



EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011

Luke 24:13-32

Many of us have read the Emmaus Road account found in Luke 24: 13-32. I would challenge you to go back and re-read it especially as we enter into the Lenten season and prepare for Easter. The two men who were on their way to Emmaus were followers of Jesus. They had witnessed His crucifixion and were on their way back home. The passage tells us that they were heart broken because, in their eyes and in their minds, all that they had hoped for was lost at Jesus death. What is even more amazing is they had received news that the tomb was empty, but they still had difficulty grasping the reality of His resurrection. Jesus comes along side of them and opens the Word *"beginning with Moses*

and all the Prophets explaining to them what was said in the Scriptures about Him." The bottom line is that their eyes were opened, they recognized Him and their lives were forever changed.

I share this with you because I believe, too often, if we are not careful we can have our spiritual highs – we can have a strong sense of the Lord's presence; but then, if we are not careful, we can slip back into the routines of our lives and then quickly forget all that Jesus has done for us. We can forget the "power of the Cross" where Jesus died for our sins. We can forget "the power of the Resurrection" that gives to us the promise of victory as we claim eternal

life with God. We can lose sight of the fellowship that is ours with God through Christ. We can be just like these two that are on the road with Jesus.

My prayer is that we encounter the living Lord Jesus on our "Emmaus Road of life" and that, in so doing, our eyes will be opened to the reality of His presence that gives us a faith and hope that spurs us onto abundant living and extravagant service.

Decolores,

Chip Koch
Spiritual Director

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR – Doug Theiss

The River Walk

My wife and I had the opportunity to spend some time this winter in San Antonio, Texas – a beautiful, multi-cultural city with a wealth of history. One of the most impressive venues in San Antonio is the River Walk – or Paseo del Rio – located some twenty feet below street level along several miles of the San Antonio River. Stone pathways connect shops, galleries, restaurants, hotels and museums with a rich blend of historic and modern architecture. It is an oasis where commerce, culture and nature converge with the sounds of mariachis serenading diners and river taxis carrying guests past lush landscapes, quaint pathways, and public art works by local, national and international artists.

The San Antonio River was not always the nationally acclaimed tourist attraction that exists today. In earlier years, the city often experienced flooding along the banks of the river. Many city fathers favored paving over

the river as a means of flood control. In 1924, the San Antonio Conservation Society successfully battled to keep the river flowing, and supported a plan by a local architect to dig channels, install flood gates and redirect the river so that flooding could be minimized.

Over the years, many innovative and intricate engineering feats were instituted to maintain the safety and beauty of the River Walk area. The San Antonio River Tunnel was designed to protect the downtown area by diverting flood flows 150 feet underneath the city. The tunnel is about three miles long, 24 feet in diameter, and passes almost directly underneath the Alamo!

Reflecting on our time in San Antonio, it struck me that, in much the same way, our Emmaus Walk helps us to showcase the majesty and beauty of our "River" – the River of Life, Jesus Christ. The Emmaus Walk was carefully designed and planned to allow our "tourists" – or

pilgrims – to experience the splendor of our River. Just as each tourist may see, experience and be moved by something different at the River Walk, our pilgrims will see, experience and be moved by something different on their Walk to Emmaus.

Beyond the design and construction of the River Walk, the beauty and vitality of that place depends on several thousand people doing their jobs to ensure that visitors have the opportunity to experience it anew for themselves. We saw locals cooking and serving Tex-Mex fare, sanitation workers picking up litter, and police patrolling the river and sidewalks. We were waited upon by storekeepers, escorted by tour guides, transported by river boat captains, and entertained by singers and dancers. All of this was done to help us experience the river that these people had come to know and love.

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We have a Men's Emmaus Walk starting Thursday, June 23. Won't you help us share the love of Christ with these new pilgrims? You can feed them or clean up after them. You can carry their bags or pray for them. You can participate in the candlelight service or the closing. Or you can do all of these things! Won't you help us show these pilgrims the beauty, majesty and grace of our River?

WELCOME BUFFET

If you have signed up to bring any of the items that are used for the WELCOME BUFFET FOOD DONATIONS, please remember that they must be in the kitchen by 5:00pm the Thursday of the Walk. Please be sure to include your name on items you have dropped off or you can check your name off the list that is usually hanging on the side of the big chrome freezer in the kitchen. We would also like you to sign the poster board that will be hanging on the back of the kitchen door. We will have it up Wednesday afternoon so the ones who dropped off their items early can sign.

If for some reason you cannot bring the item you signed up to bring, contact the Social Chair so they can anticipate purchasing the necessary additional items.

SUNDAY CLOSING

We need workers to tear down Kirsch Hall and clean the kitchen along with distributing the leftover food. Come for the closing and hear all the testimonies, eat and enjoy the laughter and the blessings.

