

The Rainbow Connection

Volume 10 ~ Issue 6

June 2014

Obeying Laws

by Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

Have you ever thought about some of the laws you may have broken? One law that many people have broken or at least stretched is the speed limit. We have all seen someone break the speed limit and probably even done it ourselves. But, unless we are really reckless, we probably didn't cause any harm and also got away with ignoring the law. Most laws (including God's laws) are meant to protect us, not just restrict us.

In the book of Daniel chapter 6, we learn that King Darius was tricked into passing a law against praying to anyone except the king. Daniel was faithful to the king but could not obey a law which prevented him from spending time with God in prayer. Daniel continued to pray to God three times a day and when the king's officers found Daniel violating the law, they demanded the king punish him. This was when King Darius reluctantly had Daniel thrown into the den of lions. We know the end of the story -- God protects and rescues Daniel from the lions to demonstrate his love for faithful people like Daniel.

In our country, we don't have laws that prevent us from privately praying to God, but our prayer life can be threatened by other things. One thing I struggle with is being consistent with my prayer life. I find that I can be easily distracted from praying. Think about the things that interfere with your prayer life. Things like work schedules, activities with family and friends, entertainment, etc. can distract us from our prayer discipline. God loves us and wants to spend time with us, but the evil one finds ways to distract us. Remember, prayer is to be a time of separation from the world to be with God. This happens when we surrender our schedules and priorities and draw near to our Father in heaven. As Daniel was faithful to God, I pray that we all will remain faithful to the living God who rescues us from the evil one.

DeColores,
Greg Rush

Upcoming Schedule of Events

S.O. Emmaus Family Picnic
Saturday, August 26th @ 12:00 at
Lake Hope State Park

Dates for the Fall Walks:

Women's Walk #57
September 11th - 14th

Men's Walk #57
October 2nd - 5th

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

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

NOT RECEIVING NEWSLETTER?
Please update your information;
being that there are multiple returns
when the newsletter is being sent
out. Send your email address to
rbharkless@yahoo.com or
soemmausnewsletter@yahoo.com



EMMAUS NEEDS YOU

Jeff Bender, Community Vice Chairperson

In Piety, we give our hearts to God. In Study, we give our minds to God. In Christian Action we give our hands and feet to God. Emmaus needs its members to actively do these things in your respective churches; it is one of the primary purposes of the Emmaus movement. The movement itself needs the same thing, too. The Southern Ohio Emmaus Board is seeking volunteers to serve as Board Members, and is starting early in their search.

You can see all the positions that need to be filled at the end of each Newsletter. Many of the current board members have been past board members after being out a year per the by-laws. It is often helpful to have experienced members, but a new set of eyes and ears is equally important.

Five board members will be ending their terms at the end of December, 2014. New members would not necessarily fill these positions. For example, my first year on the board, I was the Men's Registrar. Currently, I am the Vice Chairperson. The board is looking for at least 7 candidates to run in order to fill the 5 positions. If one of the elected members is not able to serve, then one of the non-elected candidates could be called to serve.

The experience that you had at the Walk was based on God's guidance of the hearts, minds, and hands and feet of these board members and the countless volunteers that work under their direction. That includes the Emmaus Team on each Walk. It is imperative that our membership get involved and stay involved in Emmaus. The nominations committee will be meeting soon to start the process to present a slate of candidates to the community in October-November for election. You can call or e-mail any board member for consideration.

If you are truly interested in being elected to the board, then I strongly recommend that you attend the upcoming Education Day in Albany. Also, you should attend at least the gatherings at New Lexington First United Methodist and any local gatherings in your area.

As with everything, pray for God's guidance.

De Colores
Jeff Bender

RECAP: Emmaus Family Picnic

By Heather Pullins, Community Social Chair

The Emmaus family picnic is scheduled for Saturday July 26th. (Rain or Shine) The shelter house at Lake Hope State Park has been reserved for us. We will eat at 1:00 but hope everyone can come around noon to fellowship a little early. Musicians can bring their instruments do a little singing Emmaus style!

Please bring your family and friends, and, oh yeah, you might want to bring a lawn chair or two; just in case. There is Fishing, Swimming, Trails...all types of outdoor fun. Maybe someone can bring 'Corn Hole' ☺

And most importantly, don't forget to bring *food/drink* to share because when Emmaus meets Emmaus eats!!

DeColores!
Heather



Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

NO GATHERING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST: Lancaster Area

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

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 4th 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.

Revised Volunteer Form

Cathy Powell, Community Outreach

On the following page you will find a revised volunteer form which you can fill out and return to me. If anyone is interested in working a Walk, Women or Men’s, please fill out the form showing your areas of interest. Even if you have already worked a Walk, a new form can be filled out.

