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A Note from the CSD

By Dr. Dan Willis

Jesus told the Disciples, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same." Matthew 26:31 – 35 NIV

The road to Emmaus for Jesus began with some hard facts; not the least of which was the betrayal of those closest to him...including those who just fell away. Yet He knew, and as it is written He said, "I eagerly desired to share this Passover with you before I suffer." (Luke 22:16) Picture Jesus coming through the courtyard under guard, hands bound behind him. As they proceed He sees people gathered around a fire and hears a familiar voice deny Him three times: "the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter." (Luke 22:61) And a cock crowed 3 times.

During the Easter Season, I feel the grief He must have felt as I imagine His eyes locking on Peter's gaze. A look that was but a moment, yet an eternity in Peter's heart, as he realized he had just fulfilled ultimate betrayal. He certainly remembered Jesus' words to him earlier. As Jesus was prodded forward, breaking their connection "he went outside and wept bitterly." (Luke 22:62) I put myself in Peter's place. I wasn't there at that

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moment in time...but I know that there have been moments in time for me that were just like that one.

Have you anything to weep bitterly for that you haven't taken to the Father? Have you anything that is weighing heavily on your soul; unforgiveness, depression, disappointment, hunger, fear, jealousy, hatred, exhaustion, confusion, anger, loneliness, insecurity, and yes...betrayal?

"our self protection compels us to compare ourselves to others who we consider to be worse than we..."

This is a great time for self-examination, a time to purposely come to God and ask Him to help us see ourselves as He does and to ask Him to help us find our way onto the path He desires for us. By taking some time each day to center ourselves on Him, through prayers and study of His Word, by taking time to fellowship with our brothers and

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2013 Gathering Dates

January 18:	First Presbyterian Church (Brazil)
February 15:	Agape Christian (TH)
March 15:	Maryland Church (TH)
April 19:	Cross Lane Community (TH)
May 17:	Hulman Street Wesleyan (TH)
June 21:	Berea Christian (Brazil)
July 19:	Sullivan First Christian
August 16:	Grace Chapel (Brazil)
September 20:	Victory Baptist (Clinton)
October 18:	Calvary Temple (TH)
November 15:	Mt. Pleasant UMC (TH-South campus)

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!

A Message from our 2013 Community Lay Director

By Marc Emmerke

Dear El Shaddai Emmaus Community,

First of all, I want to offer my apologies for this newsletter being so late. We will be issuing a mid-summer newsletter as well as the Fall one to make up for this error. I pray that the previous year has been a blessed one for all of you. I know that for some of our community this past year has been a tough one, some with loss of jobs and some with the loss of loved ones. We have lost several members of our community this past year and I would just like to take this time to let the families of those members know that you are loved and this community is always here to support you. May God Almighty always be your strength.

2013 is already off to a great start with four very well attended Gatherings. The food and fellowship has been wonderful, as usual, but I must say that our fourth day speakers have been very inspirational. The Holy Spirit is very active in this community. If you were not able to attend any of these gatherings, you missed some amazing testimonies. I urge all of you to try to attend as many gatherings as possible. You never know,

someone may inspire you to make a bold move for the Kingdom. Besides, where else can you get so much free food and fellowship? 😊

On another positive note, we filled both of our winter walks ahead of schedule and there are even several pilgrims that are on a waiting list for future walks. It is wonderful to see that so many men and women want to deepen their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Once you have completed your walk, I urge each and everyone one of you to attend Gatherings, join a reunion group (or even two). Get involved!

Christ is counting on you!

I look forward to the remainder of this year to serving you as your Community Lay Director. It is a real blessing to have a wonderful board to work with this year. On the board this year, we have 9 members that have been previous weekend lay directors. What this means to you the community is that the leaders of this

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sisters in Christ at church on Sundays (both services if you have them), Wednesday nights...weekly Bible Studies, small groups...and by purposely seeking someone to be accountable to, we may find ourselves arriving at Easter Sunday...a newer creation than we were all of last year; and with closer ties to those we love, and to our Father in Heaven.

