



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)

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Progress on Spanish Walks

Peter Cassidy, Community Lay Director

I'm pleased to report that we've made important progress toward offering Emmaus Walks in Spanish. We have entered into a covenant with the Cumberland Emmaus Community to jointly hold Spanish-speaking Walks. Joint Walks means that teams and pilgrims will come from both Emmaus Communities. Long-term each Community should be able to conduct such Walks on its own, but to get things rolling we will benefit greatly by pooling our resources. We anticipate the first joint Spanish-speaking Walks will be hosted by the Cumberland Community at Livingston in 2010 followed by on at Nashville in 2011. That may sound like a long way off, but there is much work to be done in preparation. Each Community will appoint an ex-officio member to its Board to be responsible for leading and guiding this activity. We need Spanish-speaking pilgrims going through the Walks as these individuals will be potential team members for future Spanish-speaking Walks.

Preparation for the fall Walks has begun in earnest. Lay Directors for all three walks have been selected and before long calls will be going out for the other team positions. If you receive a call to serve on a team, I hope you will give it prayerful consideration. Lives will be changed and it is an incredible experience to be part of that process.

Emmaus Walks are not just for the team members and pilgrims. Everyone in the community can play a part and many hands are needed. Now is the time to get pilgrim applications in. In addition to pilgrim sponsorship, there are numerous opportunities to support the Walks such as letter writing, setup and take down, help in the kitchen, make

table agape, supply snack agape, come to Thursday night sendoff, come to Saturday night Candlelight, come to Sunday afternoon closing, sign up for a prayer time, etc. I encourage everyone to participate in one or more of these activities.

Agape love and anonymous servanthood are practices Emmaus encourages. I found some helpful words of wisdom in the Emmaus Manual. The manual reminds us we come to Walk activities in the spirit of agape love and anonymous servanthood. Agape is unconditional love in action and Jesus modeled a life of agape. He taught the importance of working for the glory of God rather than the praise of others and that we should not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing. Once people associate a face with our acts of agape, the acts are no longer unconditional. Make no mistake, anonymous servanthood can be challenging, but it's an important part of our quest to be more Christ-like. ■

De Colores,

Peter Cassidy
Community Lay Director

Prayer Requests

Make your requests known. You can post your prayer request on the Nashville Emmaus website.

To leave a request, visit

*Reunion Group needs are posted on the
Community website
www.nashvilleemmaus.org*

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Kairos Korner

Dan Preston



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

The Kairos mission is:

"To bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them and to assist the incarcerated in the transition to becoming a productive citizen."

If you or someone you know is interested in an exciting ministry opportunity of bringing hope, light and spring to a very dark and wintry place, please contact Dan Preston 615-754-6148 danpreston@tds.net. Please help us make this dream and calling a reality. "Spring" can truly come ALL year.

Want To Get Involved?

Whether you are new to the Emmaus Community or you can remember when the tables were first named, there are several ways to be involved in Emmaus. You can volunteer to help during the weekend, but there are ways you can be involved from the comfort of your own home. Here are just a few found on the Nashville Emmaus website.

Agape/Service

Remember how loved you felt on your weekend? What a blessing it is to provide the Agape we so lavishly received ourselves. Working behind the scenes on a weekend is a blessing both to you and the pilgrims. Want to volunteer to help? Complete the Service Sheet that was in your packet or download one now, fill it out and bring it to any Emmaus event or mail it to the address below and we'll start immediately to find a place for you in our community of helpers.

Agape Coordinator
PO Box 292643
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The Kitchen

We need lots of people, all weekend long. Sign up on the chart in the kitchen during Send Off or contact Janice Denton or Patty Corlew.

Set Up and Take Down

What can we say. No glory, but tons of blessing. Come and help on any Wednesday evening (7-9 pm) prior to a Walk, early Sunday morning (about 6:30 am) and on Sunday afternoon (1:30-3 pm) before Closing. Contact Charlie Greer or Bruce Myers to volunteer (a Tennessee tradition) or just show up.

72 Hour Prayer Vigil

Sign the Prayer Charts at Gatherings and Candlelights. Or contact Alan Griggs.