Working a Walk, whether in the conference room or behind the scene, is a rewarding and awesome blessing. Meetings that take place prior to the Walk are a blessing as well. It does take time and money to make a Walk happen; but, don’t let cost be a reason to keep you from this awesome experience. And, you are given enough time in advance to rearrange your schedule for the Saturday meetings if need be. Remember, where there’s a will there’s a way! Think positive, but most importantly, pray and trust God!

DeColores,
Cathy

Note: Conference Room Team members pay a fee of \$120.00 to cover expenses.

Agape and Logistics Team Members pay a fee of \$75.00.

Don’t let team fees stop you from serving – let someone know of your desire to serve – special funds are available to assist team members



Name:				
Walk #:				
Address:				
City:		State:		Zip :
Phone:				
E-Mail:				
Emmaus Community:				

Share Group Name: _____

Positions previously served: _____

Please let us know your area(s) of interest

Serve on the Conference Room Team : Spring _____ Fall _____ Either _____
Serve on the Agape Team: Women _____ Men _____ Spring ____ Fall _____
Serve on the Logistics Team: Women _____ Men _____ Spring ____ Fall _____
Serve on the Board of Directors (3 year term) _____
Lead music during a gathering: _____
Help lead music before candlelight _____
Be the fourth day speaker at a gathering _____
Are you interested in serving the Chrysalis ROCS Community _____



2014 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.

<p><u>Spiritual Director</u> Ricci Arthur 395 Mae St Logan, Oh 43138 740-385-4127 pastorric@aol.com</p>	<p><u>Newsletter</u> Barb Harkless (2015) PO Box 52 Haydenville, Oh 43127 740-385-4359 soemmausnewsletter@yahoo.com rbharkless@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Note: Each board member's name is followed by the year their term ends</p> <p>Updated: January 20, 2014</p>
<p><u>Asst. Spiritual Director</u> Karen Crawford 60 Pomeroy Rd. Athens, Oh 45701 740-593-8541 pastorkaren@richlandumc.org</p>	<p><u>Agape</u> Betty Clark (2014) 645 Connett Rd. Nelsonville, Oh 45764 740-664-5040 bwclark@nelsonvillev.com</p>	<p><u>Logistics</u> Steve Rinehart (2016) 33324 Knox Rd. Logan, Oh 43138 740-380-6850 ritapeanutrinehart@yahoo.com</p>
<p><u>Board Chairperson</u> Greg Rush (2014) 38032 Scout Rd Logan, Oh 43138 740-385-0945 gr44gregr@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Outreach</u> Cathy Powell (2014) 1852 Mill St. Albany, Oh 45701 740-698-6145 cpowell1669@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Social</u> Heather Pullins (2016) 142 S. Center St. West Jefferson, Oh 43162 614-307-4227 hpullins@columbus.rr.com</p>
<p><u>Vice Chairperson</u> Jeff Bender (2015) 1 East Main Street Logan, Ohio 43138 740-653-0184 bendej1@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Women's Registrar</u> Kim Russell-Reed (2015) 12804 Twp. Rd. 1001, NE, Crooksville, Oh 43731 740-808-7081 k12russell@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Supplies</u> Jeff Cupp (2016) 13995 St. Rte. 93 S. Logan, Oh 43138 740-385-8168 No Email</p>
<p><u>Treasurer</u> Alice Money Penny (2016) 1450 Ginder Rd. NW Lancaster, Oh 43130 740-756-9148 buckeyept@columbus.rr.com</p>	<p><u>Men's Registrar</u> Rita Rinehart (2016) 33324 Knox Rd. Logan, Oh 43138 740-380-6850 ritapeanutrinehart@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Worship</u> Emma Hockenberry (2015) 7280 Gregg Rd. West Jefferson, Oh 43162 614-843-1919 emma19marie@yahoo.com</p>
<p><u>Secretary</u> Linda Lohse-Smith (2014) 7140 Selby Rd., Lot 103 Athens, Oh 45701 740-594-9296 Lindadavid77@frontier.com</p>	<p><u>Sponsorship</u> Floyd Tackett (2014) 226 Cedar Cove Asheville, Oh 43103 740-983-6565 fltack@aol.com</p>	<p><u>Music</u> Tom West (2015) 9727 Old Rushville Rd., Rushville, Oh 43150 740-569-7342 jatbwest@yahoo.com</p>
<p><u>Good Shepherd</u> Debbie Brookins (2016) 44 Columbia Road Albany, Oh 45710 740-698-6818 brookins.debbie@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Literature</u> Lena Bruno (2016) P.O. Box 87 Haydenville, Oh 43127 740-974-2612 lena_bruno@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Being the hands and feet for</p> <p>Jesus Christ as we serve!</p>

Southern Ohio Emmaus

c/o Barb Harkless
P.O. Box 52
Haydenville, Ohio 43127

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED