



Candlelight

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Nashville Upper Room Emmaus Community, January 2008

A Note from your Lay Director

Here it is ---2008---already! Where, oh, where did 2007 go? While your Board accomplished a lot in 2007, there still remains lots of work to do in 2008. Some of the projects/changes we made in 2007 includes:

1. Began the planning for the two Spanish speaking walks to be held the summer of 2008.
2. Found and updated our By-laws and Operating Guidelines.
3. Updated and improved the Emmaus/Chrysalis insurance program.
4. Conducted a Board and Community training program.
5. Simplified some processes at Candlelight and Closing in consideration of the Pilgrims.
6. Improved our financial accounting system significantly.
7. Continued improvement in our database capabilities and registration procedures.

But the thing that the Board is most proud of is that about 180 Pilgrims went on the Walk to Emmaus in the five walks held in 2007. That is 180 additional Community members who are committed to either become or enhance their leadership efforts in their own churches. They are filled with the Holy Spirit and are anxious to step outside their comfort zone and say to **the Lord**, "here I am Lord, use me"!

I have seen dramatic change in many of the new members in my church, people who were active church-goers but not active church-growers! Their Spirit filled lives are a blessing. I hope our clergy members are aware of how greatly the Emmaus program benefits them in their church-work, and, consequently increase their support of Emmaus/Chrysalis programs at all levels.

Lastly, I wish to sincerely express my appreciation and gratitude to the Community, the many volunteers who help during our Walks, the unending efforts of the Board and the spiritual guidance and assistance of our Clergy. We are so blessed...God is so good!

Grace and Peace,
Ron O'Nan

Note from your Spiritual Director

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the new year, "Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown". He said to me, "Put thy hand into the hand of God, and it will be better to thee than light and safer than a known way."

May God light your path and show you and all of the Nashville Emmaus Community his way in 2008.

DeColores,
Randy

Care Corner:

Our sympathy goes out to **Mickey Casson** in the death of his mother.

Our sympathy goes out to **Karen Barrineau** and her family in the death of her mother, Janice Tennstrom.

Please be in prayer for health concerns for **Buni Weller**.

Please be in prayer for health concerns for **Clay Hall**.

Praise for successful surgery for **John Gebhardt**.

Please pray for health and spiritual issues of the Emmaus Community members family and friends.

Welcome to the new Emmaus Community Members!

Walk # 152	Walk # 153	Walk #154
Scott Atkins	Sharron Rankin	Yvonne Glass
Eric Cavella	Angela Braden	Cynthia Russell
Jason Cole	Myrtle Ruth Whipple	Ann Woosley
Bud Whipple	Kathy McCollum	Kris Dixon
Neal Moore	Sandy Atwood	Jeanne Carter
Paul Gardner	Linda Thompson	Lisa Stover
Barry Box	Jana Perry	Melody Moore
Kenny Stewart	Edith Oakes	Patti Harris
Don Davis	Becky Welch	Lillian Tripp
Mike Guertin	Terry Guertin	Vel Rollins
Jerry Lemons	Elizabeth Lemons	Jill Quast
Daniel Herrin	Amy Herrin	Jimmie Webb
Robert White	Jenny White	Linda Powell
Lyle Hamilton	Dorothy Ezell	Barbara Hamilton
Kevin McWhorter	Brandie Cole	Patti Roberts
Keith Stewart	Sandra Lee	Ashlee Mason
Fred Stepp	Rebecca Stepp	Amanda Cochrane
Bill Sapp	Terry Brewer	Michelle Hungate
Wayne Rollins	Lauren Heffelbower	Diane Bradford
Andrew Kjorlaug	Rebecca Grow	Jane Evans
Neil Heffelbower	Tanya Holleran	Melodie Walker
Matthew Grow	Laura Schofield	Kelly Gentry
Jacob Stanton	Kimberly Johnson	Maureen LaPointe
Ric Kinkade	Jacque Henry	Doris Birch
Greg Holleran	Teri Smith	Dorothy Scruggs
Tim Jeffers	Lindy Burns	Liz Smith
Joe Schofield	Nora Keele	Carolyn Massey
Derek Johnson	Ruth Tracy	Pat Kennedy
Joe McHenry	Tiresa Parker	Gayla Fisher
Jim Vernon, Jr	Julie Barnett	
Jim Vernon, Sr	Danielle Burrows	
Mike Webb	Yon Hales	
Tony Burns	Debbie Patterson	
Bill Gnegy	Ramona Taylor	Ward Quast -152
U'Don Hales	Lori Hunter	Raul Serna -152
Butch Patterson	Teresa Straley	Dustyn Fisher -152
Mike Molloy	Christina Barnes	Iris Peeler - 153
Duke Friedel	Angelica Serna	Teresa Carter - 153

CHANGES IN THE EMMAUS BOARD

We welcome the newly elected board members:

Lay: Pat Addington Clergy: Scott Aldridge
 Peter Cassidy Skip Armistead
 John England Karen Barrineau
 Angela Hayes Allen Weller
 Juanita Hobbs

We also wish to thank all who allowed their names to be placed in nomination. Each of you are great assets to the Community because of all the dedicated service you have graciously given.

We also express our thanks and appreciation to those members of the Board who have faithfully served over these years and have completed their terms.

It is with regret that they pass off the Board but we know that they will continue to be actively involved in the Emmaus program.

Lay: Bill Burleigh Clergy: Randy Brown
 Freeda Helton Mark Carrigan
 Sally Kimbrell Regina Hall
 Ron O’Nan Tom Halliburton
 Joe Pearson
 Cathy Preston

New board members will receive their board position assignments at the January board meeting.

