



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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Fulfilling God's Grace

Paul Henrie, Community Lay Director

By the time you read this article we will have completed three more walks, walk 157, 158, and 159.

During the men's walk I was writing notes to several pilgrims and my mind kind of wandered, as it does from time to time, and I thought how important these letters are to each of the pilgrims. I thought how the letters fit into the total weekend and how important they are in fulfilling God's grace to the pilgrims. I remember how much those letters meant to me when I read them on the Sunday afternoon of my original walk and still how much those letters mean to me when I re-read them from time to time.

I am sure other parts of the weekend have special meanings to individuals as well, whether it is the letters, the talks, the music, candlelight, worship, poster time, or any other part of the weekend, each part is important to someone. Isn't it wonderful how all of the different pieces of the 72 hour experience work together to provide different experiences for each pilgrim? Each section has an importance and no one part is more important than the other, they all work together to complete a wonderful and meaningful weekend. God is good.

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However, when I think about music, I'm drawn to worship and particularly how the music we sing has an effect on the overall weekend, it's the music, the praise, that brings the weekend together, that binds us in our worship of Jesus and our praise to the Holy Spirit. Music! We love to worship and we love to sing.

We do need musicians for future walks and that's why your Emmaus Board of Directors felt it important to plan a time when anyone who is interested in providing music can come to a session on January 24, 2009 at 9:00AM at Hermitage United Methodist Church to hear about the importance of music on the walk, to receive information, and understand how to become a music team member on future walks. As a board member Angela Hayes says, if you love music, play or don't play an instrument, please come and learn, even if you have served on past walks as a musician we would love to have you attend on January 24. It is important; it would be a special blessing in servanthood to serve on a team as a musician. If you have any questions, please contact any board member.

And yes, in case you are wondering, my mind did quit wandering and I did finish the letters. ■

Musician's Training Event

Saturday, Jan. 24
9 am - 11:30 am Hermitage UMC

If you have ever had a desire to help with music on a walk, if you're talented or gifted musically, please come and join us. You do not need to play an instrument to help with the Music on an Emmaus Walk. You DO need a Servant's Heart rather than the ego of a Showman. If you've served on a past walk as a musician, we would love to leverage your insights - please come. Members of the Nashville Board will conduct the training. For more information, contact any Board Member.

Community Gathering
Sat. December 13, 2008
6:30 pm
Upper Room

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MEN's WALK #157 **October 9-12, 2008**

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Tim Dillard

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Community website
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Kairos Korner

Dan Preston

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



The following statistics are provided by *Prison Fellowship International*:

- There are 25,745 state prison inmates in Tennessee
- Nashville has 4 adult state prisons
- The recidivism rate is approximately 50% after 3 years and 70% after 5 years.

The next is taken from the *Kairos Prison Ministry International* program manual: A few years ago, the Florida Department of corrections conducted a study of 505 inmates of Union Correctional Institution who had attended a Kairos weekend on eleven weekends. The study compared the re-offense rate of the 505 to that of a non Kairos group. The control group re-offended at a rate of 23.4%. Compare that to those who had attended and remained active in the Kairos program re-offended at a rate of 10% -- a 57% drop in the recidivism rate. A similar study in South Carolina found that the Kairos experience resulted in a 26%--36% drop in recidivism compared to the control group.

Part of the Kairos Program is monthly meetings with

"outside volunteers." It's kind of like I gathering without the covered dish dinner. These monthly meetings are what we have been conducting for over a year and we want to expand to two meetings per month. However we must have help.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest", Luke 10:2.

At this time we are seeking laborers for the harvest. Men that are willing to Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Christ. We are also seeking men and women to serve on our Advisory Council.

In closing let me say that the scariest part of visitation at Riverbend Correctional Institution is traveling Briley Parkway going to and from. I feel very safe and secure "inside" and meet with a group of true "Brothers-in-Christ".

For more information please contact: Dan Preston at danpreston@tds.net or (615)754-6148 at home. ■

Would You Like to Take a Walk?

by Deb Dillard

It's been beautiful weather lately - evenings that are perfect for being outside. It's been cool enough to call up a friend and ask her to join you for a short stroll to talk a little, discuss all that has been going on, and to maybe calm the spirit a little. You walk together and talk. You discuss a few things: family, the election, the gas shortages, city growth, even the stock market. Then your conversation turns to what is heaviest on both your hearts. These are things that are concerning you the most and making you wonder why things happen as they do.

Why is a small child trying to come to terms with something we wish she never had to understand in the first place? Why is it that even when a family knows their loved one is going to a better place, they still feel the pain of not being able to share more time with her? Why is a young man, in a split instant, caught in a battle to hold on to all that is "normal" and challenged to remain whole?

