



# From the Heart

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## FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

Jeremiah 29:11-14 has been on my heart a lot lately, so thought I would share part of my heart with you. We've all heard vs 29:11 talked about many times "For I know the plans I have you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." But, I want to share from verses 12-14. "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. Please read those verses again and ponder in your heart the promises God has for us there. He wants to "listen to us" - He wants to know what's in our heart and for us to seek Him and we WILL find Him. He wants us to be open and honest with Him, share our joys and share with Him our trials and our frustrations and then to keep our focus on Him and He will be there - right beside us through everything - now and in our future. When we have Him living in our heart, there is a sense of peace and joy that nothing can take away.

Would you please pray for the Pilgrims, the Team and Servants as we embark on Walk #18. Pray all involved in any way will find God on that journey and their lives will be touched and all involved will come through with a new sense of His presence in every area of their lives.

We, the Heartland Emmaus Board would like to offer our assistance to you if you are in need or would like us to pray for you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and the time spent with family and friends. Make every moment count in sharing the love of Christ.

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*Darlene Burton*

Fall Walks are right around the corner - make plans now to volunteer for the numerous opportunities that await you!

Men's October 3-6

Women's October 10-13

Camp Wilderness

## Gathering Information

### August 17th, 7:00 PM

Leawood UMC, Leawood, KS  
2915 West 95th St : 913-648-2131

**Directions:** I-435 to Stateline Rd turn North to 95th St then turn West. The church is 6½ blocks West of Stateline, just past Lee Blvd on the South side of 95th Street. Parking all around the building.

### Future Gatherings are planned as follows:

September 21 : Ottawa Church of the Brethren  
October 19 : Gashland UMC

## Long Range Vision for Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City

Early this year we held a workshop on the tactics that will be necessary in order to take Heartland Emmaus to the next level of our vision. Some of those tactics have been or are in the process of being accomplished. We now have a website for Heartland Emmaus of KC, thanks to Martin Slimmer, and at the July board meeting we saw that 5 of the 52 tactics we laid out for the community are done, or are being worked on actively. We assigned area leaders from the board to follow up on the various tactical areas, and they are:

- 1) Team to increase walks and attendance at walks: Bill Stacy
- 2) Sponsorship: Bill and Linda Fronk
- 3) Leadership: Darlene Burton
- 4) Community Outreach: Leonard Bechtold
- 5) Communications: Shirley Greenlee
- 6) Board: Bill Stacy
- 7) Reunion Groups & Gatherings: Lori Dunlap

Dave DeVoe and Dave Greenlee are coordinating the vision tactical activities, and if you would like to be involved, please call or e-mail either Dave.

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# Team Roster

## WALK #18

**October 10-13, 2002**  
**WOMEN'S TEAM**

**October 3-6, 2002**  
**MEN'S TEAM**

### Lay Director

Janet Miller Perseverance Denny Haugen

### Assistant Lay Directors

Morrisa Costanzo Priorities Mike Pilch  
 Cara Pilch Discipleship Leonard Bechtold  
 Delane Cohen Fourth Day Warren Miller

### Spiritual Director

Mike Whitney Kevin Ritter

### Assistant Spiritual Directors

Prevenient Grace J.C. Harp  
 Justifying Grace Dick Emery  
 Means Of Grace Kevin Ritter  
 Obstacles of Grace Sammy Venkatsammy  
 Sanctifying Grace Mike Whitney

### Silent Table Leaders (Lay Speakers)

Marcy Scott Priesthood of All Believers Stan Shipman  
 Lyndel Colwell Life In Piety Mark Stubbs  
 Leslie Cook Growth Through Study Greg Rackers  
 Linda Shipman Christian Action Terry Cook  
 Lisa Taber Changing Our World Scott Bird  
 Jane Leonard Body Of Christ Dave Greenlee

### Table Leaders

Kelly Moore Bob Hummel  
 Mickie Cummings Jim Hunter  
 Lynnette Ritter Doug Lukenbill  
 Andrea Hunter Mike Costanzo  
 Rita Reed David Taber  
 Nancy Worthley Glenn Brown

### Team Assistants

Jan Stubbs Dave Dull  
 Sandra Rackers Robert Bertoncin  
 Bev Bird Craig Bentley  
 Carolyn Cupp Aaron Haugen  
 Valerie Rowe Terry Thomas  
 Mary Thomas Rick Brumet  
 Jen Sullivan John Hamilton

### Music

Marsha Eichler Jeff Reed  
 Denette Carpenter Tim Bourne

### Board Representative

Bill Stacy

## Do we have your current address???

If you have been receiving your Heartland Emmaus Newsletter by US Mail, and you have an e-mail address, please let Dave and Betty DeVoe know what your e-mail address is. Dave & Betty have recently taken over the address database. If there are any errors in your address, or if you recently changed your e-mail address, please let them know about it at 816-420-0036 or e-mail at ddevoe@gbronline.com. Thanks.

## Mail Agape and 72-hour Prayer Vigil

Do you remember hearing the word agape on your Walk for the first time? I remember not knowing what the word meant more than anything else. Then the speaker brought out these letters from all over the WORLD. People everywhere were praying for our walk and for all of us on the walk. That blew me away, but wait there's more, the speaker then showed us a 72-hour pray vigil that was happening as we were on the walk. The names on this list were of people in the community, I was in the process of joining. Many of them knew me but I didn't know them. Now I was starting to understand the meaning of that word AGAPE.

