



Candlelight



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)

Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Nashville Upper Room Emmaus Community, May 2007

A Note from Ron

Greetings from the Nashville Emmaus Community Board and from this humble servant. For those of you who were able to attend Candlelight or Closing for Walks #150 and #151, you personally know how successful they were. There were 38 on the Men's Walk and 43 on the Lady's Walk (a record), a total of 81. We tried some new procedures to assure that the Pilgrims would not be waiting on us at Candlelight. We also eliminated the reception line at closing to show empathy toward our tired Pilgrims. Let's all pray that the Holy Spirit will be with the teams and Pilgrims on our October and November Walks. If you are considering sponsoring someone, it would be prudent to get their application in as soon as possible because apps are beginning to flow into the Registrar (Louis Barr).

My wife, Bette Jean, and I were fortunate to be able to spend Easter with our daughter and family in Evanston, Illinois and be able to attend their church. Maybe I'm just more aware but the minister included the Walk to Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35) into the Easter story. And rightly so since Cleopas and the other disciple were the next people to see and talk with the resurrected Christ after Mary Magdalene. How blessed they were to walk along with Jesus and hear Him explain all that had transpired, starting with Moses and all the Prophets to explain what the Scriptures said about himself. I'm embarrassed to admit that I do not know why and how the Walk to Emmaus name came about but I do know it is so appropriate to what our Pilgrim experience, 72 hours of being with our Lord and Savior (and all His helpers.)

If you have been inactive for awhile and that flame from the Holy Spirit you received at your Walk has become only a glow from a match stick, I invite you to step up and volunteer for one of the many jobs that is required for the Community to put on our Fall Walks. I guarantee that will rekindle your fire!

Peace and Grace....Ron O'Nan

From your Spiritual Director

One of my closest friends in the ministry is Rev. Jon Bell of Cookeville FUMC. I have officiated at both of his daughters weddings, and he has baptized both of our daughters.

From time to time we will read something and call the other one to share our new spiritual discovery. That call usually leads to a discussion on how to work that into a sermon in the near future. Recently Jon called with the following quote, "We live in a microwave world, but God is into marinating"

Many times in life we are miserable with our prayer disciplines because we are putting God on a deadline. God doesn't usually follow my time line, but God is always true to his timing. Read the story of Lazarus and you will see that when everybody thought that Jesus was three days late, he was really right on time.

In prayer we must be patient and persistent at the same time. God's delays are not necessary God's denials. If you are waiting to hear God's answer to your prayer rest assured that he is either getting the answer ready for you or he is getting you ready for the answer.

Happy Marinating,

Randy

Welcome to the New Pilgrims of Men's Walk No. 150 and Women's Walk No. 151

Men's Walk No. 150 Pilgrims

Scott Anderson
Tom Bailey
Jerry Campbell
Ian Colon
Joe Conard
Jim Connell
Chris Cooley
Kelly Davidson
Jim Dolezal
Gene Evans
Jerry Ezell
Randy Farmer
Shane Fierge
Michael Hamby
Enrique Hernandez
Frick Hickman
Troyce Hogan
Jimmy Jarrell
Mack Johnson
Jeff Kapke

Jeff Lyon
Eluid Martinez
Mark McCollum
Kevin Miller
Eddit Moore
Johnathan Norman
Ed Perryman
Jon Provost
Dave Rankin
Mike Sanchez
Les Schmidt
Vince Settle
Douglas Schneider
Adam Swanson
Michael West
Whit Willis
Todd Worster

Women's Walk No. 151 Pilgrims

Holly Anderson
Tammy Atkins
Emily Austin
Kathy Bailey
Carol Beal
Jane Campbell
Becky Carson
Fran Connard
Bonnie Connell
Cathy Cook
Elaine Crotinger
Karen Davidson
Ellen DiSilvio
Rachel Dolezal
Elizabeth Farmer
Amanda Fierge
Melinda Hamby
Taunya Harrell
Nita Heilman
Laura Hernandez
Pam Hickman
Shirley Hogan

Mary Frances Jarrell
Faye Jones
Pamela Kapke
Jennifer Norman
Kathy Owens
Donna Parramore
Marlou Patterson
Carol Perry
Jane Perryman
Loner Petty
LaVonne Reeves
Frances Rivera
Lancia Rouse
Erika Sanchez
Reba Schmidt
Jondra Settle
Marie Snyder
Joanna Swanson
Sharon Worley
Lori Worster
Fran Wright

Many Thanks! The Emmaus Community would like to thank the members of the Teams for Emmaus Walks 150 and 151 for their selfless sacrifice and dedication to making the last two walks so meaningful in the lives of the Pilgrims. A special thanks goes out to George Brown and Alice Ann Reid, the lay directors for these two walks. God bless all of you!

