



The Rainbow Connection

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Welcome

Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

I would like to say welcome to the new pilgrims of Southern Ohio Emmaus Women's Walk 57 and Men's Walk 57. It is so exciting to witness the joy that comes from a renewed relationship with God. I think renewal is the great thing about the Walk to Emmaus. Whether you are a new member of the Emmaus community or you have been renewed by serving during the Walk, I pray that you experienced the excitement of God's love for you and that you will continue to fan the flames of God's spirit within you.

When the Lord Comes

How often do you think about the return of Jesus? We are told that it will happen without warning. Jesus said, "*So be on your guard! You don't know when your Lord will come*" Matthew 24:42. When I think about it, I often wonder what the judgment will be like. Many people think that judgment will be for things we did wrong, the sins we have committed, but the Bible tells us that God does not remember our sins. When we accept Jesus as Lord of our life and repent of our sins, God forgets all our sins. As Isaiah told us long ago, God says "*But I wipe away your sins because of who I am. And so, I will forget the wrongs you have done.*" Isaiah 43:25.

So if God says he does not remember our sins, what criteria do you think he might use to judge us when he returns? In the parable of the three servants, Jesus tells how he will reward the servants who used wisely what he had given them. (Matthew 25:14-30) Some translations of this parable use words describing money and other translations use the word "Talents", in either case, I think Jesus wants us to use our resources (money and talents) wisely for Him and His work in the kingdom. Jesus also tells us the criteria for judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. He says we will be judged by what we did or didn't do for Him, not by the sins we committed against God.

It's easy to become too busy and let our service to God suffer because of our busyness. God calls us to serve Him. I have heard people use the excuse that they are not qualified, I am sure I have even used that excuse myself, but when we serve with the right motives, God will equip us to succeed. How will you serve God? How are you serving in your Church, your local community, your Emmaus community?

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done" Revelation 22:12

De Colores,
Greg

Upcoming Schedule of Events

Gatherings at New Lexington:

126 S. High Street
New Lexington, Oh 43764
All gatherings at 3:00

Sunday Sept. 28th
Sunday Oct. 26th
No gathering in November -
"Happy Thanksgiving"
Sunday Dec. 7th - Family
Christmas Party

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

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 if it
has changed in the past year. Send to
rbharkless@yahoo.com or
soemmausnewsletter@yahoo.com



Books, Video's and CD's

By Lena Bruno, Community Literature

We had such a success at the Women's Walk selling items from the Book Table and T-shirts, etc., here is a repeat of asking for your help.....

Everyone has been so generous in the past to donate items needed for the Book Table at both the Women's and Men's Emmaus Walks; and I am very thankful to each and everyone. It is time though, once again, to search in your collection of CD's, DVD's, and of course books for the Men's Walk! If you have any of these items and would like to donate them for the book table, it would be greatly appreciated. If at all possible please bring them to the next gathering on September 28th, being the last one before the Men's Walk; or, call or email me and I can either meet you somewhere or you can drop them off at my house. If you have any item to donate and you can't be at the next gathering and you know someone who will be, than by all means send them with them. Again, I do appreciate very much your willingness to share your resources, which in turn will help the pilgrims grow closer to Christ. This is just one of the many ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

De Colores,
Lena

Prayer Vigil

By Emma Hockenbery, Community Worship

The Prayer Vigil for the upcoming Men's Walk is online now and we are listed under Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. Click on the tab [Prayer Vigil - Prayer Vigil Sign-up Sheet](#). Please sign up for as many slots as you would like, and encourage your family, friends, and other Emmaus community members to sign up as well. This is a great way to share agape love with the pilgrims. I know seeing all those names on the chart meant a lot to me and I know it will mean a lot to the pilgrims.

De Colores,
Emma

Fourth Day Testimony . . . Don't Look Back!

By Cathy Powell, Community Outreach

“The Bible tells us that with every opportunity, opposition always comes. The devil always resists our progress. The devil is always ready to prevent the birth of any good thing God tries to do in us or through us. The Bible says, “And the dragon stationed himself in front of the woman who was about to be delivered, so that he might devour her child as soon as she brought it forth” (Revelation 12:4).

To me, this represents the enemy stationed and ready to devour the both of our successes in every area of life. Every time God puts a fresh, new idea in your heart, or gives you a dream, a vision or a new challenge for your life and you desire to give birth, it, the enemy, will be there to oppose you. However, if you know this ahead of time, you can press through the opposition and see God's good will come to pass in your life.”

Power Thought: I will not let the devil stand in the way of accomplishing the work God has set before me.

1 Corinthians 16:9 NLT

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Welcome women of Southern Ohio Emmaus Walk #57!

The above passage is from *Power Thoughts Devotional* by Joyce Meyer for September 13th which was the Saturday of Walk #57. As I read the passage I was reminded of my walk and my search to find God's path for my life. What could I possibly do to be His hands and feet? I felt so unworthy and inadequate. You may be asking yourself that very question. We fight a war every day with Satan, and he will try to trip us up, discourage us, make us fearful, and hinder us in any way he can to stop us from serving Jesus Christ. Don't let fear or doubts keep you from your dream or vision to serve God. Keep praying for clarity in your search and wisdom to hear God's call. Remember, God's time does not follow our twelve month calendar. He always answers our prayers, but we must be willing to listen and to follow His lead even if we think we're not qualified, smart enough, or worthy enough to do what he asks.

I hope you will take some time to digest what you have learned, seen, and felt the weekend of your walk. I encourage you to join a share group who will lift you up in prayer and be your support when those fourth days are not going so well. Review your agape letters often, and fill out your volunteer form if you would like to serve on a team.

You are starting this wonderful journey to serve our risen Savior and to deepen your relationship with Him. Remember Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26), and don't look back.

De Colores,
Cathy

Satellite Gatherings

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

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings have moved to Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more details and information please contact Roberta 'Robie' Wilson via phone 740-441-7494 or by email at robertawilson@sbcglobal.net.

Nominations for S.O. Emmaus Board

By Greg Rush

Please prayerfully consider the names below and vote for 5 nominees to serve on the Emmaus Board beginning 2015. Here are the names of those who have accepted nomination:

Robie Wilson / Jennifer Sinkovitz / Suzzette Shuster / Chuck Shuster / April Butterworth / Bill Butterworth / Sarah Zinn / Penny Peters-Guest

Two ballots have been formatted on one page so that people could share a ballot with someone who might not have received a newsletter. Greg plans to have copies of the ballot available at the September and October Gatherings also. (ballots on following page)



Ballot for Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

Vote for not more than five (5)

Three Year Term ending 12/31/2017

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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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