



The Rainbow Connection

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The Revealed Word

Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director

In doing my daily devotion from the Upper Room recently, the citation referred to Deuteronomy 29:29. The passage in the NIV states: “(T)he secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.” The point of the devotion was that our intellect can only take us so far in understanding; our faith in the revealed word of God takes us the rest of the way.

This led me to think of a quote I once heard to the effect, “my intellect often gets in the way of my faith.” In turn, this led me to remember that but for the Protestant Reformation and the printing press, the word would not have been revealed “to us”, individually, unless one became a priest and learned Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. At this point, I thought of the Gutenberg Bible while in Latin, set the stage for the printing of the revealed word in many languages for reading by anyone. In a Google search, I discovered that the first datable version was printed on October 22, 1454. This brought me back to Emmaus in that the Fall Men’s Walk begins on October 22nd this year.

It is not unusual for us who have been on the Emmaus Walk to talk about a spiritual response to one of the wonderful events, ceremonies, or even entertainment. However, we should not lose sight of the importance of the Talks which are based on the “revealed” word. Without it we would have to agree with Socrates that “the only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.” So, let us always harken back to the revealed word of God, thanking and praising him for it whenever we pray.

De Colores,
Jeff Bender

Emmaus Needs You

Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director

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 one year per the by-laws. It is often helpful to have experienced members, but new set of eyes and ears is equally important.

Six board members will be ending their terms at the end of December, 2015. 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 Chairperson. The board is looking for at least 8 candidates to run in order to fill 6 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 meeting soon to start the process to present a slate of candidates to the community in October-November for election. You can call or email any board member for consideration.

If you are truly interested in being elected to the board, then I strongly recommend that you attend the gatherings at The Plains UMC and any local gatherings in your area.

As with everything, pray for God's guidance.

De Colores,
Jeff Bender, Chair

Emmaus Family Picnic

Barb Harkless, Community Newsletter

As Summer is now upon us, we are all more than likely enjoying some needed time off work, vacations, family gatherings, swimming, and other Summer events. With that being said, **July 25th** is when our Emmaus family is getting together for our Annual Emmaus Picnic. This year it will once again be held at the Lake Hope State Park. A shelter house has been reserved for us, the same one as last year. We will meet at 12:00 and eat at 1. This year we will be sharing Communion together, as well as some of our special Emmaus songs. So bring your family, maybe a chair, your favorite covered dish and enjoy a time of fellowship with the Emmaus Community we call 'family'. It will be a fun time so hopefully everyone can make it!

De Colores,
Barb



Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

****NO Gatherings for the months of July and August; and, 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

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:

June 28th
August 30th

Emmaus Family Picnic

July 25, 2015 @ 12:00 @ Lake Hope

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

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



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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