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A Note from the CLD

Dear Community,

As we begin 2015, I would be remiss not to review some pretty amazing things that happened in our El Shaddai Emmaus Community in the past year. This community has been blessed with wonderful leadership this year.

The winter walks were in the capable hands of Nic and Linda Agresta and their teams who faced the challenges of freezing temperatures and snow drifts with complete confidence that God had everything in control. Needless to say, there were challenges that the team and pilgrims endured through a very unusually harsh winter at Merom which faced serious mechanical issues. I was so proud of the teams' perseverance and dedication. We thank the Merom board of directors who have worked very hard in 2014 to address the issues so our 2015 winter walks and 2014-15 Chrysalis flights would go smoothly.

We traveled to Clay City for our Spring walks under the direction of Gayla Thiemann and Bernie Gibson and for our fall walks under the direction of Jeannie Robbins and Pat Killeen. All four of these lay directors and their teams did a beautiful job showing God's love to the pilgrims through spirit-filled talks and acts of agape. During these six weekends, many lives were changed and Christians were strengthened in their walks with Christ.

Our walks were blessed with many volunteers who enjoyed giving of their time and resources to help further God's kingdom. Thanks to Rita Steed (newsletter), Marc Emmerke (Facebook Page and Technology), Michael Ray (Webmaster), Jane Heck (Walk Scrapbooks), Nancy Frederick and Sue Bass-Harmon (registrars), Kathy Duncan (lanyards), Mark Sellers and Jerry Standeford (crosses), Marilyn Fisher/Dave Brinson/Rudy and Nancy Nichols (Agape Dinner Group Singing Leaders), Mike Fowler (Agape Dinner Emcee), Bill and Karen Webb assisted by Alberta Fowler (Agape Dinner Set-up/Tear-down), Deb Wilkinson (Candles for Walks), and Paul and Laura Culler (Candlelight candle sales).

Our 2014 Emmaus Board of Directors are truly the "chas behind the chas." I have had the pleasure of serving on past boards, and this one has truly been one of the best

ones. Having so many former weekend lay directors, ALDS, and long-time seasoned veterans around the board table meetings was truly a blessing to me. Thank you to Pastor Bob Kumpf for serving as our very seasoned Community Spiritual Director who has served as a former weekend lay director and spiritual director. Assisting him were Rick Wetnight and Larry Swan who were both enthusiastic supports to Bob and to our entire board. Our lay leaders on the board included: Assistant CLD Dave Beil (Music and Transportation), Secretary Jill Hannah, Treasurer Brenda Utterback, Assistant Treasurer Donna Voll (Newsletter Coordinator), Scott Hayes (Registration and Team Selection), Cathie Browne (Team Selection), Bernie Gibson (Memorial Fund), Tim Jarvis (Gatherings and Sponsorship), Scott Jones (Chrysalis), Rita Steed (Agape) and Gary Francis (Maintenance). On top of their assigned duties, this board took on many additional tasks such as updating our lay director and head kitchen/chas manuals, formalized our agape dinner guidelines, updating AV equipment, setting up AV training, updating the team experience database, and much more. They were there helping in the kitchen during agape dinners, setting up and tearing down walk weekend equipment, providing wisdom to our walk lay directors, and were year round problem solvers. There was much laughter, love, prayer, and concern at each board meeting as we sought the Lord for His guidance. The unity of one thought, one heart, and one soul was evident at our meetings each month.

As I close this letter, I want to thank the community for your loving support at our gatherings and candle lights, godly sponsorship, and for your prayers. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Community Lay Director for a second time. This community has truly grown strong even in the time between I served as CLD the first time and now. The friends that I have in Emmaus are friends for eternity. I am very proud of the work that was done in the name of Christ in this past year. As I turn over the reins to our next community lay director, I do so with a grateful heart. May God bless each member of our El Shaddai family of believers as we kick off our winter walks under the leadership of Hether Messmer and Hank Kidwell. Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ in 2015!

DeColores,
Kathy Deal, Community Lay Director 2014

Decolores from the Community Spiritual Director

Dear Friends,

At a recent meeting we started by asking if anyone had a prayer need. Without exception, every person shared the same exact prayer request: asking for help at work. One of our members made an observation that was both deadly accurate but also life-giving. He prayed, "God it seems we've all shared prayer requests related to our jobs and we need you to help us get our priorities straight in all of the different areas of our lives." (Priorities....Huhm.....)

Most of us had spouses. Some of us had kids. All of us volunteered in different ministries. Why did we limit our prayer requests to our jobs? Does God care about my new project? My important meeting?

I think yes and no. God cares about our work and how we treat others at our jobs, but our work is just a piece of who we are, a part of what God sees in us. It is very possible to be praying for my job and to be completely out of touch with God's priorities.

