



November, 2011 Newsletter

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****Reminder: November 19 7:00pm Gathering at Greensburg Baptist Church
Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving with Friends & Family**

Dear Emmaus Family,

How many of you felt, as I did, somewhere over the rainbow or as if you had been in wonderland after your Emmaus experience? Have you come to realize that a life in grace, a life in Christ Jesus, is life, and that it is this world and our flesh which has been wonderland? Since mankind fell down the rabbit hole of sin, TRUTH has seemed strange. The “one another” verses in the Bible are not in our nature. Concepts like: to be first, you must be last; to gain your life, you must lose it; loving our enemy; forgiving 70 X 7; and servant leadership, seem strange and are foreign to our nature. See: Matthew 18:22, Matthew 20:27, Matthew 26:25, Mark 10:43-44, Luke 6:27-36, and Luke 25:24-27.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love him – but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:9-10. Do you remember how clearly you saw the TRUTH of that verse expressed in the faith of the Body of Christ serving you on your walk? People on the team, your sponsor, the Emmaus community, people around the world from other communities expressing their faith in His love. See: Galatians 5:6. Each of us experienced the potential of God’s power in our life and we know that His power is perfected in our weakness, and that His grace is sufficient for our whole life. II Corinthians 12:9.

Our purpose in life is to give our lives to the glory of God, and to be implements in His hands, so that His Kingdom will come. See: Romans 12:1, Philippians 2:13. Am I as motivated by the TRUTH of 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 today, as I was 13 years ago; is the flame of His love burning brighter in my life? Emmaus equipped me and you with the spiritual disciplines to sustain our life in grace, and to allow each fourth day with Jesus to be sweeter than the day before. I confess, there are times when I am lazy, that I am self-centered, and I do not serve as well as I should. I repent, and pray that He will rekindle the fire of His love in my life.

Let us Love God and Love others better. As a community I want to especially ask you to pray about sponsorship, and service in our Chrysalis and REC programs. The demographics of the Campbellsville Emmaus Community should more than provide a harvest of high school, young adult, and incarcerated souls for us to share Christ’s love with. Frankly, our community has not done very well in our sponsorship of candidates for the Chrysalis programs. Most of the time the flights are not filled, sponsorship is last minute, and on occasions flights have been canceled. That reflects a lack of commitment on the part of our community, and promotes fear and apathy. I am sure many people are afraid to sponsor, or sponsor at the last minute because of the fear that the flight may be cancelled as it has been in the past. Remember, perfect love drives out fear. 1

John 4:17-18. I am sure Lay Directors feel the lack of support which is translated as apathy, and the fire of their love is dampened, and our sin becomes a stumbling block to their and the teams doing Romans 12:1 and Galatians 5:6. Our faith is not expressed in His love as well as it could be at special services, prayer, or serving by providing agape at Chrysalis and RECs . Fewer people volunteer to serve in these ministries.

Please pray the prayer of the Holy Spirit and ask the Lord to rekindle in the Campbellsville Emmaus Community the fire of His love. Praise God for His grace and love which He will reveal to us through the Body of Christ when we join Him in His work in the Chrysalis and REC programs. Let us look for God’s love and respond to it by allowing Him to make our life a Christian deed, rather than trying to do some thing for God. Do Matthew 22:37-39. I love you. Most importantly, remember that nothing in all creation can separate you from the love of God which is found in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:39.

Your Servant in Christ,
Wesley Durham, Community Lay Director



GIVE THANKS !!!

I want to take this time to challenge everyone in the Campbellsville Emmaus Community. The thing I’m going to ask of you is: I want you to *scare your pastors* (and fellow church goers) to death! Here is how we are going to do that...

I want each one of you to make a list of all the blessings that God has given you in the past 10 months. Now I want you to go to church and share the blessings that God has given you with everyone else. That’s right-- go ahead! Stand up, right in the middle of service, and start telling others about what God has done for you in the past 10 months!

You can start off by saying, “ I thank God for.....”

Now I have some warnings to give you. Warning #1 When you do this, watch out of the corners of your eyes for those guys (we call them Ushers) from the doors. They might perceive that things could get out of hand and try to stop you, but jump over the pew and keep on sharing what God has done for you!

Warning #2: People sitting close to you will start to move away, they are waiting for the men in the little white coats (watch out for them also), but you keep on thanking God. Remember, your pastor is not going to understand what is going on and he (or she) may not know what to do but they will catch on... (*maybe*). Now, if you are not able to do this but someone else in your church does..... don’t you hide -- you stand up and support them.

Warning #3: Don’t be surprised when Jesus shows up and wrecks the whole service and people have their lives changed because you did what we all should be doing anyway. You see, we really need to be doing this everywhere we go. We can praise God in Wal-Mart, family get-togethers, at work, and to the police officer writing up our traffic accident report. We are too blessed to hide it any more.

So, What Ya Gonna Do????????? The song “Give Thanks” stands out in my mind. Psalm 118:1 says “O Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.” Give Thanks!!!!

