



# The Rainbow Connection

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## Generosity

by Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

For many years, I had heard of tithing, but never really understood the discipline of tithing; then I learned that tithing is merely giving back a portion of what God had blessed me with. In some ways serving in your Emmaus Community, or your church, is a form of giving back to God. When we learn to give God our first fruits and tithe, we must be careful that we don't become proud.

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." **Mark 12:41-44**

I don't know that Jesus really wants us to give all that we have, but He does want us to reflect on how we handle our money and time. There is a tendency to focus only on financial giving, but we are called to be generous in all ways. In addition to money, consider giving respect, time, expertise, comfort, material goods, and friendship. Are we giving out of our excess, or are we being generous and sacrificial in our giving? One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

### **Proverbs 11:24-25**

This widow gave all she had to live on; in contrast to the way most of us handle our money. When we consider giving a certain percentage of our income, a great accomplishment, we resemble those who gave "a tiny part of their surplus." Here, Jesus was admiring generous and sacrificial giving. As believers, we should consider increasing our giving – whether of money, time, or talents – to a point beyond convenience or safety. I have often heard a fellow Christian friend say, "You can't out-give God." If we give joyfully, God will bless us beyond measure.

The Fall Emmaus Walks will soon be here, so consider giving the gift of sponsorship. Pray about who God may be asking you to sponsor and consider how you may bless a fellow Christian to develop a closer walk with God.

## Upcoming Schedule of Events

### Dates for the Fall Walks:

Women's Walk #57  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Men's Walk #57  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Address for New Lex First U. M. Church for monthly gatherings:  
126 S. High Street  
New Lexington, Oh 43764

Address and phone number for Camp Akita:  
29746 Logan-Hornsmill Road  
Logan, Ohio 43138  
740-385-3827

Map and directions can be found on the Emmaus Website; just click on Directions.

For surrounding Satellite Gatherings, see page 3

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[www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)

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## Books, Video's and CD's – Oh My!

*Lena Bruno, Community Literature*

Yes, yes, it is time to clean off them book shelves and those CD and DVD racks...thinking of it as 'Fall cleaning' instead of 'Spring cleaning'. And, just opposite of the "Tin Man", I know all my sister and brothers in Christ from Emmaus definitely have a heart!! Everyone has been so generous in the past to donate items needed for the Book Table at both the Women's and Men's Emmaus Walks; and I am very thankful to each and everyone. It is time though, once again, to search in your collection of CD's, DVD's, and of course books! If you have any of these items and would like to donate them for the book table, it would be greatly appreciated. If at all possible please bring them to the next gathering on August 24th, being the last one before the Women's Walk; or, call or email me and I can either meet you somewhere or you can drop them off at my house. If you have any item to donate and you can't be at the next gathering and you know someone who will be, than by all means send them with them. This way I won't skip the yellow brick road, but will drive the gravel dirt road to Camp Akita with the generous giving of books, CD's and DVD's . . . HOORAY! Again, I do appreciate very much your willingness to share your resources, which in turn will help the pilgrims grow closer to Christ. This is just one of the many ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ' who is the 'real' (King of the Forest)

DeColores,  
Lena

## It's All In The Newsletter....or is it??

*Barb Harkless, Community Newsletter*

Well, how in the world would you know if it was in the newsletter if you don't get one??? That would be my thinking too; and I'm already aware that it has been some others as well. Once again, I am here to say how sorry I am that last month's newsletter did not get sent out. I do believe however, that a few did get sent before my computer finally took the 'final plunge'. It has been one headache after another from the get-go; and I'm here to tell you that I fully agree with Pastor Ricci . . . when I get to Heaven I am going to celebrate that there is absolutely NO technology there to put up with!! Won't it be great?

If I am not correcting an email address, I am deleting an email address; if I'm not deleting an email address, I am removing it from an attached name that it does not belong to and putting it back in . . . and if you understand all that, well, all I gotta say is Praise the Lord!! Once I was able to figure that part out (yeah right), I started having computer problems, and it crashed, than it was my router, than it was my internet. And yes, I can come up with a half a dozen other excuses, but those are the right ones, or true ones I should say!

I did in the beginning think I was just not smart enough to do this; I bit off more than I could chew; I can't do this anymore! Then I prayed and asked God to take this from me and being the faithful God we serve, He did just that! My sister (I love you Lena) had a good friend give her a lap top computer and since she didn't need it, bless her heart she gave it to me. Then everything else started falling into place, thank you Lord! Like so many times and so many others, I let this get to me to the point where I was actually depressed over it and being way too hard on myself; whereas, I should have just asked God in the beginning to take control. From this point on, I am challenging myself to do better each month to bring you all a great newsletter at hand! I still need your help as far as articles; such as, articles on Fourth Days, spiritual director's articles from the Walks; or just something you may want to share. I do thank all those who have already shared and submitted articles. I am grateful for the articles that Greg is submitting each month for they are very encouraging and uplifting. Your article doesn't have to be lengthy or fancy, just plain and simple and to the point! Just give it some



thought, and pray of course, for God to show you something you can share and put into words. You never know whose life you can touch by your own life story. Any questions or suggestions concerning the newsletter, please don't hesitate to bring them to me. De Colores!

Blessings to you all,  
Barb

## Satellite Gatherings

### Lancaster Area

**Our next gathering will be September 9th, 7:00 pm, Sixth Avenue UMC, 1004 W. 6th Avenue, Lancaster, Oh.** The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church at 1004 West Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, Oh. For more details or information please contact Donna Dickson at 740-687-1791 or [ddickson9@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ddickson9@columbus.rr.com).

### Rio Grande Area

**GATHERINGS WILL TAKE A SUMMER BREAK AND RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. Any questions please contact Roberta Wilson.**

Satellite gatherings for the Rio Grande area are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Simpson Chapel UM Church on Lake Dr, in Rio Grande. For more details and information please contact Roberta 'Robie' Wilson via phone 740-441-7494 or by email at [robertawilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertawilson@sbcglobal.net).

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## Spiritual Food For Thought.....

*By Billy Graham*

You cannot live the Christian life by yourself. The Holy Spirit must live in you and express Himself through you.

Paul said, "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:11).

Sin shall no longer rule or dominate you when you are allowing the Holy Spirit to live Christ's life through you. It is living by faith, living by trust, living in dependence upon God.



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