

The Rainbow Connection

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Living With Faith

by Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

First, let me welcome the new members to our Emmaus Community! During the Spring Walks, we had 29 women and 14 men trust God and their sponsor and agree to walk with God and other Christians for three days devoted to learning more about God's grace. I pray that everyone's Fourth Days are helping to develop us all into better Christian leaders in our homes, churches and communities. With a strong faith in God, we can indeed change the world.

Since we recently celebrated Easter, let's reflect on what Easter means in our lives. Have you ever thought about what happened the day between Jesus' Crucifixion and His Resurrection? Before He was crucified, Jesus told His disciples ". . . *it was necessary for Him to go to Jerusalem, and that He would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day He would be raised from the dead.*" (Matthew 16:21) The disciples' actions on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter make me wonder if they really understood what Jesus was telling them. They huddled in fear having little faith in what He had promised them. I have wondered about their fear and lack of faith that Saturday, but when I think about it, Jesus had not yet given them the Holy Spirit. Remember, Jesus wasn't the Messiah they had dreamed about and they were unsure about what they should do after His death.

Are we really that much different than His disciples? Do we have our own idea of what God should be? Do we get frustrated when our day doesn't go the way we think it should? When we truly believe that Jesus died for our sins and we make Him Lord of our life, He gives us His spirit. We should not live huddled in fear with little faith in what He can do in our lives. We must study His word and live our lives in the reality of the resurrection. Jesus told us to help others become believers in Him when He said "*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:19-20) Remember, the best way to show that Jesus is with us, is to live our lives with faith that He is in control of our lives. As others see our genuine faith in Jesus, they will be curious about the Jesus we know and begin to ask about our faith. Be prepared to share your faith when others seek to know more about Jesus.

DeColores,
Greg Rush

Upcoming Schedule of Events

MONTHLY GATHERING at CALVARY U. M. CHURCH this month. Directions and address on page 3.

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

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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

Importance of Sponsorship

Floyd Tackett, Community Sponsor Chair

Thanks to the just completed Spring Walks; we are blessed to have 44 new members added to the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. So much love, time and prayer go into the Walks themselves, it would be impossible to know and thank everyone involved. However; I would like to take a moment to thank all of the folks who sponsored or co-sponsored a Pilgrim on the Spring Walk. Sponsorship is one of the many ingredients that go into making a Walk successful. Each of us at some point in time had someone who said " I love you and I believe you would be truly blessed to attend a Walk to Emmaus". And they were right! As we begin preparing for the upcoming Fall Walks, we hope you will once again ask the Lord to show you who that person is that would benefit from a 72 hour weekend filled with laughter, tears (of joy), food and fellowship--prayer and praise. And remember the 6-8-4 Rule. At 6:00, *come* to Camp; at 8:00, *come* to Candlelight; and at 4:00 come to Closing. The 6-8-4 Rule also helps in remembering when to bring food---6:00 & 4:00, bring food galore. But 8:00 is too late to eat. God bless you and may the Lord continue to bless our Community.

Floyd

Fall Lay Directors Announced

Greg Rush, Community Lay Director Chair

I realized that I had not notified board members of the Fall Lay Directors. I made the announcement at the Men's Walk Closing, but I completely overlooked those of you who were not at the closing. I didn't have a confirmed answer until Friday of the Men's Walk, and since I was working the walk, I wasn't really able to get the word out before the closing. The Fall Lay Directors are: Carol Howdyshell and Bob Yingling. We are planning to have the team selection committee meeting after the Gathering on May 18.

Sorry for the late notice,
Greg



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

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.

MAP FOR CALVARY U.M. CHURCH: Due to conflict of scheduling at First U.M. Church, the May Gathering has been moved to Calvary U. M. Church at 426 S. Main St., New Lexington. Below is a map showing where Calvary UMC is located in relation to First UMC.





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.

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