



# 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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Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Nashville Emmaus Community, May 2008

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## WE ARE MAKING A FEW CHANGES

Paul Henrie, Community Lay Director

I bring you greetings from your Nashville Emmaus Community Board of Directors. At the time of this writing we as a community have completed a very successful Men's Walk #155 and by the time you read this article I pray that we will have completed a very successful Women's Walk #156. The Board has a deep gratitude to all of the conference room team members and to all of the silent anonymous servants in the background assisting with these two walks, Thank you.

Did you know that each year your Nashville Community elected Board of Directors must sign a Covenant with the Upper Room to agree to follow the Upper Room Model, and in return the Community has the right to use all of the Emmaus programs and literature? As you might guess, the Upper Room Model is detailed on how an Emmaus Weekend must happen. Remember there are numerous Emmaus Weekends all over the world following the

same Upper Room Model. Over the years our community has moved a little from this model, not far, but there are some areas that we must correct. With this in mind, your Board, last year in November decided to take a few small

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steps to become more aligned with the Upper Room Model. These changes are all appropriate and will bring us more in alignment with the silent and anonymous behind-the-scenes servanthood that the Emmaus Walk is all about. The changes that were made involve the team members in the Prayer Chapel and the team members in the Kitchen. The resolution was that we would take baby steps in making changes and our first procedures were as follows: Prayer Chapel folks are welcome to attend the team meetings at their discretion. They are not required but neither are they prohibited. Kitchen team members should not attend the team meetings. What both groups should not do is eat meals with the *(continued on page 3)*

## IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE!

Rev. Victor Pérez, Board member

*"..yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done" (Acts 2:11)*

Our God is an inclusive God, and His message of unconditional love is for everybody to hear and experience it. In obedience to God's command to share the good news with every person who is in the need of God's grace, our Board has been praying and working hard in order to be ready to launch the first walks for Spanish Speaking persons in the Nashville area.

With the help of surrounding Emmaus communities, teams have been put together so we can have persons who speaks Spanish serving in the Conference Room. We are committed to offer these walks in the language of pilgrims' souls so that the miracle of Pentecost could be re-experienced again. We want them to hear in their own language the great things that God is doing among us.

Probably you have taken Spanish in high school or college and you might feel comfortable in a Spanish speaking environment. Is this so this is a great opportunity of service for you. If you don't know Spanish but still want to share God's love and grace with these pilgrims we invite you to set aside the dates of June 26-29, 2008 and July 10-13, 2008 so you can be present at Send Off, Candlelight and Closing. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about what God will be doing with our Hispanics brothers and sister during these weekends.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from these walks we encourage you to pray about it and extend them an invitation. Spanish language application forms can be downloaded from our website.

We invite you to be in prayer for the teams and especially for the pilgrims who God will be bringing to these walks. ■

## TEAMS FOR UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #157 June 26-29	Women's Walk #158 July 10-13
Lay Director Rod Brown	Lay Director Sarai Pérez
Spiritual Director Miguel Carpizo	Spiritual Director Maria Bas
Team Members Eliud Martinez Carlos Uroza Carlos Merida Jorge Berrios Rocky Talley Joaquin Garcia Ed Johnson Migdiel Pérez Raul Serna Javier Wilson Steve Cooper Keith Carter Victor Delgado Jack Welchance John Chavez Victor Pérez	Team Members Carmen Gaud Lea Ann Johnson Benjamin Stillwell Freddie Delgado Laura Feliciano Keyla Stillwell Alice Ann Reid Frances Rivera Alma de Pérez Angelica Serna Christina Barnes Claudia Nava-Galloway Star McVey Heyda Negrón Janice Welchance

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## **Kairos Korner**

Dan Preston



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

Remember the "feeling" that you had immediately after your Emmaus Walk? Would you like to renew that feeling and help pass it on to someone else?

Many people, I believe, are seeking that renewal, a ministry in which they can be the Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ in this world. Maybe even to help bring about a change in someone's life, or be involved in "Changing Our World." Let me take a few moments of your time to talk about Kairos Prison Ministry International.

Very simply, it is an Emmaus *type* of weekend inside a correctional institution, which includes follow up "reunions" on a monthly basis. Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay-led Christian Ministry which conducts a highly structured program in male and female correctional institutions.

After a lot of prayer and perseverance over more than two years by a small group of people, we were given the first Wednesday of every month to begin holding reunion meetings at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution. Since we have been faithful in our agreement with RMSI, the Chaplain has informed us that *we will be allowed to add the third Wednesday of each month also*. This would allow us to meet with the residents twice a month. However, before we can add the additional meeting, we need more volunteers as there are currently only four Kairos Volunteers going "inside". Since it is a men's facility, we

For the Spanish walks Candlelight, here are the words to the *Jesus, Jesus* song in Spanish.

**Cristo, Cristo,  
Cómo mostrarte mi amor por ti.  
Tú me haz dado tanto cariño  
Te amo Señor.**

can have only men "going inside" under the Kairos name. Very simply put, we need more volunteers to take on the additional meeting, and to show the residents that they are not alone and others do love them with no reservations or prejudice.

This is a very exciting opportunity for us to help bring light and hope to an often dark and lonely place. All we ask is for you to pray and seek God's leading, both for the Kairos Ministry and your involvement in becoming a volunteer with us. The rewards are eternal and the blessings are immediate, both for the residents and the volunteers.

