of acts of agape, such as keeping our scrapbooks updated, the agape dinner festive, set up and tear down our audio-visual equipment, creation of lanyards and crosses, making our walk candles, and more are all appreciated.

We are looking for area churches to host our 2015 gatherings as you read this newsletter. If your church hasn't hosted for awhile, please know we'd love to come and worship with you. Sponsors, we'll see you at sponsor's hour as you bring your pilgrims down. Community members, please bring your candles, and share the love of Christ by your presence at the candlelights and donations of agape. We caution you to let our pilgrims initiate any contact as always. Our Chrysalis community also invites you to sponsor teens and college students on the flights. Don't forget they really appreciate agape and your support at their candlelights.

Remember, we are the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world. A smile, a hug, helping hand, or a listening ear can make all of the difference in someone's life. Christ is counting on me, and I am counting on Christ.

DeColores !

Your El Shaddai Sister-in-Christ, Kathy.

UPCOMING WALKS:

Men's Winter Walk 172
Jan. 29 –Feb. 1, 2015
Lay Director – Hank Kidwell

Women's Winter Walk 173
Feb. 5-8, 2015
Lay Director – Hether Messmer

Winter Walks will be held at Merom
Conference Center at Merom, Indiana

A Word of inspiration from our Community Spiritual Director

There are those times when my mind wanders (recently it seems like a lot of the time!) I am just now kicking around the question of how many of the Pilgrims on the Fall and Winter Walks will be startled by their experiences? And will it be because they were expecting too much...or too little?

I recently went to Indianapolis to pray and be with a congregant prior to his open-heart surgery. He told me that I really didn't need to be there. He was very calm and sure that whatever happened during the surgery, he was going to be "eternally okay"!

He also told me of a previous surgery he had several years ago that ended up with quite a frightening awakening. He stated that when he was waking up in the recovery room he was greeted by a large, black man in a white suit. The man said, "Hello, Mr. Jones, my name is Gabriel." Well...for a moment the man's heart dropped and then he said, "I guess things didn't go so well, huh?"

It turns out that the man in the white suit was the recovery room nurse, an international student from Nigeria, and that the surgery had gone very well! The recovery was short and full. But what a startling awakening!

How often do we get startling awakenings? Those times when we assume that we know and are prepared for what is coming next in our lives. Even when we are at our strongest, "things" sometimes come from nowhere and knock us for a loop if we are not prepared. It is in those times we cling to the hope and promise of Christ.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (NIV John 14:27) if you have that peace...you may always be assured of being "eternally okay"!

DeColores!
Pastor Bob Kumpf
El Shaddai Emmaus Walk #16

WHAT MY EMMAUS WALK MEANT TO ME

Sometime around Thanksgiving in 1992 my Sunday School teacher asked me if I would consider going on the Walk to Emmaus. I really wasn't interested in going to a "church thing", but thought that this would give me a nice long weekend to get away from work, relax and think about my family and my job. It would also give me the opportunity to collect my thoughts and prepare a strategy in making my family understand that I was working all the time and considering a move to Baltimore, MD with the best intentions for them in mind.

Well...it was a very cold weekend in February of 1993 when the Lord used Walk #16 in Merom to open my eyes to many things. From the very first talk, "Priority", I felt the Spirit of God talking straight to my heart. I finally realized how I had been blessed and showered with spiritual gifts throughout my life. And I saw how the Lord had a plan for me in my family and community. It was there that I laid down my desire to be the master of my destiny and decided to turn my life over to Christ.

Since that weekend, I have remained involved in Emmaus activities. I have served in every capacity on the Walk except serving on the Music Team (wonder why?) and in 1997 felt God's call to lead me into missions work and later full time ministry. God continues to bless me with opportunities to share His love and grace with the world. I can honestly say that it is written on my heart "Christ is counting on me and I am counting on Christ!"

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Pastor Bob Kumpf - Walk #16 and
Community Spiritual Director



SOMETHING TO CHEW ON

By: Dr. Bill Coker

Having been a teacher and professor, I had the privilege of challenging my students to think, even though some of them had little interest to do so. In my years as a pastor, the sermons I presented to our parishioners were intended to make them think. The Scriptures challenge us to use our minds, because faith rests on knowing and understanding what we believe.

