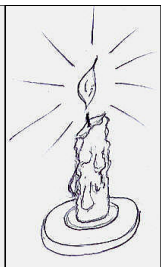


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You are the the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before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

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

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A Note from Ron

Some may think that your Emmaus Board and the Community go into "hibernation" between the Spring and Fall Walks. Such is not the case. The Board is always working because there is always God's work to be done. The Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors for the Fall walks are busy with team selection. The Board is planning on two possible Spanish speaking walks the summer of 2008. If there are any bilingual members in our Community that would be interested in attending the second Spanish walks to be held this October in Livingston, TN, please call me at 615/754-6204. We would use your experience to guide and train others for the Nashville walks in 2008. We believe that God is really calling us to reach out to the Spanish community to assist in the development of their church leaders. The Board is also planning a Training program for the Board and the Community during the November walks, but, more about this later.

Our next Gathering will be at Hamilton UMC, 3105 Hamilton Church Rd., Nashville 361-7210 on July 14th. It will also be hosted by Chrysalis, so it should be an exciting event. We need to support our Gatherings better than we have been doing. We only had 17 members at our last gathering at Calvary UMC, their first time experience. They did a wonderful job of preparation and it was a shame so few were there. If some friends asked you to come to church for a delicious free meal, some singing, much fellowship, a meditation and sharing the Lord's Supper, how could you refuse? Be a friend, ask a friend.

Jim Havron and his wife have been the "Agape Letter Servants" for our Community for 10 years. They want to retire from this job and try something new, we are looking for replacements. The entire job is done from their home on their computer. It involves sending and receiving agape letters from around the world for our Walks and Walks of others. For information, please call me at 615/754-6204 or email me at ronbj7@tds.net.

Peace and Grace.....Ron O'Nan
Community Lay Director

From your Spiritual Director

A person went into a store and told the clerk that they wanted to buy a cross necklace. The clerk then asked, "Do you want a plain one or one with a man on it." The cross is so much more than a piece of jewelry.

It was an old rugged cross that Jesus was nailed to. It was not a gold or silver plated cross that our Lord died upon. The cross, as the hymn writer put it, was the emblem of suffering and shame. The cross is an act of self denial and not something on a chain around our neck. The cross is about discipline, devotion, and self denial.

When we wear the cross for the world to see, we are reminding the world that there was a man named Jesus who loved the world so much that he gave his life for the forgiveness of our sin. We are also saying that in devotion, self denial, and discipline we are following Jesus. Christianity is not about wearing a cross but about following the man of the cross.

Decolores,
Randy

Walk to Emmaus: Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Before each talk during the Walk to Emmaus and at the opening of each group reunion meeting, we say a prayer to the Holy Spirit. This prayer is a Roman Catholic novena used in the three-day Cursillo (little course) that served as the foundation for our Walk to Emmaus. The following commentary attempts to explain the prayer, using Bible verses from the New Revised Standard Version as references.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful . . .

We pray to the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. We ask the Spirit to fill the hearts of God's faithful (us) because we want to experience what the disciples felt in Acts 4:31—"When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness."

. . . and kindle in them the fire of your love.

John the Baptist told people in Matthew 3:11, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Fire, as a symbol of divinity, here means the empowering fire of the unconditional love we receive through God's holy Son.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created . . .

We are asking to receive the Spirit that Jesus promised His disciples in John 14:26—"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything . . ." We will thus be created in the new form that Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 5:17—"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

. . . and you shall renew the face of the earth.

The Holy Spirit, working in us and through us, has the power to renew the whole world, as the psalmist declares in Psalm 104:30—"When you send forth your spirit, they [God's creatures, including us] are created; and you renew the face of the ground."

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful . . .

Now we address God the Father, who sent us the Holy Spirit through His Son. Just as Jesus is the light of the world, the Holy Spirit that He sent to dwell in us also brings light in the form of guidance and instruction, as Paul relates in 1 Corinthians 2:12-13—"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed upon us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual." Those who are spiritual are the same ones that we call God's faithful.

. . . grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise . . .

Having been taught by the Holy Spirit, we pray to apply his instruction with the wisdom that Paul describes in Ephesians 1:17-19—"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."

. . . and ever enjoy your consolations.