Agape

We always need Table Agape (75 pieces per Walk). Snack Agape and small toiletry items. please bring all items to Send Off if possible. Also needed are people to help put the packets together on Sat. afternoon of each Walk. And Pop-In volunteers are always appreciated. You can contact Pat Addington or Brenda Burgett to volunteer.

Entertainment

Do you have a hidden talent (or humorous lack thereof) that would be a gift for Saturday night entertainment? If so, please contact Brenda Lockhart. She is always looking for new acts.

To learn more, visit the Agape Service tab on the Nashville Emmaus website. ■

Emmaus Talent Search

In an effort to update our records and discover new talent from those who may have recently 'Walked' I am taking names and contact information of all of you entertainers for the Saturday Night Entertainment during the walk weekends. Do you sing, dance, or have a comedy act you would like to use as a form of agape? Send your contact information to brendaklockhart@yahoo.com with a brief description of your talent. Besides your obvious name, the contact information should include your address, phone, email, church home, and the best way and time to be contacted. Be sure and use 'Emmaus Talent Search' in the subject line. ■

Thanks!

Thinking Outside the Steeple

Rev. Hubert Cunningham, Community Spiritual Director

There are certain ways we do church. We know that because we have "always done it that way." For example, we know that worship is at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning and no one can truly worship at another time. We know the church really belongs to the choir---or is it the Trustees? The women's groups always has money. You get the idea of how we do church. Please allow me the opportunity to ask the question, "Why?"

Let's think outside the steeple and ask "How would Jesus do church?" I believe He would say the single priority for the church is to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy host. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." In fact, that's what Jesus did say in Matthew 28:19-20 and we call it the Great Commission.

Perhaps you have heard the phrase, "Keep the main thing, the main thing." Jesus told us what the main thing is and it is not too difficult to do it. The Walk to Emmaus is one of the best tools I have ever discovered that helps us to GO and TEACH ALL PEOPLE about how to OBSERVE ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.

Walks 162, 163 and 164 are coming in a few months. A blessed opportunity awaits us. ■

DeColores,

Hubert Cunningham
Nashville Community Spiritual Director



Carla Snodgrass, Chrysalis Lay Director

The Nashville Chrysalis Community is excited to report that Chrysalis Flight 186 resulted in 21 new butterflies becoming part of our community. These young ladies had a wonderful Flight. Many praises to God for these young ladies and many thanks to the parents and sponsors for sharing them with us. The flight was led by Rev. Donna Parramore, Spiritual Director, and Patti Corlew, Lay Director and a wonderful team that were willing servants of God.

The next Flight will be over Labor Day weekend (Saturday September 5 - Monday September 7, 2009) and is a Boy's Flight. Please be in prayer about which of the many young men you know are ready for sponsorship. Ronnie Proctor will be Lay Director and Rev. Jay Archer will be the Spiritual Director. To sponsor a youth please contact Carla Snodgrass or Van Baggett. Chrysalis will be electing new board members and officers in August 2009. This year we have 7 board members whose terms will end. We are looking for persons that care about our youth and enjoy working with them to join our team. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Chrysalis Board, or want to sponsor a candidate, please contact Carla Snodgrass at carla.snodgrass52@yahoo.com, Van Baggett at Van.Baggett@ingrambook.com, or obtain an application from the website under the FORMS tab.

We look forward to seeing you at Fellowship United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro for Send Off on Saturday morning September 5 or at Candlelight at 8:15 on September 6. ■

Fly with Christ,
Carla Snodgrass,

Care Corner

- **Our troops** in the Mideast including SP4 Patrick Graham, SGT Zane Christensen, and SGT Joe Dance.
- **Kelly Lockhart Dodson** on her journey towards her doctoral degree at Trevecca University.
- Remember to pray for the teams as they form and the pilgrims of Men's Walk #162 and Women's Walks #163 and #164.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

The Nashville Emmaus Community

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Calendar of Events - 2009

Jul	09	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	11	Gathering 6:30 pm Franklin First
Aug	08	Gathering 6:30 pm Hendersonville UMC
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
Oct	10	Men's Candlelight 8:30 pm Hermitage UMC
	24	Women's Candlelight 8:30 pm Hermitage UMC
Nov	07	Women's Candlelight 8:30 pm Hermitage UMC
Dec	12	Emmaus Gathering 6:30 pm Upper Room