In one of the greatest books in the Old Testament, Deuteronomy, the author challenged his readers to think in order to believe, a necessity for living out their faith in God. An example is in chapter 10, verses 12-13: *And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good..*

In the New Testament the apostle Paul likewise challenged the Corinthians in his second letter to examine themselves to see whether they were in the faith: *Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-unless indeed you fail to meet the test (13:5)*

I have shared these passages with a number of congregations, suggesting that we too need to test ourselves as these scriptures suggested centuries ago. Here are my questions:

1. When did you make **a personal decision** about Jesus Christ?
2. Do you have a **rational and personal conviction** about your commitment to Christ?
3. Do you have faith in God, **a certainty and confidence in all circumstances?**
4. What do you think **your commitment to Christ means?**
5. What are your **strongest spiritual desires?**
6. What is your **participation in the body of Christ?**
7. What is your level of concern for others?
8. What about **the acid test** – **THY WILL BE DONE.**

How the Emmaus Walk changed my life

by Tim Jarvis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to share with you how the Emmaus Walk changed my life.

My wife, Sue, went on her walk two years prior to me going. At the time I thought I knew everything, I was right with God, I was doing nice things with people, I was successful in my work and all was good. How wrong I was.

Not only did I realize that I was just going through the motions I also realized that I had let God down in many ways. I realized that I was not in a true relationship with Christ; in fact, I actually had no relationship with Him other than going to church and attending my Sunday School Class.

On Walk #104 my life changed. I realized my priorities were wrong. I knew very quickly that I had to change my life. First, I had to do more for Him. Second, I had to do more with my wife and two daughters. And thirdly, I had to do less with work and my selfishness.

Since this fantastic weekend I am truly walking with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have taken a number of mission trips to Haiti. In addition my wife and I have been in a Life Group for 8 - 9 years. I have since served on a number of Emmaus Teams along with working the Emmaus Kairos. I am on a number of committees at my church, I volunteer at Crisis Pregnancy Center mentoring young men who have no relationship with Christ and have gotten their partner pregnant.

The most important thing I have done since my walk is putting Jesus Christ first. I am now a Certified Lay Speaker in the Methodist Church and have filled in for a number of my Emmaus Pastor's Churches. What a true joy this is.

Brothers and Sisters, I still have a long way to go. Our job is never done in spreading God's love to those that don't know him. I know, without a doubt, that Emmaus changed my life.

Blessings to All !

Tim Jarvis, Walk #104

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Memorial Fund

Contact the Memorial Fund Chairperson, Bernie Gibson, 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:

Bernie Gibson
4733 N. Main St.
Terre Haute, IN 47805
6bernieg@gmail.com



Please support Chrysalis with agape and your presence at candlelight!

Fall Flights are:

Girls Flight #77 Nov. 14-16, 2014

Boys Flight #78 Nov. 21-23, 2014

Applications are being taken for fall Chrysalis Team Members

Applications for team and caterpillars can be found at elshaddaiemmaus.org

**Men's Walk #170, Clay City, Indiana
September 25 - 28, 2014**

Team

Lay Director

Pat Kileen *

Asst. Lay Directors

Eric Bass *
Steve Gadberry *
Chris Sawyer *

Board Reps.

Gary Francis and Scott Hayes

Spiritual Director

Rick Swan *

Clergy

Kevin Drane *
Paul Myers *
Larry Swan *
Rick Wetnight *

Music

Kevin McCrea – Head
Lee Reberger
Chuck Speer
Mitch Chalos

Table Leaders

Jim Bishop *
Bob Kelley *
Randy Koehler *
Mark Krock *
John Myers *
Forest Raines *

Asst. Table Leaders

Doug Beder
Bob Fagg
Ralph Heshelman
Randy Hill
Mark Kaiser
Glenn McLain

Chas

Tommy McGregor- Head
Scott Lough - Assist. Head
Greg Ewing
Ron Heckelsberg
Larry Hopper
Blair Hrovat
Rick Jenkins
Hank Kidwell
Hayden Lewis
Jim Palmer
Bill Rosebraugh

Aaron Rugenstein
Aaron Shipley
TG Timberman
Scott VanArsdale
Brian Vitz
Derek Williams
Scott Williams