Community Database and Electronic Newsletters

Our Community Database is really growing thanks to the hard work of Louis Barr. A database is only as good as the information provided, so we encourage any Community member who has an area of interest or a need to update information, to get the information to Louis.

Many times when Team Selection is trying to reach someone, and the database is outdated, the Lay Directors are not able to make contact.

We are also trying to be good stewards of our finances, and electronically send out the newsletter to as many people as possible since the cost of printing and postage is rising. Our e-mail addresses are out of date. If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, it is because we do not have a current e-mail address for you.

Louis has asked that you e-mail him, preferably through the Web Site, using the Communication Center >Community Database section, and include the following:

First and Last Name
Walk # and Table (if you remember)
Sponsors name
Reunion Group if you are in one

Just put this information in the comments section.

If you want to mail Louis directly, you can e-mail him at Lbarr215@comcast.net

We would encourage you to use the Web-site (<http://www.nashvilleemmaus.org>) because of the form in which the information will be submitted, and also encourage you to submit your prayer needs as well as pray for those listed on the prayer list. It is a good place to keep up-to-date with what is going on in the community.



Hello to the Nashville Chrysalis and Emmaus Community!

Summer is approaching and so that means the Summer Flights are coming soon. We ask that you would be praying for the who you would sponsor for these flights, and also for the teams. The Lay Directors for the girls is Sharon Puckett, and whose team is almost complete. The Lay Director for the boys is Terry Warren, which I am now beginning to form the team.

The Candlelight will be on Saturday night June 2 and June 23 at 8:30, however come early so that you can fellowship with each other, before beginning the service. Please remember that we need agape and food agape for the weekend. If you are making agape we need 65 pieces of agape, also remember that to not put your individual name however we encourage you to put your church or reunion group name on the agape.

A decision by the Chrysalis Board was made that we must have a minimum applications by the 4th weeks prior to the flight. The decision was based upon the fact that in the recent years we have had to cancel flights in the summer due to not having enough applications to come in to have a flight until after the team had all ready had the teams meetings and was ready for the weekend just to be disappointed that the weekends had to be cancel. The Board has had several complaints about this matter, this is the reason for this decision.

The Girls weekend is a definite. Now the date for the boys upcoming flights that we need to have the applications in by May 26. After these dates if we have our minimum, we will still be accepting applications until the flight.

In the past week Erica Farris, was in involved in an automobile accident so please keep her in prayer. She is a youth board member for Chrysalis. Also please continue to pray for the Chrysalis Community.

Fly with Christ,
Terry Warren

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 Saturday afternoon of the November Women's Walk. Look for more on this in later newsletters.

Calendar of Events - 2007

May	10	May Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
	12	Monthly Gathering 6:30 PM Place Calvary UMC
June	2	Chrysalis Girls #80 Candlelight/Emmaus Gathering 8:30 PM Lebanon First UMC
	14	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
	23	Chrysalis Guys #81 Candlelight/Emmaus Gathering 8:30 PM Lebanon First UMC
July	12	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
	14	Gathering 6:30 PM place TBD
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.

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

Care Corner

Mike Curtis—Additional surgery for thyroid cancer May 15th

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

Lowell Rakestraw—cancer in spinal cord

Les Schmidt—sympathy in the death of his mother

Wayne Patty, brother of **Robert Patty** for legal issues

Carol and Jack Reihl—serious health issues

Ann and Ken Wallace—test and health concerns

Margaret Beutal—recovering from surgery

Bill Reynolds—cancer of esophagus and spots on liver.

Judy Wires— health concerns

Patsey Winfrey—Health concerns

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

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 contact Louis Barr (615-794-9073) or submit your change at <http://www.nashvilleemmaus.org>.

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