For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry International please visit [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org). If you would like for someone to present a program of information at your church or if you are interested in becoming a Kairos Volunteer, please contact: Dan Preston 615-754-6148 [danpreston@tds.net](mailto:danpreston@tds.net). ■



It is a beautiful spring morning, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and the sun is rising. It's a new day and a new year! Normally this time of year we are gearing up for our summer flights with lots of anxiety. In the past, we have had to cancel a few of the summer flights. This is very disappointing to a team that has poured their heart and soul into preparing to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Therefore, this year the members of the board are trying something new. We know there will still be some conflicts but we have to try something different. We cannot please all of the people all of the time. We do try! So instead of summer flights we will be having fall flights. Our new dates are:

- GUYS** flight Sat. to Mon. Aug 30 – Sept 1, 2008
- GIRLS** flight Fri. to Sun. Oct 3 – 5, 2008

We are holding the **guys flight first** to avoid holding a flight on a Friday for those football players. The girls flight is second and we realize that Friday is a school day. I called other communities to find out what their procedures were. Several other communities hold all their flights on Friday through Sunday, and they don't have problems filling their flights with it being a school day. Some schools will be on "Fall Break" and in some schools if the event is a Christian event they are excused. We realize this is not the case for everyone. It took us several months and lots of prayer trying to decide on the best solution. Please be in prayer on who

### Calendar of Events - 2008

May	08	Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	10	Gathering 6:30 pm Grace UMC, Mt. Juliet
Jun	14	Team Lunch Men's Walk #157 and #158 Spanish/Board Meeting*
	26	Men's #157 Spanish Send Off*
	28	Men's #157 Candlelight/Gathering*
	29	Men's #158 Closing*
Jul	10	Women's #158 Spanish Send Off*
	12	Board Meeting*
	12	Women's #158 Candlelight/Gathering*
	13	Women's #158 Closing*
Aug	09	Gathering 6:30 pm Inglewood UMC
	14	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	31	Chrysalis Guys #83 Candlelight/Gathering 8:30 pm Lebanon First UMC
Sept	11	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	13	Gathering 6:30 pm Donelson Heights UMC

\* Hamilton UMC

you can sponsor for these flights. It is not too early to start sending in applications. You can download an application at [nashvillechrysalis.org](http://nashvillechrysalis.org).

Thanks to Brian Jimenez and Buddy Royston and their wonderful team. It was an amazing flight! During the closing most of the boys said, they were going to go back to their schools and make a difference. This is going to be a changed world with the fire and energy these young men had. They took the saying "Fly with Christ" to another level. Welcome to all our new Butterflies!!! Go make a difference for Christ!

Don't forget we have flight crews. Contact Melia Warren at [meladianne@gmail.com](mailto:meladianne@gmail.com) she will be glad to answer any questions and set a date to bring the Crew to your church. ■

### CHANGES (Continued from page 1)

pilgrims, attend the poster parties, hear the talks in the conference room, attend dying moments or any chapel time or visits, nor should they walk with the team during Candlelight but should sit with the community. These changes were implemented with the Men's Walk #155.

The next baby step was taken at the last board meeting, where the Board decided that in keeping with the Model and anonymous servanthood, Prayer Chapel and Kitchen team members would remain anonymous and not be in the team picture and their name will not be called out at Send-off.

While these changes may seem drastic to some they are needed, and I apologize for any misunderstanding the changes may have caused anyone. The Board of Directors thanks you for your understanding. I think that we all need to remember that the Emmaus Walk is all about the pilgrims and not about us.

I pray that each and every one in our community will support these changes, which are small steps, but will align us closer to our covenant agreement with the Upper Room Model and demonstrate to our future pilgrims just how important and Christ-like it is to be an anonymous servant. ■

### Care Corner



- **Mike Curtis** blood work is still showing remnants of thyroid cancer.
- **Gery Ezell** badly cut the thumb and index finger on his left hand.
- **Amy Hawkins** is back home and doing much better.
- **Alan Shepherd** came through surgery for the tumor in his jaw bone.
- **Ralph Alea's mother, Olga** is recovering from a bacteria that has affected her stomach and made her very weak.
- **Bob and Judy McCauley** at the death of Bob's mother.
- **Cathy Griswold's mother, Thelma** hospitalized with heart problems.

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## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

*Rev. Hubert Cunningham, Community Spiritual Director*

The ocean is fascinating to so many people. Some flock to the shore but never get into the water. They just hang out on the beach. Others get in the ocean and splash around a little, but never venture far from the shore. There are still others who are serious about exploring the ocean. The scuba-diver can go down safely about 130 feet. The deep-sea diver in a specially designed compression suit can do down around 1,000 feet. When I think that 130 feet is deep and 1,000 feet is especially deep, I am reminded that the deepest place in the ocean is the Mariana Trench and it is more than 36,000 feet.

So it is with God's love. Some flirt with it but never experience it. Others only wade in ankle deep. Still others get serious and go 130 feet deep. I think I saw some men at the closing of Walk #155 that had been 1,000 feet deep! The Walk to Emmaus will take us deeper into God's love than we could have ever imagined. I am looking forward to one day experiencing the love of God at 36,000 feet when I see Him face to face. How about you? ■

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## REUNION GROUP ASSISTANCE

*Janice Welchance, 4th Day Chair*

The Nashville Emmaus Board is in the process of compiling a list of reunion groups that are open to receive new members. We are doing this to help members who are having trouble finding a group. If you are in a reunion group willing to accept new members, or if you are looking for a group to join, or if you are a sponsor looking for a reunion group for your candidate ... please call Janice Welchance, 4th Day Chair, at 615-542-4378 or email [janicewelchance@yahoo.com](mailto:janicewelchance@yahoo.com).

We have also added a section for Reunion Groups to the Community website, [www.nashvilleemmaus.org](http://www.nashvilleemmaus.org). Under the *Reunion Groups* menu, you will find a bulletin board where individuals looking for a reunion group can see who is looking for a group and list their own name. ■

Community Gathering

May 10, 2008

6:30 pm

Grace UMC, Mt. Juliet