

# The Rainbow Connection

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## Upcoming Events

### May

20<sup>th</sup> 1:45 p.m.  
Emmaus Board Meeting  
2:00 p.m.

Chrysalis Board Meeting  
3:00 p.m.

Gathering  
First UMC, New  
Lexington

### June

24<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis  
Board Meetings  
3:00 p.m.

Gathering  
First UMC, New  
Lexington

### July

NO GATHERING IN  
JULY

### August

11<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Family Picnic

26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis  
Board Meetings  
3:00 p.m.

Gathering  
First UMC, New  
Lexington

**Women's Fall Walk #53**  
September 27-30

**Men's Fall Walk #53**  
October 25-28  
Camp Akita

## Always Room for Spiritual Growth

*by Heather Pullins, Community Lay Director*

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8 NIV

A few years ago, a group of teenagers and a few of us adults were on a mission trip in Tennessee. The mission is called Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project). Each year, Mountain T.O.P. has a scripture reference as their theme. This particular year, the scripture was Matthew 7:7. Everything had something about Ask, Seek, Knock...our T-shirts, the evening devotionals, etc. At the beginning of the week, it was just the scripture reference that was on the banners, shirts and everywhere I looked. However, by the end of the week, it had new meaning for me.

On our trip, we were only in TN. Not too far from home actually! However, it seemed like we were worlds away. Some of the families needed home repairs, help with yard work, a porch, a wheelchair ramp; while others needed prayer, attention, just someone to listen to them. I ASKED God for a lot of things while I was on that trip. God provided those things to me and everyone else - the right words to say to the families, the patience to get the projects finished and His love to share with all!

Ask - it will be given to you!

Seek -you will find! Knock - the door will be opened to you!

Every day we have to work on our relationship with God. We need to continue to ask, seek, knock regardless of where we are in our spiritual journey. From the newest Christian, to the most seasoned, there is always room to grow, learn and share.

As we start to prepare for the fall walks, reflect on this scripture. Ask God for guidance regarding potential pilgrims. Who can you have a conversation with regarding Emmaus? We all know friends, co-workers, family members who are seeking God. Ask God to show you a way to reach out to them and help them with their search. Knock and the door will be opened to you! I can tell you that the door was opened for me during the chapel visit after candlelight on walk #39. I will never forget that night!! I am so thankful that my sponsor talked to me about attending The Walk to Emmaus!



## God is Doing Great Things in Emmaus

*by Pastor Ricci Arthur, Community Spritual Director*

Dear Members of the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community: I want to say how gratified I am that we have had full walks this Spring! That was awesome! I believe that God is doing something great in the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community! The main thing is prayer and sponsorship (in that order).

II Peter 3:18 says: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." When we went on our Emmaus Walk, some of us were just beginning in our Christian walk - we learned a lot that weekend! Some of us came to our walk already growing quite a bit, and the Emmaus Walk simply confirmed what we had known for some time. But, regardless, it was a time to draw deeper into the sea of God's infinite love.

I had a vision one time in prayer of standing at the edge of the Pacific Ocean. In my hand I was holding a thimble - it seemed that the Lord was saying to me to dip the thimble into the Ocean - I did that, and He seemed to say: "The Pacific Ocean represents all there is to know about prayer; the water in your thimble is what you know about prayer." It was humbling for me - but - I continue to try to grow. My Emmaus Walk really helped me in my prayer life. How are your fourth days going in prayer? Do you have a regular time of prayer with our Saviour? We can make no difference for God without prayer. Remember, Christ is counting on us! And - we are counting on Christ

## Director of Youth Ministries Needed

The Dresden U.M. Church has a full time job opening for Director of Youth Ministries. Projected start date for a new hire is August 1st. 2012. This is a paid staff position that leads the Youth of the Church and local community in learning, serving and discipleship. The focus is middle school and High school ages with assistance provided to the children's ministry. The Youth Director follows the Youth Ministry Management Plan currently in place. For more information contact Youth Council Chairman Brad Rector at [bradrector217@msn.com](mailto:bradrector217@msn.com) or contact Senior Pastor Greg Inboden at the Church-740-754-3601

### Newsletter Submissions

Have Emmaus news to send to the community? Want to share what the weekend meant to you?