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Marshall Blake	Summit Station	Terry Eldridge
Paul Blankenship	Reynoldsburg UMC	Bill Sims
Don Coleman	Liberty Presbyterian	Jeffrey Young
Bill Daughtery	Brice UMC	Ray Jewitt
John Dillard Sr	Fellowship Baptist	Donna Daniels
Jeremy Ehrenborg	Lithopolis UMC	Chuck Miller
Gary Everetts	Reynoldsburg UMC	Kelly Everetts
Sam McDaniel	New Birth Christian	Carol Witcher
Harry Mullins	Eastview UMC	Joe Fox
John O'Connor	Xenos Christian Fellowship	Kevin Rush
Aaron Poe	Eastview UMC	Kristy Poe
Philip Rittall	Mt. Pleasant Christian	Ron Moskonas
Michael Schreiber	Faith UMC	Ron Turner
Dave Sewall	Reynoldsburg UMC	Aaron Mathias
John Shannon	Brice UMC	Patrick Talisse
BK Ujah	Triumphant Christian	Steve Murray

Check the Emmaus link for Pilgrim updates:

rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.htm

EMMAUS COMMUNITY SHARE GROUP INFORMATION

Women's Good Shepherd _____ Men's Good Shepherd _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

SHARE GROUP LOCATION _____

SHARE DAY & TIME _____

SHARE PARTNERS _____

Are you willing to accept additional share partners? ____yes ____no

Mail to: Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community
1636 Graham Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Register your e-mail address at the Emmaus home page:

rumc.org/Emmaus

(enter your e-mail address at the top right)

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LIVE-IN TEAM MEN'S WALK #66

ROLE	NAME	TALK
Spiritual Director	Kevin Kellogg	Means of Grace/ Sanctifying Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Tasha Levert	Prevenient Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Rob Turner	Justifying Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Jeff Greenway	Obstacles to Grace
	Kevin Kellogg	Means of Grace
Lay Director	Jim Carter	Perseverance
Lay Director In Training	Dan Collins	
Assistant Lay Director	Jos Ortiz	Changing Our World
Assistant Lay Director	Greg LaPaugh	Priority
Music Director	John Miller	
Assistant Music Director	Gary Henkel	
Technical Director	Matt Lefebvre	
Table Leader	Dave Stoffel	Fourth Day
Assistant Table Leader	Kermit Chaney	
Table Leader	Mike Barker	Priesthood of all Believers
Assistant Table Leader	Tommy Bruce	
Table Leader	Rich Blanton	Christian Action
Assistant Table Leader	Adam Greenawalt	
Table Leader	Joe Fox	Discipleship
Assistant Table Leader	Jim Eldridge	
Table Leader	Dwight Greer	Growth Through Study
Assistant Table Leader	Bill Prentice	
Table Leader	Dale Holter	Life in Piety
Assistant Table Leader	Doug Sunker	
Table Leader	Randy Painter	Body of Christ
Assistant Table Leader	Tom Lynch	

WOMEN'S GOOD SHEPHERD

Thank you so much for updating your share group and contact information. Remember, if you have a change in address or phone number, please contact me with your new information. Also, if you are in need of a share group, I am here to help! Thanks, Gail Clark

SPONSORSHIP

The next Emmaus Sponsorship training will occur at 6:30PM on July 5 in the Chapel (immediately before the Gathering at 7:15PM).

EMMAUS WALKS

How will you be the hands and feet of Christ? Sign-up sheets are displayed in the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church kitchen and in St. Andrew's Hall on the Gathering evenings or call the board representative. Christ gave His life for you. Will you give you hands and feet for Him?

- 24-hour Prayer Vigil
- Carry Luggage
- Bedtime Agape
- Mealtime Agape
- Logistics: Set-up, clean, tear down
- Agape Room
- Kitchen
- Attend Candlelight
- Write Pilgrim Agape

Are you persevering in your walk with Christ? Are you utilizing all the tools you learned on your Walk to Emmaus?

- Seek Discipleship Opportunities
- Serve the Emmaus Community
- Use the Reunion Group Card
- Sunday School Attendance
- Share Group Attendance
- Daily Morning Devotions
- Bible Study Attendance
- Daily Morning Prayer
- Study the Scriptures
- Serve Your Church
- Worship Attendance
- Daily Meditation



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Return Service Requested

2011 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Men's Walk #66: June 23-26

Women's Walk #87: July 21-24

Men's Walk #67: October 6-9

Women's Walk: #88: November 10-13

Gatherings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm in the Worship Center
Candlelight is the Saturday of each Walk at 8:30pm. Meet in the Worship Center
Closing begins at 4:30pm on the Sunday of each Walk. Meet in Kirsch Hall

*Note: Guests are welcome at Gatherings; however, Candlelight and Closing
are for those who have previously attended The Walk To Emmaus*

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