Team Continued:

Kitchen

Keith Walters - Head	
Allan Lewis – Assist. Head	
Chad Cline	Larry Ridge
Paul Conches	Steve Spencer
Ron Dowell	Bob Steed
Roger Dulin	Quinn Stevenson
Bill Holloway	Dan Stuffle
Dave Lucas	Dusty Tryon
Matt McFarland	Chuck Waters
Brent Pitts	Michael Yeager

PILGRIMS

Pilgrim

Jarrold Arthur
Lee Buskirk
Tadd Combs
Scott Dean
Rocky Dupin
Eric Dyer
Mike Goetschel
Eric Fall
Derek Fell
Steve Harvey
Billy Kirkham
Delbert Knight
Bob McShanog
Jarrod Milner
Loren Parsons
Clint Raley
Charles Roberts
Mark Wickware

Sponsor

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Cindy Buskirk
Tim Voll
Scott Hastings
Stan Fisher

Jennifer Fall
Larry Hopper
Doug Richardson
P & B Syester
Mike Rennick
Pam McShanog
Larry Hopper
Julie Parsons
Roger Adams
Billy Langman
Sandy Wickware

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Note: for those who may wish to provide agape; as of 9/15/2014 there are 62 team members and 18 pilgrims.

**Women's Walk #171, Clay City, Indiana
October 2-5, 2014**

Team

Lay Director

Jeannie Robbins *

Asst. Lay Directors

Amy Nevills *

Melissa Sawyer *

Kim Burton *

Board Reps.

Cathie Browne and Donna Voll

Spiritual Director

Gary Scroggins *

Clergy

Bill Coker *

Judy Lints *

Bob Roush *

Kathy Roush *

Music

Deborah Seprodi - Head

Mary Sue Jackson

Stacey Joseph

Table Leaders

Patty Bedwell

Becky Loudermilk

Linda Bray

Linda Fowler

Cindy Slater

Fran Tucker

Asst. Table Leaders

Susan Gofourth

Trini Barnes

Dottie Stanfill

Linda Cherico

Dana McLain

Mary Hargis

Chas

Sheri Trendelman, Head

Kelly Miller, Assist. Head

Rozanne Aker

Lisa Cantrell

Marlene Drane

Rhonda Eyler

Sarah Fagg

Crystal Flath

Evelyn Greenwood

Tammy Grundlock

Jennifer Guerin

Jane Heck

Patty Horn

Donna Keith

Arletta Kellar

Marcia Lough

Connie Mason

Gail Randolph

Satin Smith

Wendi Tingley

Margie Warner

Rhea Waters

Note: for those who may wish to provide agape; as of 9/15/2014 there are 71 team members and 35 pilgrims.

Kitchen

Jill Hannah, Head

Jayne McCoy, Assist. Head

Linda Agresta

Jane Armes

Sue Bass-Harmon

Shirley Booth

Jani Buddle

Sandy Burpo

Christina Crist

Joan Heshelman

Nancy Gibson

Judy Joseph

Sherri Koertge

Maxine Lifford

Mary Long

Randi Mass

Kellie Mayes

Linda Rockwood

Mary Rost

Jan Schnurpel

Monica Shipley

Lori Smithhart

Renee Stevenson

Sheri Swan

Pilgrims

(note: maiden name in parenthesis)

