



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 Emmaus Community, July 2008

The Spanish Walks originally scheduled for June and July 2008 at Hamilton UMC have been postponed.

THE BOARD SEEKS GOD'S TIMING

Paul Henrie, Community Lay Director

I am constantly reminded that things happen in God's Time and not in our time! Our two Spanish Walks scheduled for June and July are going to be re-scheduled, and the Board is in the process of seeking God's timing for these walks. Please keep the Board in your prayers as we decide when to have the Spanish walks. We just did not have enough pilgrims registered to go ahead with these two walks at this time.

But, God is good, the year is half gone, yet God has truly been working in our community to provide a great year for the Nashville Emmaus Community. To date we have completed two outstanding walks this spring, the men's and women's Spanish Walk teams are in place and had been meeting (they will stay in tact), and the men's and Women's teams are forming for the three remaining fall walks.

Also during the first half of this year there have been numerous questions asked regarding the sponsorship process. Questions like why do we need or have sponsors, how do we sponsor a pilgrim, what are a sponsor's responsibility, etc.?

Sponsoring a pilgrim is one of the most important aspects of the Emmaus experience; a good sponsor will be there for the pilgrim and their family, before, during, and after the walk. Being a good sponsor does have some definite responsibilities and an abundance of blessings.

With so many questions about sponsorship it just seems that a natural step would be to have several training sessions during the last half of 2008 regarding the sponsorship process. Several board members have volunteered to facilitate these Sponsor Training Classes during the last half of 2008.

As a first step, a Sponsor Training Class was conducted by several board members on Saturday, June 21st in the Clarksville area

The Board is planning other times and places for additional Sponsor Training Classes in 2008, please look for information on the web page or in the news letters for a Sponsor Training Class. If your church Emmaus community would like to have a Sponsor Training Class in your area, please contact Tracy King

at king_tracy_bna@bellsouth.net to schedule a time. ■

**Sponsor
training classes
being held
during second
half of 2008**

Community Gathering
Sat. August 9, 2008
6:30 pm
Inglewood UMC, Nashville

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Tip for Sponsors....

Encourage pilgrims for the Women's Walks to bring their large mirrors for use in the rooms as there is a shortage of mirrors in the restrooms and shower area.

Keep up to date through the Community website...

www.nashvilleemmaus.org

Kairos Korner

Dan Preston

"I was in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36)



Isn't it amazing how God works. For the last few days I have been re-reading and studying the book of Jonah. Jonah was so filled with hate for the Ninevehites that he did not want them to receive God's mercy. He wanted them all to die and good riddance. When God called Jonah to go and preach to the citizens of Nineveh, his attitude was "not me, no way, they don't deserve God's mercy and forgiveness."

We are all familiar with the story of Jonah and the fish. But the book of Jonah doesn't end there. It actually ends with Jonah pouting and being mad at God because the people of Nineveh actually repented and received God's mercy and forgiveness, just like Jonah feared they would. "I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity." (Jonah 4:2)

Many times I have been "Jonah" and run from God's calling, no I haven't been swallowed by a catfish in Old Hickory Lake, but I have my own "fish story". The last

calling from God I could not run from was to go and visit the prisoners, "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36). Like Jonah, I finally decided to quit running and arguing with God and go where He sends me. This is where Jonah and I "part company." Jonah became angry, pouted, and threw a temper tantrum. I have found peace, joy and many new "brothers".

Even the "worst of the worst" deserves to hear the Gospel. At all times we must preach the gospel, and if necessary to use words.

I do realize that not everyone is called to visit the prisoners, however, if this is a ministry that interests you and you would like more information, or you would like for someone to speak to a group at your church please contact Dan Preston 615-754-6148 danpreston@comcast.net. ■

Any Jonahs out there?

Nashville Chrysalis Community



Jullie Meyer, Chrysalis Lay Director

It's that time again, we are preparing for two more flights. I challenge each of you to invite one young person to participate in a Chrysalis flight. Please remember when you invite a young person make sure they are ready to take that next step in their relationship with Christ. Chrysalis is not a place to bring them to Christ or to fix them, and I say that gently.