Send it to:  
[andyellinger@yahoo.com](mailto:andyellinger@yahoo.com)

### Walks Around the World

*by Cathy Powell, Agape Chair*

Did you know there are Emmaus Walks occurring almost every weekend in various communities all over the world? I receive emails weekly requesting wall agape and prayers. On May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be walks taking place in Delaware, South Africa, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, San Antonio, Texas, Australia, and Virginia. Please include these walks in your daily prayers. Here at home, the conference room teams for the fall walks will be forming soon, and I hope you will keep those team members and the

pilgrims God will send us in your prayers. Psalm 4:3 says *"the Lord will hear when I call to Him"*

Our Emmaus community was blessed with two full walks this spring which means our supplies are in need of replenishing. Things like the toiletries supplies, copying the inserts for the Sunday packets, and the Saturday night table decorations are just a few of the supplies needed. The Emmaus community is not immune to the economic climate. There is a cost attached to each of these walks, and the fee charged does not cover all the food, housing, or supplies. Thank you to the share groups and individuals who have offered money or purchased supplies. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Would you or your share group would be able to contribute? If so, contact me or Sharla for a list of needs.



## Board Member Vacancies

The Southern Ohio Chrysalis ROCS Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for Board positions beginning June 2012.

Your Chrysalis Board is reflective of our Community – men and women, high school youth, young adults of college age and adults, with Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend experience.



Commitments include attending meetings and a commitment to Christ and the future of the Chrysalis & Emmaus Communities. Prayerfully consider and submit your nomination to Pastor Doug Widdowson - drdsw@yahoo.com or Andy Ellinger - (See below for contact info)

## CAMP DIRECTOR WANTS TO SHARE WITH YOUR CONGREGATION

*By Travis Milhan - Camp Otterbein Director—tmilhan@campotterbein.com*

At Camp Otterbein we have some really new and great things going on!! I am looking for any church that is willing to host me for a speaking engagement so I can share about Camp Otterbein. I am happy to come to your youth group, children ministries or any worship service. If your Church would like me to come please let me know!!!

### *Kevin Spencer in Concert at Shade UMC*

June 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoying fellowship time with light refreshments available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs & Ice Cream. Freewill donations will be accepted for refreshments and Concert

Contact Information: Pastor Dean L. Blackburn 740-557-3231.

## Share Groups and Pilgrims Continue to Serve

Many of our pilgrims and share groups serve in a variety of different ways. One Share group has offered to pay and supply flowers for each walk. A Pilgrim has offered to make snack table platters. Many community members show up at each walk and carry luggage for the pilgrims. A pilgrim good at sewing has volunteered to provide our banners much needed repairs. Some groups help out with supply expenses. Some serve in the conference room. It is amazing to see the number of people coming together to serve our community. If you want serve, don't forget to fill out you volunteer sheet or contact a board member.

## After The Weekend

Sponsored a pilgrim? Continue to PRAY for their 4<sup>th</sup> Day! See that your pilgrim is in a group reunion, joins a current one or starts a new one. Keep in touch with your pilgrim and show as much interest and concern as you did before and during the weekend. Encourage regular church attendance and involvement in church activities. As you can see, sponsoring a pilgrim is a large responsibility. Therefore, prudence dictates that you sponsor no more pilgrims than you honestly can nurture and support. Remember, Christ is counting on you!!!

Reminder: We were short \$160.00 from the book and shirt table following the Men's Walk. As always, if a pilgrim wants something but hasn't brought enough money with them, they can still shop and get the money from their sponsor later or send in after the walk.



### 2012 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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*RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED*

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