Pilgrim

Veronica Asay

Sean Asay

Jamie (Brown) Bell

Linda (Francis) Berry

Di (DosSantos) Carter

Rebecca (Dean) Clements

Angie Deakins

Penny (Munson) Farabee

Jayne (Sipes) Frazee

Sheryl (Elliott) Garrett

Kylie Jo Gregg

Angie (Lawhead) Grounds

Jaime (White) Harden

Chris (Davis) Hamke

Connie (DeLattra) Heien

Catherine (Dukes) Hill

Missy (Pinkston) Hopper

Angie (Drake) Jones

Marsha (Pierce) Kirchner

Phyllis Kreis

Carolyn (Kruse) Mayrose

Sue (Arnold) McKinley

Jamie (Hopper) Moffatt

Flo (Schmale) Napier

Gerri (Shrout) Phillips

Cari (Stark) Reece

Linzey (Hill) Raley

Cari (Stark) Reece

Marty (Thompson) Shott

Rose (Godden) Shuckhart

Carolyn (Oliphant) Suniga

Beth (Arabi) Timberman

Shirley (Morlan) Vanes

Joy (Burdette) Weber

Joyce (Varda) Williams

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John Myers

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Patty Love

Connie Langman

Don Eyler

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George & Cathie Browne

Lori Collings

Aaron Rugenstein

Kathy White

George & Debbie Hamke

Lynn Padget

Kathy Deal

Larry Hopper

Arlene Drake

Lynn Broyles

Leroy & Judy Lints

Vickie Brooks

Bob Burton

Lisa Palmer

Maria Brush

Larry Hopper

Jim Heck

Patty Adams

Jim Heck

Jay & Cindy Slater

Janet Barnes

Nina Hinchman

Jennifer Kidwell

John & Betty Fisher

Rebecca Williams

Kenny Joseph

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AGAPE NEEDED!

For some of the pilgrims those little agape surprises are among the cherished mementos that are saved and revisited as they look back on their special walk with Christ.

So what exactly is agape? It can be as simple as a piece of candy, your favorite scripture written or printed on a card, a bookmark, a note or card, placemats for the meals. The possibilities are as limitless as your imagination.

Agape items are needed for the dining room, conference room, cabins or bed agape throughout the weekend and the agape bags distributed on Sunday. This can add up to a lot of love.

This love is made possible through the efforts of our wonderful community members. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our Churches, Reunion Groups, and Community Members to support the upcoming Emmaus and Chrysalis Walks by providing some small form of agape. You may never know how your contribution will touch someone’s heart.

A member of the agape committee recently told me that her favorite agape was a band aid with the message “God Heals All Wounds”. She said that it spoke to her heart right where she was at that time in her life.

Agape items to be used throughout the weekend may be delivered to a team member prior to a walk, dropped off at the Thursday night opening or you can even give me a call and I will make some type of arrangement to collect it. This gives our wonderful Chas time to sort and organize the distribution of the items throughout the weekend.

Of course the barrels will be out on Saturday night for items to be placed in the agape bags the pilgrims and team receive on Sunday.

Thank You to each and every one takes time to send a little love to the pilgrims and the team members working the walks. As a general guideline you may count the team members and pilgrims for a grand total it you want to provide items for pilgrims and team. A full walk will include 36 pilgrims if you just want to do pilgrim agape, but you will need 48 if you are doing agape for the conference room or cabins and want to include the table leaders and their assistants.

God Bless You and Keep You in His Care
 Rita Steed, Agape Coordinator – 812/229-1845

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Pilgrims will receive a free copy in the mail the year that they attended their walk. The ICHTHUS is printed 3 times per year. You can also sign up for the mailing list at the monthly gatherings. Hope to see you there!

WHO SHOULD GO TO EMMAUS?

The winter and spring walks are fast approaching. We are looking for the Emmaus Community to sponsor pilgrims for these upcoming walks. The question comes up “who should we sponsor?” Below you will find some suggestions:

1. The pilgrim should be in church and already have accepted Christ as their Savior. The walk is not intended to bring people to Christ but to make them closer to Christ.
2. The pilgrim should be someone who is eager to grow in Christ.
3. Leaders in their church
4. Behind the scenes people in their church. Look for someone who attends regularly but are not in a leadership role. Examples are people who prepare communion, the person who does the bulletin boards, custodial duties and gardening services. These are just a few examples I can think of.

In the next newsletter I will discuss the “Role of the Sponsor”.

I hope to see all of you at the next walks. Hopefully this will be with a pilgrim from your church.

Blessings to all!
 Tim Jarvis – Sponsorship Chair

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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.

GATHERING SCHEDULE

Sept. 19: Victory Baptist Church (Clinton)

Oct. 17: Calvary Temple (Terre Haute) –

Spring Walk Reunion Gathering

Nov. 21: Mount Pleasant UMC (Terre Haute) – Election for Board

If your church is interested in sponsoring a gathering please contact Tim Jarvis. Tim can be reached at 812-243-8932 or via e-mail: tim.jarvis27@yahoo.com. We will try and accommodate the month you request.

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