

# The Rainbow Connection

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## Welcome New Pilgrims

by Georganne Thomas, Board Vice-Chair

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest members of our Southern Ohio Emmaus Community...the ladies of Women's Walk #53.

What a wonderful walk it was. Eyes were opened, hearts were burning and the Scriptures were opened. I can remember on Southern Ohio Women's Walk #40 when I felt this same way. I left on fire, filled with such joy and ready to tell everyone I met that Jesus loves them and he suffered and died for them so that they could have the hope of spending eternity in Heaven.

The words "Emmaus Walk" have been a regular part of my vocabulary ever since. Sometimes when I talk about Emmaus, people look at me as if to say "there she goes again". But it has been such an important and life changing event in my life that I want others to experience "their" walk.

All Emmaus Walks are covered by prayer...prayers of the team and the Emmaus Communities throughout the world. As you were told, people who don't even know you were praying for YOU.

Now, for the newest members, how are you going to keep your Walk to Emmaus experience alive? And for the longtime members, how are you keeping your experience alive? As you heard in the Fourth Day talk, reunion or share groups and Gatherings are a great way to stay connected and to fellowship with others who have experienced that same Agape love.

I've been a part of a share group for six and half years. We support and pray for each other, our friends and families and make agape for future walks. We share our joys and our concerns. At Gatherings, we sing some of the same songs from your walk, share joys and concerns, take Communion and "when Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats".

There are many ways to stay active in the Emmaus Community. It is recommended that you wait a year before serving in the Conference Room, however you can help with Agape and Logistics now. A volunteer sheet is available online and in your packet.

You can make Agape (those wonderful little gifts you received at bedtime and mealtime). You can sponsor (or co-sponsor if you have not attended a Sponsorship Class) someone to attend a walk. And...you can attend Opening, Candlelight and Closing ceremonies. Dates and times will be in The Rainbow Connection, this month's copy is in your packet.

The next Gathering will be October 28 at 3:00pm at Camp Akita at the closing of S.O.E. Men's Walk #53. I hope to see the most recent members and the members from earlier walks there to fellowship together. Let's keep these newest members covered in prayer as they start their Fourth Days. DeColores

Luke 24:30-32 - *"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" NIV*

## Upcoming Events

### September

**Women's Fall Walk #53**  
September 27-30  
30th  
3:00 pm Gathering: at  
Camp Akita at Women's  
Closing

Camp Akita

### October

**Men's Fall Walk #53**  
October 25-28  
28th  
3:00 pm Gathering: at  
Camp Akita at Men's  
Closing

Camp Akita

**November**  
No Gathering

**December**  
2nd  
Christmas Party



## Traveling Back to God

by Pastor Karen Crawford, Assistant Community Spiritual Director

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father. I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants . . .'" - Luke 15:18-19

Since my call by God into ministry at the age of seventeen, I have sought a closeness with God. For a moment here and a minute there, God has allowed me to catch a glimpse into His heart and into His love. What I experience in the heart of God today is an open wound of love. God aches over our distance and preoccupation. God grieves that we have forgotten Him. God weeps over our obsessions, of which He is not one. And, God longs for our presence.

What God wants, all that God desires, is that we come home to Him. He wants us to understand that in His life, in His arms, is where we belong. These arms are open wide, ready to receive us. His heart is enlarged, willing to take us in.

For too long we have been in a distant country, squandering His love and grace, wishing to do our own thing, keep our own agenda, loving as we wish to love. We are out of resources and it is time to go home. God welcomes us back, running to us with arms wide open, willing to fully love us again.

God is ready to welcome you home with peace and joy, home to friendship and fellowship and openness, home to intimacy and acceptance and affirmation...the key to this home is the heart of God, the key is God's love. Are you ready to return home?

## Please Vote!

It's time to elect new members to serve on the Board of Directors. Please vote for six (6) and return the ballot by November 10. Please feel free to copy this ballot for other Community Members.

**BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### Vote for six (6)

Please mail to Heather Pullins, 142 S. Center Street, West Jefferson, OH 43162

or send an email with your vote to [hpullins@columbus.rr.com](mailto:hpullins@columbus.rr.com)



On the Road to Emmaus

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Bender

\_\_\_\_\_ Nathan Downing

\_\_\_\_\_ Barb Harkless

\_\_\_\_\_ Emma Hockenbery

\_\_\_\_\_ Penny Peters Guest

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry Money Penny

\_\_\_\_\_ Kim Russell

\_\_\_\_\_ Tom West



## Still time to Sponsor a Pilgrim for the Men's Walk

by Sterling Dietrich, Men's Registrar

There is still time to sponsor a pilgrim for the men's walk. Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. The goal of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, the aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who will, in turn, bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ.