If we consecrate ourselves and set ourselves apart for the work God has given us, we will find we are well on the way to doing just that. And, it should be something we do throughout the year...not just when we are preparing for a Walk or working a Walk. One way we do that is to periodically, seriously consider those things that might be a hindrance to being everything Christ desires us to be. It is allowing ourselves to be under the microscope of Christ. He will point out things to us that we might not realize are there, nor think are all that bad. As humans, our self protection compels us to compare ourselves to

others who we consider to be worse than we are...and so it gives us a sort of human and societal justification to be or do whatever we want. Friends, God's grace is a wonderful thing. Bu it is not a license to do whatever I want...it is rather, the means to do what I must...before a Holy God. This is our time to allow God's microscope on us. For Him to point out things others cannot see...whether that are subtle or we cover them well; but they are the things that keep us from being completely transparent before God. This is our time to set aside anything that could keep us from being everything God needs us to be for today and the future, until the day He calls us home. De Colores!

Dr. Dan Willis
Community Spiritual Director

**SERVE
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Community Lay Director...

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community have years of experience working walks and that we all have a deep love for this community and we all want to see it be the best that it can be for God's Glory!

It is my prayer that each and every one of you in the community will become involved in some way. There are so many ways to be involved: making Agape, working a walk, attending Candlelights, serving on the board, working with Chrysalis or Kairos, sponsoring pilgrims or caterpillars, and so many more. Of course, **serving in your local church is the most important part of being in the Emmaus community.** Remember, that Jesus demonstrated to us that we are to serve others. ¹² *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what*

I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (John 13:12-17)

I pray that we all hear these words when we meet Him, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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 went on
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 at the Emmaus address.



Applications are being taken for team members and participants for the Fall Flights.

Flight #73 - Girls - November 15-17, 2013

Flight #74 - Boys - November 22-24, 2013

Chrysalis Gathering

June 22 @ Turkey Run

Noon-4pm

All are welcome!

Meat and Drinks will be provided. We ask that you bring a side or dessert.

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.

**Men's Walk #162, Merom, Indiana
February 21-24, 2013**

Team

Spiritual Director

Gary Scroggins*

Clergy

Bill Coker*
Don Ransford*
Rick Wetnight*

Lay Director

Jim Lumsdon*

Asst. Lay Directors

Nick Agresta*
Bernie Gibson*
Pat Killeen*

Board Rep.

Mike Fowler
Dave Beil

Music

Rudy Nichols-Head Music
Darin Adams
JR Drew
Mike Mogan

Table Leaders

Kent Bass*
Jay Coffman*
Randy Koehler*
Joe Shell*
Bob Tidd*
Randy Tucker*

Asst. Table Leaders

Jerry Baker
Eric Bass
Jeff Cantrell
Brian Conner
Barry Haskett
Steve Stipp

Chas

Hank Kidwell-Head Cha
Ryan Baker-Asst. Head Cha
Doug Beder
Tim Donna
Joe Edwards
Beau Froderman
Jim Hardesty
Keith Hood
Clyde Hosterman
Terry Hayhurst
Rick Jenkins
Scott Lough
Fritz Oehler
Aaron Rugenstein
Rob Soloman
Andrew Tucker
Bob Wilson

Pilgrims

Pilgrim

Daren Adamson
Steven Anderson
Mark Ascheman
Dave Bahlmann
Mike Barcus
Bob Bock
Jason Bonte
J Brown
Jason Chappell
Art Culver
Kevin Donnar
Roger Dulin
Jeff Edington
Corey Gibson
Richard Hawkins
Ralph Heshelman
Bill Holloway
Jeff Ingram
Kevin Kingery
John Lombardo
Nick Longworth
Ken Lowe
Jerry Nelson
Dwain Patterson
Jerry Pilman
David Piper
Mitch Reberger
Randy Ringo
Tom Rowe
Nick Schneider
Jeff Smithhart
Bill Spaulding
Quinn Stevenson
Preston Sutherland
Cody Tilford
Scott Williams