So...how should we pray for our work? Here's one place to start: Are you made to do something? Olympic athlete Eric Liddell ("Chariots of Fire") is famous for saying, "When I run, I feel his (God's) pleasure." What did God make you to do?

The trick is that we were made first and foremost for God, not to do something. We worship God through song, meditation on scripture, loving our families, working and so much more. We don't work and then squeeze in worship when we can.

I sometimes catch myself asking God for help with my work, forgetting that I'm here first and foremost to be a worshipper of God. Honestly, I can worship God through my work. I have been faithful to His Call...but sometimes I end up asking God to help me worship better! Better and more pleasing to Him! And...when I do, I feel his (God's) pleasure. How is it...on *your* Fourth Day?

Pastor Bob Kumpf
Community Spiritual Director

A WORD OF INSPIRATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

My wife is a REAL fan of Christmas movies both old and new. Our DVD is constantly recording from the Hallmark Channel! And that's okay. She also has an assortment of "vintage" movies we review from time to time. One is the classic "Anne of Green Gables" by Lucy Maude Montgomery. It contains an unforgettable line that I remember from time to time and especially on New Years. Anne Shirley, a red-headed orphan, with a wild imagination and a talent for getting into trouble says, "Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?" I like that!

The New Year begins with great fanfare and excitement; a New Year full of promise and expectation AND a New Year with no mistakes in it...yet. And, as Christians, we know that we have the ability to claim that same joy every day when we give our shortfalls to Christ in prayer. Every day is a new day! Every day full of opportunities and blessings!

Have a Blessed New Year – EVERY DAY as you journey with Christ at your side in 2015!

"You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance."
(Psalm 65:11 NLT)

DeColores!

Pastor Bob Kumpf
El Shaddai Emmaus Walk #16



WHAT EMMAUS MEANS TO ME.....

When describing the Emmaus Walk you hear words like “amazing”, “life-changing”, “wow”, and many others. I am no different. Those are some of the words that I used at closing describing my walk.

The Emmaus walk has been a life changing experience for me. I went on Walk #41 at Merom February, 1997. I did not think I needed to go on the walk. I had been a Christian for many years and felt that my relationship with the Lord was good.

I was working and the job that I had was very demanding. My pastor at the time felt that it would be good for me and that I was ready to go on the walk. I did not think that I would be able to go on the walk because of my work schedule but God made a way for me to go.

It is a once in a lifetime experience and it has impacted my relationship with the Lord even today. It has never been better. The love that was demonstrated during the walk was very Christ like. The whole team that was on that walk demonstrated what Godly servants are supposed to be like.

Since then I have been able to work several walks and sponsor those who God has shown me who need to go on the Walk. What a blessing it has been in my spiritual walk with the Lord.

DeColores
Pastor Larry Swan

AND ALSO TO ME....

Just a few short months after Pastor Larry, I attended Walk #48 at Clay City. Upon returning home there seemed to be only one word of explanation for those 72 life changing hours...”awesome!”.

Hello, my name is Rita Steed (Table of Ruth) It was indeed an awesome time – but honestly it took me two and half years from the time I was invited until I made the journey. It was the third application that finally made it in the mail. This says a lot to me about God’s special timing in our lives. Looking back, I now know that I really was not ready to go before then. You see, I was caring a heavy burden of guilt, pain and loss in the years prior to my walk.

When I finally made it to Clay City I was able to lay those burdens at the foot of the cross, (along with at least three full boxes of used Kleenex).

There at the cross on Saturday afternoon in the old wooden tabernacle with the large white dove hovering over me, surrounded by loving sisters and brothers in Christ I gave it all up to Him, promising to follow wherever He would lead for the remainder to my life.

I walked away from that cross feeling tons lighter, the weight lifted and my heart singing praises to an awesome Savior.

I remember opening my Bible at random that long ago Thursday evening, wondering for just a brief moment what I had let myself in for only to find my finger resting on Prov. 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your Heart, and lean no on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths”.

The Walk to Emmaus has become a huge part of my life, as I try each day to remember to “Trust, Acknowledge and Follow”.

