



April 2011 Newsletter

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Greetings !

Spring is here and our walks are quickly coming upon us. Are we ready? Part of the pre-walk commitment for us is to recall the aim of Emmaus, which is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action—in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities.

And on a personal level we know it's so much more. God, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, emphatically transforms lives during those three days.

But let's not focus on just those three days. Do you recall the last talk on the walks? It's called "Fourth Days" for a reason. God knew when He gave this program to us those many years ago that we all have problems in our faithfulness to Him after the walk was over. Let's face it - life is a struggle, yet He teaches us through this little 3-day program that we should seek Him and remain in Him. That we should seek like-minded individuals and hold them accountable and they in turn hold us accountable to how we are living our lives.

God is allowing us to host this event called the Walk to Emmaus for 40 Pilgrims. We will be hosting 3 walks this spring of 40, or a total of 120 Pilgrims. What the Emmaus Community hopes to do in the three days of the Walk to Emmaus is to provide the Pilgrims with an opportunity to experience a loving body of people that is trying very hard to be like the early Christian community we read about in the Bible.

Do we think God wishes for them to come to an Emmaus weekend, and have a good time and then return home and have things in their lives go back to the way they were? NO! God's gift of this program should be to us is like the rungs of a ladder. The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a person's foot long enough to enable him/her to put the other somewhat higher... to move on up closer to Him. God seeks a growing relationship with each of us. Are you seeking Him and growing up?

2nd Peter 3-8, *"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has*

*given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, **make every effort to add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in **increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Peter challenges us to continue on by making every effort to increase our growth. Will we answer the call and move closer to Him through prayer, Scripture study, and accountability? Information about how to do this and witness will be given to 120 Pilgrims attending our spring walks about growing in relationship to our Lord, so let's resolve during this pre-walk time that we should be actually doing these things, too, **if we are going to share with them that they should be applying these disciplines in their lives.**

To those serving Him on the upcoming walks remember: the Emmaus team is the instrument; **it is God who wields the instrument according to His plan. Stay true to the model** and let God use the program as He sees fit.

To the Community: **the purpose of Emmaus is not just to “do weekends”. We must focus on what happens afterwards... in our fourth days.**

In His Service,

Thad Prince
Community Lay Director

Finding Our Calling by Bro. Melvin Mills

Ephesians 4:1-16

A continuing struggle as we seek to follow Christ is trying to find our calling in life. While we often think in terms of occupation and location, perhaps a more important issue is one of character, the *being* that undergirds *doing*. “Lord, who do **You** want me to be?”

In Ephesians 4, Paul wrote, “*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called*” (v.1). He followed this with three “be’s,” as one translation renders it: ***be humble, be gentle, be patient***, “bearing with one another in love” (V.2). Paul wrote this from prison, a difficult place where he continued to live out his calling from God.

Oswald Chambers said: “Consecration is not the giving over of the calling in life to God, but the separation from all other calling and the giving over of ourselves to God, letting His

providence place us where He will, in business, or law, or science; in workshop, in politics, or in drudgery. We are to be there working according to the laws and principles of the kingdom of God.

When we are the right people before God, we can do whatever task He sends, wherever He puts us. In so doing, we discover and affirm His calling for us.

*You are called with a holy calling
The light of the world to be;
To lift up the lamp of the gospel
That others the light may see.*

Anonymous

“It’s not what you do but who you are that’s most important.”

“To God Be The Glory”

Bro. Melvin Mills

Community Spiritual Director

Fruits from YAC

I noticed an article of great interest in a recent issue of Central KY News Journal concerning 3 young men that attended Young Adult Chrysalis here in Campbellsville. These young men spoke very highly about the YAC program and how vital an experience it was for them in their walk with the Lord and how this God-revealing event would be with them for the rest of their lives.

One of the things that caught my attention was that these 3 young men have started a new business and have committed to put back some of the proceeds for fees for future attendees of our YAC program. **Read more about them on our website:**
http://www.campbellsvilleemmaus.org/10_Chrysalis.html

Sometimes we may wonder just how successful our Chrysalis & YAC programs really are. But we can see the fruits of the YAC program when we see the commitment these young men are making to do what they can to help other young people experience YAC. This is a wonderful thing these young men are doing, trying to build God’s kingdom one person at a time. This positive account of how YAC affected their lives, to the point of putting their money up to help sponsor, should help us all to stay committed to YAC & Chrysalis.

We have YAC # 11 scheduled November 4th-6th 2011, our Girl’s Chrysalis # 26 in January 19th-21st 2012, and the Boy’s Chrysalis # 27 in February 15th-17th 2012. Each of these events will be here before you know it. So let’s start today praying, seeking God’s will for these events. Consider sponsoring that young person at your church or in your neighborhood. Could our Lord be expecting you to support and get involved in this tremendous life-changing event? I hope so.

Encourage and edify not only these committed young men, but every young person as well. God is counting on you, and the future of His church is being built through the lives of our young people today! Fly with Christ!!

Dates to Remember

(Reminder: No Gathering in April due to Spring Walks.)