### Fall Fee Schedule

Weekend Fees  
Pilgrim Fee \$125  
Team Member \$120  
Logistics & Agape \$75  
\*Scholarships Available

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Sponsorship forms are attached to this newsletter and available at the Southern Ohio Emmaus Website: [www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)

## Remember, when you are ready to sponsor

from Wilmington Area Emmaus Community

<b>P</b>	Pray	Prayer is so important in sponsorship. Pray first. Pray before ever asking someone to consider taking an Emmaus Walk. Ask God who you should sponsor. Listen for God's answer. Don't rush the decision. Remember, we're on God's time and His time is perfect.
<b>I</b>	Inform	Pilgrims need to be informed. Don't rush their decision. Inform them about the objectives of the Emmaus Walk. Let them think about going. Ask them to pray about their decision. Meet with them a few times to answer questions. Help them make an informed decision.
<b>L</b>	Letters	The letters the Pilgrim will receive are so important. Start with the spouse. If the spouse has not attended a walk, ask them to write a private 'love letter' to their partner. Next, contact the parents and close friend to get other names. Explain the nature and purpose of the letters.
<b>G</b>	Gatherings	Your job of sponsorship doesn't end at closing. Explain about the Gatherings before they fill out the registration form. Let them know that you will be picking them up for their first Gathering after their walk. This is another act of sponsorship agape.
<b>R</b>	Reunion (Share) Groups	Share Groups and Reunion Groups are the same thing. As a sponsor, you should definitely help your pilgrim find a Share Group. Work with the Pilgrim, and the Community Good Shepherd to find the pilgrim a Share Group, or help your pilgrim start their own Share (Reunion) Group.
<b>I</b>	Invitation	Invite the Pilgrim to your home a few days following the end of their Walk. Use this time of discussion to share thoughts about their experience. Reinforce the goals of the Emmaus Walk Program. Make arrangements for attending the next Gathering and discuss Share Groups.
<b>M</b>	Marriage	Marriage is Holy. A couple should both commit to attending an Emmaus Walk. If one spouse refuses, it is best not to immediately invite the other. Instead, commit to praying about the decision. If the two are still split on the issue, proceed very prayerfully.
<b>S</b>	Secrets	There are no secrets in the Emmaus Program! Give the pilgrim all the information they need to make an informed decision. People going through the program, knowing all about the talks, the communions and even candlelight, are still powerfully moved by the weekend. No Secrets.



## Benefit Success - Thanks to All

by Al Smith, Emmaus Community

Thank you to all the groups that participated in the Singspiration. A big thank you to all who attended and were so generous with sharing their gifts! This was the fund raiser for Dave Sherman. We had a great night of fellowship and a great night of music. I received several compliments on how much those in attendance enjoyed the music and all the groups. That it was a great evening of music. The groups that performed were: Witness, Linda Rose & Friends, By His Grace, and Audie Wykle and Scott Blazer. Christy Barnhart was in charge of refreshments and we had a great fellowship afterwards also.

## Prayer Vigils

As you may remember from your Emmaus Walk, Prayer is a vital spiritual discipline in our relationship with God. With prayer being the foundation of our Emmaus Community, we invite you to become involved in the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community through participation in our 72-hour prayer vigil for each Emmaus & Chrysalis Weekend. Please choose the specific Walk Weekend you wish to pray for, then select the time you are available. *You can pray from anywhere you like.*

There are several ways to join the prayer vigil:

- 1) Sign-up online via the following website links: [www.3dayol.org/Vigil](http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil)
- 2) Sign the prayer vigil chart during an Emmaus gatherings and functions.
- 3) Contact the Prayer Vigil coordinator:

Joyce Drake - PO Box 177 - Malta, Ohio 43756 - 740-962-4169 - [jdrake@wmcap.org](mailto:jdrake@wmcap.org)

## 4th Day Thoughts

By Judi Rainey, Northwest Georgia Emmaus Community

My fourth days started after Walk #28 which I think was in spring 2001. So I have had a lot of fourth days since then. All of us who have been on the Walk to Emmaus are experiencing our Fourth Days some days are better than others but one thing I am grateful for is my walk and all the walks I have worked since Walk #28, and the friendships I have are lifelong.

I have four daughters, three son-in-laws, six grandchildren, and the most amazing husband. My fourth days would be empty without them in my life. They are truly next to God the most important thing in my life. Actually, I am not even sure I could begin to imagine what life would be like without them in my life daily. During my prayer time recently God reminded me of the relationship that I have with him and the depth of the relationship flourished during walk #45.