DeColores
Rita Steed, Walk 48 – Table of Ruth

2015 WALKS

Winter

Men’s Walk 172 (Jan. 29, 2014 - Feb. 1, 2015)
Lay Director – Hank Kidwell

Women’s Walk 173 (Feb.5 – Feb. 8, 2015)
Lay Director – Hether Messmer

Winter Walks will be held at Merom Conference Center

Spring

Men’s Walk 174 – (Apr. 23-26)
Lay Director – Mark Mullinix

Women’s Walk 175 (Apr. 30 – May 3)
Lay Director – Beth Willis

Fall

Men’s Walk 176 (Sept 24-27)
Women’s Walk 177 (Oct. 1-4)
Lay Directors (TBA)

Spring/Fall Walks will be held at Free Methodist Campground,
Clay City

Memorial Fund

Contact the Memorial Fund Chairperson, Bernie Gibson, when an Emmaus member passes away so that we may send the family an acknowledgement and a Bible. Anyone interested in donating to the Memorial Fund to honor a deceased member, or donate as led by the Lord, may do so. The following information is required for the acknowledgement:

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

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2015 Board of Directors



Dave Beil - Community Lay Director/
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 Bernie Gibson - Memorial Fund
 Rita Steed - Agape/Newsletter
 Sue Jarvis - Gatherings
 Pat Killeen - Reunion Groups

Note: Sue Jarvis & Pat Killeen will be observing Team Selection

Please support Chrysalis with prayers, agape and your presence at candlelight!

Spring Flights are:

Girls Flight #79 - March 27-29

Boys Flight #80 - March 6-8



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

KAIROS means "GOD'S SPECIAL TIME"

Matthew 25:34-36. The King will say "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry International is to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Kairos is like taking Emmaus to the women and men that are behind prison bars. Thursday - We introduce them to Kairos and meet our new friends, Friday - Getting to know themselves. Saturday - We introduce them to Jesus and His forgiveness. Sunday - We prepare them for going back into their world dealing with others.

The heart of Kairos ministry is on-going through weekly Prayer and Share Fellowship and monthly Reunion Groups.

Kairos team members must complete volunteer training, provided by the Indiana Department of Correction, and attend the five Kairos team meetings which are very similar to Emmaus Team meetings. Kairos team members are encouraged to just be themselves, loving others simply because Christ loves us. They are to Listen, Love, Love.

Some of the participants will die in prison, but through Kairos they are given the chance to know Christ and know that there is a better place.

Teams are forming now for Rockville Women's Prison weekend #22 (May 28-31); Putnamville Men's Prison (April 23-26); Wabash Valley Men's Prison (May 14-17); Plainfield Men's Prison (date TBA).

For further information or team applications please contact:

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**Men's Walk #172, Merom, Indiana
Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2015**

Team

Lay Director

Hank Kidwell *

Asst. Lay Directors

Mike Pell *
Dan Browne *
John Mace *

Board Rep.

Bernie Gibson

Spiritual Director

Vince McFaland *

Clergy

Paul Carey *
Larry Swan *
Tom Hess *
Bob Rousch *

Music

Dave Brinson (Head)
Mike Morgan
Martin Dixon
Rudy Nichols
Joe Milner

Table Leaders

Jim Hardesty *
Bob Tidd *
Ryan Baker *
Ralph Heshelman *
Jim Hanson *
Todd Swearingen *

Asst. Table Leaders

Percy Mossbarger
Clyde Hosterman
Jason Keith
Joe Shell
Trey Miller
George Browne

Chas

Scott Williams (Head)
Brian Connor (Co-Head)
Aaron Rugenstein
Rick Jenkins
Doug Mace
David Erwin
Ron Readinger
Steve Spencer
Ron Hekelberg
Eric Bass

Brian Vitz
Larry Koertge
Bob Fagg
Jay Coffman
Don Kidwell
Charles Roberts
Ron Buddle

*Denotes giving talk

PILGRIMS

Pilgrim

Jordan Beck
Matt Brown
Steve Drebes
Nick Eblen
Tyler Fischer
Tracy Higginbottom
Curt Hoesman
Jamin Hoppel
Tedd Miles
Josh O'Neal
Jason Reed
Anthony Rollo
Matthew Sutherland
Scott Sutton
Paul West

Sponsor

Doug Mace
Dave & Becky Jacob
Jason Barnes
Bob Miller
Pam & Len Fischer
Sam Atkinson
Jason Keith
Tina Fiest
Mandy Loughmiller
Patty Spencer
Dottie Stanfill
Kiley Rollo
Rebecca Sutherland
Bob Miller
Kevin Drane

Registrar: Sue Bass-Harmon

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**Women's Walk #173, Merom, Indiana
Feb. 5 – 8, 2015**

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Tracey Dunn *

Joyce Fatch *

Sue Seyfert *

Board Rep.