Men's Walk # 65 April 14th-17th

Thursday April 14th Send-Off/Sponsor's Hour 7:00pm @ Campground
 Saturday April 16th Special Service @ Campbellsville Baptist at 8:00pm
 Sunday April 17th Closing @ Campground at 4:30pm

Women's Walk # 66 April 28th-May 1st

Thursday April 28th Send-Off/Sponsor's Hour 7:00pm @ Campground
 Saturday April 30th Special Service @ Campbellsville Baptist at 8:00pm
 Sunday May 1st Closing @ Campground at 4:30pm

Women's Walk # 67 May 12th-15th

Thursday May 12th Send-Off/Sponsor's Hour 7:00pm @ Campground
 Saturday May 14th Special Service @ Campbellsville Baptist at 8:00pm
 Sunday May 15th Closing @ Campground at 4:30pm

There are many opportunities for service during the spring Walks. Table & Snack Agape are needed for all Walks. Minimum number pieces needed for Table agape 75. Snack agape may be delivered anytime at the back door (Agape Room) of the Emmaus building.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On March 19th at our regular Gathering we held our elections. Those elected to serve of the Emmaus Board of Directors beginning their term on June 1st are:

Steve Willis, Lisa Benningfield, Chad Shively, Scott Gowin, Betty Wayne, Jan Perry, Scott Osborne, and Randy Durham.

Please pray for our newest members on the Board as well as for the entire Board, which sometimes must make decisions that are not well received. Please remember that these people are doing their best to serve the Lord and be accountable to Him. Difficult board decisions are made by obedience to Him by following the program.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT changes our fiscal year

Hopefully you've visited our website recently and have read about the amendment change the Board is seeking. We became certified as an Emmaus Community in May 1998 and we began our fiscal year in June of that year... and they have run from June 1st-May 31st since that time. This has been confusing for some and the Board felt now would be an excellent time to seek a change that would move our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. Since most of us think in terms of the calendar year this would help us to all be on the same page. Upon passage this would move our fiscal to January 1st-December 31st starting in January 2012.

Training Article April

What happens for Pilgrims on the Walk?

FAITH is re-explained;
GRACE is re-experienced;
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY is realized and
THE BODY OF CHRIST renewed.

Our faith is re-explained through the 15 talks and discussion, which address God's grace and Christian discipleship. Grace is re-experienced through worship services, daily Communion, the support of our Emmaus community, and the many expressions of God's love. Christian community is realized by living for 3 days in a small (table) community and part of a larger (walk) community and having opportunities to share their lives in the many (fun & serious) moments. In group discussions, the common meals, singing, worship, and communion all promote this feeling of Community.

The Body of Christ is renewed as Pilgrims breathe new life into their commitment to the Lord. They go into their 4th days to join in the Body serving the Lord.

Anonymous Servanthood

by Bob Brandt

Anonymous/invisible servanthood has ALWAYS been part of the Emmaus movement, as well as all Fourth Day renewal movements. For that matter it has always been a part of what Christ taught and is foundational to our Christian faith. Unfortunately, we mere mortals have a way of muddying the waters and so servanthood takes on different meanings. Sometimes that servanthood ends up being put in the spotlight rather than staying in the shadows where it belongs. If we are truly serving God and the pilgrims as we are called to serve, it shouldn't matter whether our servanthood is recognized by pilgrims, team, or community. The only recognition that counts is that God recognizes our response to the call to servanthood—whatever forms it may come to us.

As for shutting the Holy Spirit out with the new guidelines—I don't believe that is the issue, for the Holy Spirit intrudes upon all that we do in the Emmaus movement. The question is more a matter of whether we will be faithful to the gift God has given to us within the Emmaus movement through the inspiration (by the Holy Spirit) of those who originally brought us the model as we currently have it. None of the revisions in the past couple of years, as well as that

which is currently in process is changing any of the foundation of the Emmaus model. However, it is clarifying the model and clarifying what was originally intended in the model. The Holy Spirit only gets shut out when we think that happens within the Emmaus movement (and our local churches) is the result of what WE do.

Will you dare to Pray the Prayer?

By Roy Cowan, Far North Coast (NSW) Emmaus

During our weekend at Emmaus, you were invited to pray the “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” before each Talk. That gave one opportunity to really learn that prayer as it was said 15 times. How many of you actually learned it? If we learned the prayer, we can now pray it rather than just say it.

Look closely at what you are asking God, when you say that prayer ***Come Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*** We are calling upon God, by the Holy Spirit, to be in the hearts of all people who believe and to awaken in them a burning desire to have the same Love that is in Jesus.

Send forth Your Spirit, and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

When God gives God’s Spirit to those who seek for true life, a recreation takes place, which begins to change people and the whole world.

O God. Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful; grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise, and ever enjoy Your consolations. We

acknowledge that the great men and women to faith in past generations are a remainder that we can also become great men and women in our time, and live in true wisdom, with God and each other, now and forever.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. This is possible because God loved the world so much, that an only Son was given, so that all who put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior will not perish but have Life unending.

What a powerful prayer this is, because of what it can achieve! Will we dare to pray this prayer with faith and fervor? Are we content to continue to live according to our desires and pleasures and watch the deterioration of circumstances all around? Or, are we really desirous to pray and co-operate with God for the renewal of life in the world?

The three important priorities are: To love God as our priority love, to treat every person as a child of God, and to find and do God’s will with the life that is God’s gift to us. If we truly pray this prayer, believing that God is able to do what He says, and if we choose daily to live according to the three priorities, I believe we will see a wonderful change begin to happen that will benefit all people. All it takes is for people to pray, and live according to their prayer!

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