Marvin Janes, Community Spiritual Director

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If you are willing to help sponsor a young person in need to attend Chrysalis, please send your donations earmarked for Chrysalis registration fees to Campbellsville Emmaus Community P. O. Box 4155 Campbellsville, KY 42719. Contact Lisa Benningfield at 789-2220 for more information about how you can be a sponsor.

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SPONSORSHIP

So you want to be a sponsor? The role of a sponsor bears much responsibility and should be viewed as such by those wishing to sponsor a participant on an upcoming event.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. **The purpose of Emmaus: Nurture leadership in the community and within Emmaus.**
2. **God wants us to work as He works—one on one.**
3. **You want a person to go on a walk because you love them, NOT because they “need it”.**
4. **People don’t “need” Emmaus ... they “deserve” Emmaus.**

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of the community. If you want to be a positive influence in Emmaus, you must know and practice good sponsorship.

When considering a Candidate, evaluate his/her Christian journey—are they serious about making a deeper commitment to our Lord? Have they been through some unsettling times recently (deaths, divorce, divorce of parents, are examples)? Trying times can get in their way—it may be best to wait until things settle down in their personal life. Emmaus is not for solving personal problems, although that does sometimes happen.

This sponsorship process helps determine those who should not go. God’s timing is perfect. If you use the proper approach and get a “no”, it’s probably “God’s no” and maybe another time would be better for that individual.

Most important: Testify to the changes in your life following your walk experience.

Talk to the Candidate and explain what happens on a walk in as much detail as needed. Keep in mind that it is **TOTALLY** different to hear about it than it is to experience it. **There are no secrets.** Advise them of the timing, cost, and answer all questions they may have. Help them fill out the application form. Be sure the form is completed fully, including the medical portion and addressing any special needs they may have. Be sure to include their email address so that they can begin to receive communications from the Emmaus Community as soon as their walk is completed. Mail completed application to the Community Registrar. When speaking to a married person we suggest you speak with both husband and wife. We want them to make the decision together and their application should be turned in together... both of them committed to becoming part of the Emmaus movement.

Once the candidate is confirmed collect Agape letters on their behalf. Each pilgrim should receive no more than 12-15 letters. If more are collected, the sponsor should select the most important 12-15 (from spouse, children, family, and personal friends) and save the rest for Sunday after Closing or later in the first week after they have gone back to their home.

Many fall short of their sponsorship responsibilities where “The Fourth Days” is concerned. The Gap between the Walks is the Gap that most Pilgrims fall into because we are so focused on the next Walk that we forget to Disciple those who have just joined our Community and “show them the ropes”.

You should help the new member of the community get involved in their church, **in a reunion/accountability group**, and in our Emmaus Community events (Gatherings, Walks, & Volunteer activities). Help them sponsor someone else for their first time. Emmaus folks want to serve—Make it a point to get new members involved! Stay connected with new members and encourage them to feel like part of the worldwide Emmaus family.

Who you should sponsor ??

Leaders in your church

Those who use to be leaders (burned out)

Quiet leaders (those serving in the background and never seek recognition)

Your pastor (be in their corner rather than cornering the pastor)

Who you should not sponsor ??

Non-Christians

Those with emotional problems

(the Walk is not an emotional fix)

Church Hoppers

Those looking for the next “warm fuzzy”

Thad Prince

CAMPBELLSVILLE EMMAUS

DATES to Remember

November 19	Gathering at 7:00pm at Greensburg Baptist
December 10 th	Gathering at 7:00pm South Campbellsville Baptist.
January 14 th -16 th 2012	Girl's Chrysalis Flight #24 Holly Wilson, LD
January 6-8	REC at Marion Adjustment Ctr Marvin Martin, LD
February 18 th -20 th	Boy's Chrysalis Flight #25 Jim Ward, LD
April 12-15	Men's # 70 T.P. Stubbs, LD
April 19-22	Women's #71 Mary Russell, LD

****NOTE: Chrysalis Flights are for high school age. Candidates must be 15 years old and already in their sophomore year in school to attend HS Chrysalis.**

Visit the website often ! !

Please remember to check the website www.campbellsvilleemmaus.org frequently to stay abreast of the happenings and events in our community.

It's a great source for news, prayer requests, events, dates to remember, as well as a place to get up-to-date information concerning walks such as pilgrim and team lists. **You can now sign up on the prayer charts and speaker charts via the website. So spread the word and tell all your Emmaus friends.**

You can also download and print out applications to Emmaus and Chrysalis, as well as volunteer sheets etc.

Wouldn't it be a great act of agape if you printed out a copy to place on the bulletin board at your church or give a copy of this newsletter to a friend without internet access?

If you know of someone who does not get the newsletter via email, Please encourage them to go to the website and sign up with their current contact information (email address). We want everyone to stay connected to the Campbellsville Emmaus Community and become involved in its ministry.