THE HIDDEN PEARL OF EMMAUS

There is at least one aspect of Walk to Emmaus that is often overlooked or misunderstood. This is one of the most rewarding parts of not only Emmaus but also other events in life that we can ever experience. It is called Anonymous Servanthood.

What this term means to you may very well be different from my own definition, but if performed as a true act of agape, our blessings will be very much the same. I chose to use the term “true agape” because that is exactly what anonymous servanthood is. Have you ever thought about what you do on an Emmaus weekend and why you do it? 1 Corinthians 10:31 tells us whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, give God the glory. This means everything we do whether in the conference room or working as a Support Servant behind-the-scenes, our efforts are to bring glory to God, not a special focus on ourselves. None of us would set out to do this intentionally, but it happens. The reason for this little note of wisdom is to alert you to this fact: sometimes we all like a round of applause, a drum roll, a 21 gun salute, the sound of our voice, or our names in print. When it does happen, be sure you do all you can to redirect the credit to God. He is the only one worthy of praise!

John 3:30 says it all! I must decrease so He can increase. My anonymous service can only be a form of true agape if it remains unconditional; unconditional because it is supposed to be a gift of love from God. Once I put my name and/or face on the gift, it becomes conditional, and I will most likely receive the praise thereby usurping God’s glory.

Think about it!
 Scoofer Jordan
 Southeast Region Trainer



Greetings from the Chrysalis Board

In our last newsletter I asked you to pray about who you could sponsor for the next Chrysalis flights. Now that you have prayed it is time to get them registered. We still have some slots open for the girls and boys flights. You can get applications on our web site at Nashvillechrysalis.org.

Our next flights:

- Girls -- Jan 19 – 21 Application deadline – Dec 20th
Lay Director – Teresa Warren
Spiritual Director – Sandy Shawhan
- Boys – Feb 16-18 Application deadline – Jan 17th
Lay Director – Brian Jimenez
Spiritual Director – Buddy Royston

Please come and support our caterpillars at Send Off, Candle light, and Closing.

- Send Off – 8:00 am on Saturday morning
- Candle light – 8:30 pm on Sunday night
- Closing – 4:15 pm on Monday night

We want to thank Murfreesboro First UMC and Daryn Chavis for hosting our November HOOT. It was amazing! We were blessed with music from their un-named praise band; we heard some amazing testimonies, and an inspiring devotion. Thanks to all who came out and supported this event.

Don't forget that we have a "Flight Crew" that is more than willing to come to your church and share with the youth what Chrysalis is all about. Contact Melia Warren at meladianne@gmail.com she will be glad to answer any questions and set a date to bring the Crew to your church.

I know by the time you get this letter Christmas will be over and all cleaned up, but we still have a wish list.

- We could use some new banners!
- We could use some community letters also! These could be from your church or your reunion group.
- Table agape is always appreciated.
- Snack agape is also always appreciated.

We want to thank the Emmaus community for supporting Chrysalis. It's because of you that we are able to guide and mold youth into being leaders in their home church and in their communities!

Fly with Christ
Jullie Meyer

GIFT TO EMMAUS

Thank you to the Off the Fence reunion group for their gift to the community of \$130.00. The gift was given in thanks to God for bringing them together through the Walk to Emmaus.

Calendar of Events - 2008

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| Jan | 10 | Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room |
| | 20 | Girls Chrysalis Candlelight 8:30 PM
Lebanon First UMC |
| Feb | 14 | Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room |
| | 17 | Guys Chrysalis Candlelight 8:30 PM
Lebanon First UMC |
| Mar | 13 | Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room |
| | 24 | Team Dinner Men's Walk # 155 |
| | 27 | Men's #155 Send Off |
| | 29 | Men's #155 Candlelight/Gathering |
| | 30 | Men's #155 Closing |
| Apr | 01 | Men's #155 4th Day Meeting |
| | 07 | Team Dinner Women's Walk #156/Board Meeting |
| | 10 | Women's #156 Send Off |
| | 12 | Women's #156 Candlelight/Gathering |
| | 13 | Women's #156 Closing |
| | 15 | Women's #156 4th Day Meeting |
| May | 08 | Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room |
| | 10 | Gathering 6:30 PM —Place TBA |
| Jun | 12 | Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room |
| | 21 | Chrysalis Girls #83 Candlelight 8:30 PM
Lebanon First UMC |

Spanish Walks will be June 26-29th for men and July 10-13th for women at Hamilton UMC



Kairos Korner

In early December four Kairos Volunteers had the privilege along with other volunteers of helping to distribute Christmas gifts that had been purchased through donations to inmates at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville. These gifts included, but were not limited to, socks, gloves notebook paper and pens and just about every "Little Debbie" type of snacks you can imagine. We also had a few minutes to visit and pray with each person to whom we gave the gifts. The units we visited were one building of Maximum Security and Death Row. The gifts, visits and prayers were well received by the men especially considering it was all done through an opening that is approximately 6 inches tall by about 18 inches wide in a solid steel door.

Servant hood is doing something for or giving something to someone else without expectation of receiving anything in return. Isn't this what Emmaus teaches and isn't that exactly what our Lord did for us on Calvary?

We, Kairos, realize that not everyone is called to visit the prisoners or those that are sick or need clothing or are hungry, but we are all called to be a servant. To do one or more of the above is the same as doing it unto Jesus.

This is a very exciting time for Kairos and we would like to share this opportunity for servant hood, excitement and joy in doing God's work in a very dark and sometimes lonely place.

If this is a ministry that interests you, or you would like for someone to speak to a group at your church please contact:
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New Members to the Nashville Emmaus Community/Address Corrections

If you know someone new who has moved into our Emmaus community from another Emmaus community, or you need to make a change to your address, please send your change to the address at the top of this page or submit your change at <http://www.nashvilleemmaus.org>.

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