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Lisa Cantrell
Jessica Williams
Jeff Bridgewater
Jane Donna
Forest Raines
Bob Steed
Aaron Fox
Jacinda Tucker
Pat Walker
Barb Stipp
John Reintjes
Bob Harmon
Glenda Richard
Stacy Blake Miller
Bob Nicoson
Bryan Sanders
Nick Agresta
Larry Koertge
David Waite
Barbara Harden
Sam Weatherford
Jim Hanson
Jill Hannah
Kristen Patterson
Maeghan Pilman
Bill Marts
Kaysia Reberger
Teresa Ringo
Jan Rowe
J/J Laughlin
Kathli Bass/Eric
Brian Connor
Tim Miller
Larry Richmond
Brian Connor
Becky Williams

**Women's Walk #163, Merom, Indiana
February 28-March 3, 2013**

Team

Spiritual Director

Kyle Andrews*

Clergy

Toni Cooksey*

Russ Houser*

Bob Rousch*

Kathy Rousch*

Lay Director

Rita Marlow*

Asst. Lay Directors

Amber Fox*

Arletta Kellar*

Gayla Thiemann*

Board Rep.

Kathy Deal.

Jill Hannah

Music

Karen Webb-Head Music

Marilyn Fisher

Pam Hall

Sue Loughmiller

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Kim Burton*

Mary Sue Jackson*

Mia Killeen*

Maxine Lifford*

Cheryl Raines*

Brenda Utterback

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Lynn Broyles

Tracey Dunn

Beth Hardesty

Kay Hosterman

Courtney Lash*

Cathy Louderback

Chas

Carol Allen/Co-Head

Joyce Fatch/Co-Head

Isabelle Alsman

Mary Kay Crowthers

Barb Downey

Kathy Ferree

Jodi Fish

Nancy Frederick

Debbie Haskett

Dana Johnson

Jeanne Lash

Hether Messmer

Sandra Newport

Aimee Phipps

Amy Reynolds

Renee Jo Rolison

Sue Seyfert

Jennifer Stewart

Laura Williams

Deb Wolfe

Pilgrims

Pilgrim

Devan Adamson

Sarah Alsman

Shawna Bahlmann

Rita Barcus

Jo-Ann Barushak

Vicki Bauer

Luellen Chowning

Jennifer Cogar

Sandy Culver

Cassandra Dayhuff

Bobbie DeBow

Julie Dougherty

Lynette Enyart

Ashley Harroll

Emma Henry

Kim Hicks

Mary Hill

April Holloway

Phyllis Ingram

Maria Kemp

Terrie Kratzer

Anita Miller

Joyce Miller

Kristie Moore

Kathy Muston

Lynn Myers

Connie Nelson

Julia Piper

Sarah Ray

Tanna Samm

Judy Smith

Lori Smithhart

Kim Stevenson

Renee' Stevenson

Jenny Strole

Jennifer Swaim

Sponsor

Joe Cantrell

Jim Louderback

Jane Donna

Forest Raines

Joe Hall

Patty Steele

Izzy Alsman & Emily McCoy

Melody Culler

Barb Stipp

David Culler

Kelly Miller

Steve Stipp

Kim Ingram

Missy Reintjes

Mary Lou Ohl

Christine Solomon

Randy Hill

Connie & Dave Rector

Sherri Koertge

Randi Maas

Bindu Abraham

Robert Miller

William Marts

Sara Moore

Ruthann McKeag

Scott Lough

Alan Hannah

Kathy Marts

Linda Felker

Mary Emmadell McQueary

Larry Koertge

Jodee Beder

Bil Dunn

Tim & Stacy Miller

Tammy Conner

Jane Mace

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 Candelight 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.

De Colores!

2013 Fall Walks

Men’s Walk
September 26-29, 2013
Lay Director: Jay Slater

Women’s Walk
October 3-6, 2013
Lay Director: Ettie Evans

Both walks will take place at the Clay City Campgrounds

“I CONTINUE TO DREAM AND PRAY ABOUT A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS IN OUR DAY THAT MOVES FORTH IN MISSION AND CREATES AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY IN WHICH EACH PERSON CAN BE UNLEASHED THROUGH THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE SPIRIT TO FULFILL GOD’S CREATIONAL INTENTIONS.”

— JOHN WESLEY

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hands and feet of Christ.**

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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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