



The Rainbow Connection

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Counting Blessings

Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director

August is here, and that means football is just around the corner. The NFL Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were the weekend of August 6th-9th. I usually don't watch speeches, but I am a Steelers fan. Jerome Bettis (aka The Bus) was being inducted, so I DVR'd the ceremony and listened to the speeches. I was happy to hear the speakers reference the Bible and make constant references to being "blessed." 'The Bus' story was particularly filled with blessings "that changed" his life.

I suspect each of us can identify people and events that were such blessings that it changed our lives. My list would specifically include my family members, coaches, friends, and events (including the Emmaus Walk). My list includes what one would call negative reinforcement. For instance, my kidney disease led me to assess my priorities and focus my energies. While it is not a good thing to be at 20% functioning today, my overall condition (especially my heart) compared to my male ancestors at my age is significantly better. When thinking of all the twist and turns, it becomes obvious that God has blessed me so much it is mind boggling. God's understanding truly is beyond my feeble attempts guide my way.

So, I thank God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon me. I especially thank God for the Walk to Emmaus. It has been a tremendous blessing to serve in whatever capacity as God's hands and feet. Equally, it has been a blessing to serve with and serve the wonderful members of our community.

De Colores,

Jeff Bender

Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your blessings see what God has done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count you many blessings see what God has done!!



Nuts and Bolts

Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director

As everyone should know by now, the board meetings and gatherings are at The Plains United Methodist Church. The next meeting/gathering is August 30th. The Board meeting is at 2:00 p.m. and the gathering at 3:00 p.m. The meeting/schedule for the rest of the year is September 27th, November 1st, and December 6th (Christmas Party). The Women's Walk is September 17-20 and the Men's Walk is October 22-25th. Education Day is November 14th at The Plains UMC.

However, not everyone likely knows that we have established a connection with Chrysalis Cares. Their next Chrysalis Flight is the girls' flight in February, 2016. The boys' flight is in June, 2016. If they get the turnout that they did for the girls' flight in 2015, then they are considering a second girls' flight around Labor Day next year. The flights take place at Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna. They will take youth as young as 14 and a freshman in High School. If you have a youth to sponsor, our board can make the connection or you can go to www.ChrysalisCares.org for an application.

De Colores,
Jeff Bender

Prayer Vigils

Emma Hockenbery, Community Worship

The prayer vigil's are online for the Women's and Men's Walk. Search for Southern Ohio Emmaus and you will be able to sign up for a time slot...or two :) They will also be at the August 30th gathering.

De Colores!!!
Emma Hockenbery

Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

****NO Gatherings for the months of July and August; will resume in September.****

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2nd 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.

Rio Grande Area

****NO Gatherings for the months of July and August; will resume in September.****

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings have moved to Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month. For more details and information please contact Rick Howell via phone 740-446-4624.



Upcoming Schedule of Events

Gatherings at The Plains United Methodist Church:

3 North Plains Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780
(740) 797-4163

All gatherings at 3:00 with Board meeting at 2:00

Dates for monthly gatherings:

August 30th
September 27th
November 1st
December 6th (Christmas Party)

Dates for Fall Walks #59:

Women's – September 17-20
Debbie Brookins, LD

Men's – October 22-25
Jeff Bender, LD

Sponsorship Forms, Applications, Newsletters and Additional Information Available at:
www.southernohioemmaus.com

Applications for Chrysalis Flights at www.ChrysalisCares.org

NOT RECEIVING NEWSLETTER?

Please update your information if it has changed in the past year. Send to
rbharkless@yahoo.com

Something to think about.....

God's Law is perfect. It is His tool to convert the soul. When a sinner is confronted with God's Holy Law, his conscience affirms its truth. The Law makes wise the simple by giving understanding to the unregenerate mind. It reveals God's true and righteous judgments and therefore produces the fear of God, leading to repentance. It is of great worth. It is sweet to the converted soul. Its function is to warn sinners of the wrath to come and lead them to shelter in the Savior.

Psalm 19:7-11



2015 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

This is the current contact list of our Board of Directors. Keep this list so you can contact the board with questions concerns, and ideas. Please keep the board in your prayers as they serve the Lord and our community.

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