Brenda Utterback

Rita Steed

Spiritual Director

Bob Kumpf *

Clergy

Colleen Harden *

Terry Jeffers *

Don Ransford *

Tim Voll *

Music

Julie Ames (Head)

Alyssa Rissler (Co-Head)

Nanette Brown

Jenni Chamberlain *

Annette Smith

Table Leaders

Linda Bray

Linda Cherico

Maxine Lifford *

Cheryl Raines

Patty Spencer *

Gayla Theimann

Asst. Table Leaders

Kathy Ferree *

Wendy Gehman

Mary Ellen Jackson

Donna Voll

Becky Williams *

Laura Williams

Chas

Carol Allen (Head)

Sherri Hughes (Ass't Head)

Missy Allen

Lecia Brown

Lynn Broyles

Kathy Deal

Erin Dulin

Denise Howard

Missy Jeffers

Connie Langman

Courtney Lash

Patt Lloyd

Betsy Mace

Becky Mace-Jacob

Cathy Mullinix

Shelley Nichols

Emily Pair *

Julie Pell

Marcia Stievenart

Joni Sutherland

Patty Walters

Deb Wolfe

*Denotes giving talk

Pilgrims

Pilgrim

Anna (Lane) Barcus

Theresa (Anslinger) Camp

Jackie (Pitcher) Haddix

Tifny (Fiest) Hoppel

Carla (Seyfert) Johnson

Candy (Dugger) Jones

Jill Kuckenwich

Ashley (Kesler) Luken

Marissa Mace

Sarah Miner

Shelly (Bundy) O'Neal

Sarah Scott

Elizabeth (Griffin) Shew

Paula (Cripe) West

Etta (Selsam) Wolf

Sponsor

Sam Tryon

Kevin Drane

Bonnie Green

Tina Fiest

Carl Seyfert

Sandy Thurman

Marlene Drane

Kevin Drane

Doug Mace

Hannah Gilley

Steve Spencer

Steve Campbell

Ed Shew

Marlene Drane

Nancy Selsam/Carol Allen

note: (maiden name in parenthesis)

Registrar: Nancy Fredericks

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SOMETHING TO CHEW ON

By Dr. Bill Coker

WHEN RELIGION BECOMES REAL

One of our religious difficulties is that we believe in God, yet He remains unreal. He does not confront us daily as an inescapable reality. It's like believing in love, yet never having fallen in love. A good illustration can be found in Job 42 when he says, *I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.* He goes on to say, *I heard of You by the hearing of the ear...* Job believed in God, but God remained unreal.

However, he goes on to say, *but now my eye sees You.* His personal struggles had brought him to a new perspective, a personal relationship with God. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote in one of his books: *God is not found at the end of an argument, nor in the middle of a creed. He is found where we have adjusted the eyes of our heart to see.*

The Apostle Paul had to lose his eyesight in order to see. His problem was with his preconceived notions and prejudices, not an unfamiliar problem for many of us. One might say that God blinded Paul so that in the darkness he could see the truth.

My problem was an expectation not that I should find Christ, but that Christ would find me. How about a burning bush or a wet fleece or a blinding light? I would have welcomed even a still small voice that would provide an inescapable conviction that He is. How many of us have waited for a little coincidence, or a warmed heart, or a peace that prevailed over our distress, or at least a profound awareness of inexplicable joy?

How can we make our faith become real? I would point to the Apostle Paul. His letters provide so much for us to chew on. As a good example, **Philippians 3:1 – 4:1** is a wonderful text as to how religion can become real. It can provide a springboard to share to a friend.

I would also suggest several personal factors:

1. When we change the direction in which we are looking.
2. When we want more than church and creeds.
3. When we are tired of our sins and our failures
4. When we want our faith to be real
5. When we are ready to let Jesus be Lord.

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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!

CHANGES COMING TO THE 2015 GATHERINGS:

Beginning in 2015 the Emmaus Board of Directors has decided to go back to the "TRADITIONAL" style Emmaus Gatherings.

We are asking all those attending to bring a salty or sweet snack. The host church will supply paper and plastic products, drinks, ice and appetizers. We will no longer be serving a full meal.

These changes will remove a financial burden from the host church, allow for speedier clean-up and more social time for everyone.

Social hour will now begin at 6:15 p.m. in order to allow adequate time for everyone to be served.

Let's remember that this is a Gathering and not a dinner. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Tim Jarvis,
Chair - Emmaus Gatherings

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2015 GATHERING SCHEDULE

**Fellowship - 6:15 p.m. (sweet or salty snacks)
Praise and Worship - 7:00 p.m.**

February 20 – Cross Lane Christian Church (Terre Haute)
March 20 – Maryland Community Church (Terre Haute)
April 17 – Calvary Temple Church (Clinton)
May 15 – Hulman Street Wesleyan Church (Terre Haute)
June 19 – TBA
July 17 – Sullivan First Christian Church (Sullivan)
August 21 – Berea Christian Church (Brazil)
September 18 – TBA
October 16 – Calvary Temple Church (Terre Haute)
November 20 – Temple United Methodist Church (Terre Haute)
December – No Gathering Held

**Note: All Gatherings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month.
Please save the date on your calendars.**

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