The conversation is difficult. You both feel confused, angry, sad, even disillusioned and disbelieving. You are both troubled by your thoughts, and you amble along absently talking. Then, as it sometimes happens, someone comes along side you on the path as if to pass. You continue discussing your uncertainty about things, and he joins in your conversation. You explain how shaken your faith feels; how hard it is to stay strong; and how difficult it is to believe that everything will ever be okay again.

As you continue your walk, the stranger begins reminding you of the promises of Christ; of his Grace; of how his suffering led to our glory; and of all the many ways he blesses us each day. Home is up ahead, and you ask your friend if she needs a ride as it is getting very dark now. The stranger begins to go on down the path, but you've enjoyed his company; and so you ask if you can take him home as well.

Your travel takes you pass the Dairy Queen, and it's decided you all want to spend a little more time together, so you stop and order a treat. When the food comes, the stranger does an odd thing for Dairy Queen. He bows his head and says a prayer. When he does, you and your friend feel goose bumps; kind of laugh; and you turn to look at each other. When you look back, you find that there is no one there. There is a pounding in your ears as you feel your heart beat fast. What just happened and what is going on? Who was the stranger, and where did he go? ■

*To be concluded in the January 2009 Candlelight.
You can read Deb Dillard's entire story now on the
Community website www.nashvilleemmaus.org*

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Carla Snodgrass, Chrysalis Lay Director

The Nashville Chrysalis Community welcomed 46 new Butterflies to the community as a result of our Fall Flights. Thanks to members of the Emmaus community for giving youth the gift of developing a relationship with Jesus Christ!

Dates for Flights next year have been set: Girl's Flights will be January 17-19 and June 5-7. Boy's Flights will be February 14-16 and September 5-7. It takes many faithful servants to make a Flight happen. If you have youth you would like to sponsor download an application from the Chrysalis website, www.nashvillechrysalis.org.

The next Chrysalis Hoot will be November 9th from 5:30-7:30 at Fellowship UMC in Murfreesboro! If you have questions or need additional information call Carla Snodgrass at 615-594-2825 or email me at carla.snodgrass@pcat.org.

Fly with Christ! ■

Care Corner



- **Wesley Schamburger**, son of Christy and David and nephew of Paul and Elaine Smith, was born Oct 15 with respiratory and blood pressure problems.
- **Ginger Farr Krupka** is slowly recovering from a fall at her mother's home in Chattanooga on Jan 26. She's back in Nashville continuing treatment. Through all this she also got married.
- **Billy Hodges**, Carol Ussery and Jackie Moore's father, passed away Sept. 24 at age 80.
- **Madison Mulnix**, daughter of Marcy and Tom Mulnix, is having serious problems with her esophagus. Food is getting stuck and she's lost 13 pounds in the last six months. Doctors can't determine the cause.
- **Rev. Dr. John Carpenter** turned his right ankle and broke the bottom of the fibula.
- **Ryan Corning**, Nashville Chrysalis Community member, received severe head injuries in a skateboarding accident Sept. 21. Ryan is recovering at Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Center.

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Rev. Hubert Cunningham, Community Spiritual Director

A group of 4 to 8 year-olds was asked, "What does love mean?" One little boy said, "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." One of the little girls said, "When my grandmother got arthritis she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

I have just returned from the closing of the men's walk #157. Those men were greatly impacted by their weekend experience--as we all were. I relived my walk (21 years ago) as I listen to them tell what the weekend meant to them and what they were going to do with it. The unique thing about the walk is the pilgrims experience love in major portions. It is amazing what happens to all of us when we experience love. I know that we are loved by our friends and family but God is love and He loves us more than anyone is capable of loving us.

In a day when the cry from Wall Street is "the sky is falling" and we feel stress over who our next President will be, I am glad that one thing is certain: Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Friend, whatever else is going on in your life, take heart in knowing He still loves you. ■

Calendar of Events - 2008

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
Dec	11	Board Meeting 7:00 pm Upper Room
	13	Gathering 6:30 pm Upper Room

2009 Spring Walks

March 12-15, 2009 Men's Walk #160
March 26-29, 2009 Women's Walk #161

Remembering Gloria Flowers

Gloria Jean Flowers of McEwen died suddenly on August 8, 2008. She is survived by her husband, James Flowers, her daughter, Angela (Ben) Johnson of Lakeland, TN, grandchildren, Jackson William Davis of Lakeland, TN, Kameryn and Chloe Johnson of Memphis, TN and sister, Brenda Griffith of Camden, TN. Interment in Flatwoods Cemetery. Gloria was on Nashville Emmaus Community Walk #156.