Recently, Satan has tried to rock my world to no avail of course but what have made my fourth days easier are the friendships I have formed in my reunion groups. What a blessing it is to call my sisters knowing that I can trust them with anything. Of course I call them during good times as well but when Satan is rocking my world they always help me to focus on where God wants me to go.

My fourth days have been filled with ups and downs but it is the down times that I use to reflect on what it is God is trying to tell me. How can I glorify Him during these times so that others who see me know that my hope is in God? A reminder for you is if you are not in a reunion group, I encourage you to get into one. Need help getting plugged in or creating one call me I'll help you get plugged in because you see it is when we get unplugged that Satan tries to have fun with our fourth days. I am partnered with Christ to live my life obediently as He calls me to do; my prayer for you is that you will join me on this journey.

### This Week in Emmaus

20 Weekends

13 states

3 countries

11 for women

9 for men



### 2012 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

*This is the current contact list for 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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## Southern Ohio Emmaus - Application

This application is to be filled out by the *Candidate*. Kindly fill in all the areas that apply to you. All of the information you supply is for appropriate placement on the walk and will stay confidential

Request for Reservation for following walk, please check one:

- |  |                   |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Spring Walk #52 | March 15-18, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Spring Walk #52 | April 12-15, 2012 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Fall Walk #53   | Sept. 27-30, 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Fall Walk #53   | Oct 25-28, 2012   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Spring Walk #54 | March 7-10, 2013  | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Spring Walk #54 | April 18-21 2013  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Fall Walk #55   | Sept. 12-15, 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Fall Walk #55   | Oct 17-20, 2013   |

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT):

Name		Preferred first name for nametag	
Address			Email Address
City		State	Zip code
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Marital Status	Sex M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	Age	Employer
Spouse			Occupation
Has your spouse been on a Walk? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		If so, Walk Number	
Church you attend			Pastor
Are you on a special diet? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Explain			
Are you on any medication? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Explain			
Do you have any medical or physical limitations that may affect your participation at the Emmaus Weekend? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Explain			
In case of emergency during the weekend, contact:			
Daytime Phone		Evening Phone	
Has the Emmaus Walk been explained to you?		Briefly, why do you wish to attend the Emmaus weekend and what do you expect to get from it?	
Close friend's name			
Friend's address and phone#			
LIABILITY RELEASE: By signing this form, I understand that I release the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community, , Camp Akita, The Upper Room and any other party directly or indirectly involved with any Emmaus Walk from any and all liability, claims, or demands for personal injury, as well as personal property damage or any expenses as a result of participation in the Emmaus Walk.			
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE			Date
Please attach a non-refundable pre-registration deposit of \$25.00. This deposit will be applied toward the contribution of \$125.00. This partially offsets the expense of the Emmaus weekend. Make Checks payable to: <b>Southern Ohio Emmaus</b>			
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REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY: Date Received _____ Deposit:\$			

**SPONSOR'S INFORMATION**

(to be completed by Sponsor)

Pilgrim's Name

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR (PLEASE PRINT):

Sponsor's Name

Address

Email Address

City

State

Zip code

Home Phone

Work Phone

What walk did you attend? Emmaus Community

Walk Number

If not currently affiliated with Southern Ohio Emmaus, which community?

Church you attend

Pastor

Have you ever sponsored someone? No  Yes Have you attended a sponsorship class? No  Yes 

If you have not attended a sponsorship class, you must have a co-sponsor who has attended a sponsorship class.

Co-Sponsor Name (If required)

Address

Email Address

City

State

Zip code

Home Phone

Work Phone

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**Have you explained the Walk to Emmaus to your pilgrim? Yes  No Does your pilgrim have any special needs we should know about? Yes  No 

If so, what are they?

Have you explained the \$125.00 fee to your pilgrim? Yes  No Do you, as a sponsor, understand that the registration fee is to be paid prior to attending the walk? Yes  No Will you be bringing your pilgrim to Camp Akita on Thursday night? Yes  No 

If not, who will?

Phone #

Do you understand that it is your responsibility to attend to any needs your pilgrim's family may have while your pilgrim is on the walk? Yes  No Will you be attending closing on Sunday in order to give your pilgrim a way home? Yes  No If not, have you made arrangements for your pilgrim to get home? Yes  No Will you be available throughout the weekend in case of emergency? Yes  No 

If not, who will?

Phone #

If you have any questions, you should get in touch with the registrar that is in charge of your pilgrim's walk. Both numbers are on the bottom of the Emmaus Application Form.

If needed, you can also contact the board chairperson, Heather Pullins at 614-307-4227