Who wouldn't enjoy the consolations (gifts, benefits, privileges) that God gives us? In Job 15:11, Eliphaz the Temanite scolds Job, "Are the consolations of God too small for you, or the word that deals gently with you?" We have many kinds of consolations, including those listed in the passage above from Ephesians, but a very important one is the peace that Paul explains in Philippians 4:6-7—"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Another primary consolation is the power that Jesus promises in Acts 1:8—"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When we feel that peace, receive that power, and gratefully enjoy God's other consolations as well, the Spirit will indeed use us to renew the face of the earth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Submitted by: Ed Johnson



To the Chrysalis, and Emmaus Community,

We want to thank everyone who supported the Girls Chrysalis Weekend, it was an amazing weekend. Again God showed up and lives were changed, we give him all the praise and glory. We want to thank Sharon Puckett and her team for being God's vessel.

We want to invite everyone to the Hoot,. Remember it is for the whole youth group whether they have been through Chrysalis or not. The date is July 15, 2007 at 5:00 PM the location is New Chapel MUCH at Springfield, TN. There is a map at the following web site for directions, www.newchapelumc.org. If you have any questions please email Gregg Armbrister at agregg761@aol.com.

We want to let everyone know that we now have a Flight Crew that is willing to go to any church and speak with their youth about Chrysalis. You may contact Melia Warren at meladianne@gmail.com, and she would be glad to answer any questions and set a date to bring the Flight Crew to your church.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported Chrysalis and me the past two years. It has been a blessing to serve as Community Lay Director. I will continue to be on the Board and serve as the Ex Officiary for the next year. I would also like to thank the Board Members that have served with me, because without them it would not happened. I know that God has great things planned for the upcoming year and I ask that you continue to support Chrysalis and the upcoming Board. Speaking about the upcoming Board - nomination, and voting on new Board Members will be in August, and the new members will come on board in September.

Fly with Christ,
Terry Warren
Chrysalis Lay Director

Do you have a talent to share on Saturday Nights? If so, Contact Sally Kimbrell @ 615-890-6467.

Sponsor Training

There is more to being a good sponsor than bringing a pilgrim to the weekend. Sponsorship is a very serious and important part of the Walk to Emmaus.

The Board is planning to sponsor a training session on sponsorship and other aspects of the weekend. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Calendar of Events - 2007

July	12	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
	14	Gathering 6:30 PM place Hamilton UMC
August	9	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
	11	Gathering 6:30 PM place Bethpage UMC
Sept	8	Gathering 6:30 PM place Trinity UMC
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
Oct	6	Men's # 152 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
	15	Team Dinner Walk #153/Board Meeting
	20	Women's #153 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
Nov	3	Women's #154 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
	8	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
Dec	8	Gathering 6:30 PM place TBD
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Sponsoring a Gathering

Would your church be interested in hosting an Emmaus Monthly Gathering? If so, please contact Alan Griggs @Comcast.net or by phone @ 615-665-0217.

July Gathering

Come one, come all to the next Emmaus gathering scheduled for Saturday, July 14th, at Hamilton UMC in Antioch, Tennessee. The good folks at Hamilton are hard at work, putting together what promises to be a very special evening beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. Please plan on attending as we fellowship and worship together. Learn more about Hamilton by visiting www.hamilton-umc.org. The church's address is 3105 Hamilton Church Road. See you there!

August Gathering

The August gathering will be at Trinity UMC in Murfreesboro. The address is 2303 Jones Blvd. The church's Web site is <http://tntrinityumc.tripod.com>. You can get a map with directions there.

Care Corner

Erica Farris—Chrysalis board youth member recovering from severe auto accident

Mike Curtis—recovering from thyroid surgery

Ken Alea, son of **Ana and Ralph Alea** in the Marines

Lowell Rakestraw—cancer in spinal cord

Bill Reynolds—cancer of esophagus and spots on liver.

If you have a prayer concern you want to have the community pray about, please submit this on the web-site, and the community will be in prayer. The address is www.NashvilleEmmaus.org



Kairos

Please keep the Kairos Prison Ministry in Prayer. Doors have not yet opened in Middle Tennessee for this ministry. Our prayer is that in God's Time, this ministry will transform the Middle Tennessee Prisons.

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New Members to the Nashville Emmaus Community/Address Corrections

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