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EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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The Emmaus Road

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 that they had received news that the tomb was empty, but they still had difficulty

in 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 go through the Lenten season and even the Easter celebration with a very real sense of God's presence and then quickly forget all that Jesus did for us as we go back into our

daily routines. 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.

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

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. It is 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. It is 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.

We have a Men's Emmaus Walk starting this coming Thursday, March 17th. 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?

2011 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Men's Walk #65: March 17-20

Men's Walk #66: June 23-26

Men's Walk #67: October 6-9

Women's Walk #86: April 7-10

Women's Walk #87: July 21-24

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

*Gatherings - the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm

Candlelight - 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: Children & guests are welcome at gatherings; however, candlelight

& closings are for those who have attended The Walk to Emmaus.

Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community Web Site: www.rumc.org/emmaus

CHANGE IN SPONSORSHIP TRAINING SCHEDULE

(preceding monthly Emmaus Gatherings)
We are updating the schedule for which months' Emmaus Gatherings will include Sponsorship Training. We will now offer Sponsorship Training the month immediately following each Emmaus Walk. For 2011, this training will occur in April, May, July, August, November, and December. The training will remain at the same time slot (6:30-7PM) immediately before the Emmaus Gathering. For those wanting to learn more about how to invite others to attend an Emmaus weekend in the most effective way, please plan to stop by during one of these months for the informal session in the Chapel.

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 the items you have dropped off or you can check your name off that is usually hanging on the side of 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 by Wednesday afternoon so the ones that dropped their items off early can sign.

If for some reason that you can not bring the item that you signed up for, if you could give either one of us a call, that way we will know to we need to purchase any of the veggie's or bake any of the cookies or brownies needed.

SUNDAY CLOSING

We need workers to help tear down Kirsch Hall and clean kitchen along with distributing the left over food for the 2 needed families. Al takes care of bringing the boxes and delivers the food to the families. Come for the closing and hear all the Testimonies, eat, and enjoy the laughter and blessings.

Register your e-mail address at the Emmaus home page:
<http://rumc.org/emmaus/>
(enter your e-mail at top right of the home page)

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Kenneth Rogers	First Presbyterian Grove City	Mike Hamler
Rodney Stufflebean	Etna UMC	Shay Stufflebean
Dean Washington III	King Avenue UMC	Carole Witcher
Kevin Rodgers	Pataskala Church of the Nazarene	Dan Stires
Greg Dolce	New Life	Jeffrey Dolce
Tim Levert	Reynoldsburg UMC	Tasha Levert
Rob Turner	Summit Station UMC	Rich Blanton
Albert Foster	Brice UMC	Steve Murray
Ken Dillman	Ecclesia Church	Eric Obert
Marcus Freed	London Christian	Gerard Tracy
Sean Kennedy	Hosanna Lutheran	Bob Willey
David Rice	Faith UMC	Scott Hartman
Steve Horn	New Life Community	Jeffrey Dolce
Dennis Waites	Eastview UMC	Reynaldo Cordova
Greg Wascomb	New Life	Jeffrey Dolce
Don Morehart	Reynoldsburg UMC	Reynaldo Cordova
Lazaro Fuentes, Jr.	Epiphany Lutheran	Jay Stanley
James Cavanaugh	Somerset UMC	Dustin Ichida
Scott Magers	Prospect UMC	Rich Allen

Check Emmaus link for Pilgrim updates:
www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html

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

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MEN'S WALK #65 LIVE IN TEAM, MARCH 17-20, 2011

NAME	ROLE	TALK
Rev. Chip Koch	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Rev. Jim Meredith	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Rev. David Wells	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Tasha Levert	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Rev. Kevin Kellogg	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Randy Higgenbotham	Lay Director	Perseverance
Jim Carter	Lay Director in Training	
Mike Allen	Asst. Lay Director	Priesthood of All Believers
Jay Stanley	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Ed Canter	Music Director	
Dwayne Blevins	Asst. Music Director	
Gene Tolliver	Technical Director	
Darin Lukich	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Phil Aprile	Asst. Table Leader	
Paul Collins	Table Leader	Christian Action
Allen Stocker	Asst. Table Leader	
Bill Ischy	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Jeff Young	Asst. Table Leader	
Bob Willey	Table Leader	Discipleship
Carlo Lawrence	Asst. Table Leader	
Bruce Bailey	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Kenneth Sellers	Asst. Table Leader	
Reynaldo Cordova	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Chad LeMay	Asst. Table Leader	
Scott Gettinger	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Patrick Talisse	Asst. Table Leader	

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