It's time to get those application in the mail for our next flights. Our next flights are:

Guy's Flight #83: Aug 30 – Sept 1, 2008

Application deadline July 30th
Lay Director Jonathon Mallard
Spiritual Director Larry Burke

Girls Flight #84: Oct 3 -5, 2008

Application deadline Sept 3rd
Lay Director Brenda Lockhart
Spiritual Director Harriet Bryan Harris

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

Guys Flight

Send Off 8:00 am on Saturday morning
Candlelight 8:30 pm on Sunday night
Closing 4:15 pm on Monday night

Girls Flight

Send Off 8:00 am on Friday morning
Candlelight 8:30 pm on Saturday night
Closing 4:15 pm on Sunday night

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 meliadianne@gmail.com she will be glad to answer any questions and set a date to bring the Crew to your church. If you have questions on sponsorship please go to <http://nashvillechrysalis.org/sponsorship.html>. You will also find the link for an application at the bottom of the page. ■

*Prayer requests are posted on the
Community website
www.nashvilleemmaus.org*

Care Corner



- **Tony Postiglione**, Tracy King's stepdad, has been having hand tremors and preliminary tests indicate that it's probably Parkinson's. Tracy's mother, **Kay**, also has several serious health issues.
- **Mary Helen Averitt**, wife of Ross Averitt, passed away June 8 after a courageous fight with cancer.
- **Mary Ledbetter's** cancer has spread to her right leg. Mary is Kim Teston's sister.
- **Hugh Sutherland's** cancer is spreading. Hugh is Kim Teston's father.
- **Ed King**, friend of Kathy Prince, is having tests for possible lung tumor.
- **Kathy Prince** has been threatened with assault charges.
- **Amelia May**, six year old daughter of Yvonne Glass, is having an intensive exam to see if her cancer is still in remission.
- **Rev. Larry and Rev. Carol Crumpton**, dear colleagues of Rev. Tom Herring, were involved in a head on collision while driving from Midland to Fort Worth Texas. Carol was killed instantly.
- **Claire Campbell** broke her ankle in three places.

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SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Rev. Hubert Cunningham, Community Spiritual Director

A theologian/author has recently said that Christians are Easter people living in a Good Friday world. A Good Friday world is a place that is filled with tragedy and bad news. Easter is a day to celebrate the good. Therefore, according to this person we live in a world of chaos and confusion with multiple tragedies.

Think for a moment about high gas prices, a struggling economy and frequent natural disasters. I believe there are plenty of events that occur everyday in our world that could be labeled bad. Perhaps the person is correct, we do indeed live in a Good Friday world.

We as Christians are Easter people. We find the good and point others to it. I believe the greatest good is God's wonderful love. That is what makes the walk to Emmaus so special for each of us. God's love is the anchor we hold to in times like these. His love comes to us in the midst of the problems of this world and reminds us that we are heirs and joint heirs with Christ Jesus. Now that's something to celebrate Easter people! ■

**Christians
are Easter
people**

Calendar of Events - 2008

Jul	10	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Location TBD
Aug	09	Gathering 6:30 pm Inglewood UMC
	14	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	31	Chrysalis Guys #83 Candlelight and Gathering 8:30 pm Lebanon First UMC
Sept	11	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	13	Gathering 6:30 pm Donelson Heights UMC
Oct	04	Chrysalis Girls #84 Candlelight and Gathering 8:30 pm Lebanon First UMC
	06	Team Dinner Men's #157/Board Meeting
	09	Men's #157 Send Off
	11	Men's #157 Candlelight and Gathering
	12	Men's #157 Closing
	20	Team Dinner Women's #158
	23	Women's #158 Send Off
	25	Women's #158 Candlelight
	26	Women's #158 Closing
Nov	03	Team Dinner Women's #159
	06	Women's #159 Send Off
	08	Women's #159 Candlelight and Gathering
	09	Women's #159 Closing
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room