Praying for the pilgrims and team is so important for the weekend. It is also very meaningful to attend Sponsors Hour after send off. This gives you the opportunity to know what prayers are needed for each pilgrim and for the team. If you can't make it, I strongly encourage you to get the information from someone who did. Praying for each pilgrim, individually, by name, is one thing that you can do from home. And can be worked into your busy schedule easily. It also gives you that quiet time with the Lord. Prayer is what Christ wants from us. He is so pleased to hear our sincere words of praise, thankfulness and the request for blessings of others while on our knees before him.

The mail agape and 72 hour prayer vigil are a vital part of the walk experience. The only requirement to help with this is an open line of communication with our Lord and Savior. Jeff and I are responsible for making sure all time slots are full for the entire weekend. Sometimes that has meant a lot of phone calls to get the list full. We are asking for your help by calling us or filling in a time when the sign up sheets are at the gatherings. We can be reached at 816-436-5378 or by email jklmdunlap@aol.com.

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Jeff and Lori Dunlap

**Please remember these Team members  
 in your prayers as well as the Pilgrims  
 who will be experiencing Walk #18**

## From our Spiritual Director

When my youngest son was about 18 months old he had to spend some time in the hospital. During his stay he needed to have a catheter and because he was so young, they had his hands and feet strapped to the side of the bed the entire time so he wouldn't pull it out. It was hard to see him in that position. His little arms and legs were stretched out from side to side, unable to move. They would untie his hands long enough to eat, and long enough to play, as long as we were there with him. From time to time the catheter would cause a bladder spasm which was extremely painful, almost unbearable for a little boy. Whenever he would have one of these bladder spasms, we would call the nurse and she would administer medication helping the pain to subside. I remember one particular time when the pain seemed to be twice as painful for him. He was screaming and crying, and pulling on his hands, so I went to him and tried to hold his arms down waiting for the nurse to arrive. I was close enough to him that his eyes looked straight into mine. He couldn't talk very much at that time, but the words that his eyes and expressions communicated were very clear. He was crying so hard because of the pain, his eyes met mine and with the pain in his face he seemed to say, "daddy, daddy, it hurts so bad, make it stop, make the pain go away." He was looking to me, his dad, to do something, do anything, just make it stop hurting. I couldn't do anything, in fact, all I could do was hold him down and turn my head away.

It was in that moment, in a very small way, I understood what the father must have experienced when His only Son was nailed to a cross, his arms spread wide and fastened to the wood so he could not move. When His Son cried out to Him, "why have you forsaken me?" He had all the power to remove the pain and remove His Son from the cross, but He did not. With the weight of sin upon Jesus, God allowed His Son to bear the pain so we might know forgiveness.

I am so thankful that the Father did nothing to remove His Son from the cross, and allowed Him to suffer on our behalf.

Every time I see my son, I am reminded of the love of the father. That is what Emmaus is to me as well. Every time I come to the monthly gathering, I am reminded of the overwhelming love I experienced on my walk, a love that infused my life and renewed my heart with a passion to love others. Every time I gather with my friends in Christ and receive communion, I am reminded of my Father's love and my Savior's sacrifice for me.

Please come and join us for our monthly gatherings. These are times for sharing and remembering the love of Jesus Christ. Maybe there is a moment in your life where God's love became so real to you. We would love to have you share with us. So come and join us at our next gathering. We would love to see you.

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Mike Whitney

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#### **Next Newsletter deadline is Sept 15**

Please submit articles, additions or corrections to [nanworthley@hotmail.com](mailto:nanworthley@hotmail.com) or call Nancy at home 816-743-9253.

## Reunion Group Activities

Day	Time	Location	Contact	Name	For
Mon	Noon	Wendys at I29 & Tiffany Springs	Sharon Horton 816-741-1128	Wings	Coed
Mon	7:30 PM	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Robin Musgrave 816-468-6018	Babe Chicks	Women
Tues	7:00 PM	109 S.Main, Ottawa, KS	Scott & Bev Bird 785-242-5236	TBD	Coed
Weds	7:30 AM	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Coby Gaulien 816-741-5543	Men from Mars	Men
Weds	11am	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Kathy Hopper 816-741-8598	Wildflowers	Women
Weds	7:00 PM	Drexel UMC	Aubrey & Linda Deal 1-816-657-4677	Drexel Disciples	Coed
Thurs	8:00 PM	Zimmerman Home	Suzanne Zimmerman 816-453-0889	Soul Sisters	Women
Thurs	11:30 AM	Bank of America <i>1200 Main, 14th floor</i>	Sam Adams -816-587-2596	Downtown Disciples	Coed
Thurs	Noon	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Larry Fagan 816-741-5422	King's Men	Men
Thurs	3:30 PM	Hardee's in Cameron	Leslie Cook 816-583-4031	Pumpkin Sisters	Women
Thurs	4:00 PM	Platte Woods UMC	Sonja Buttron 816-741-0577	BG's	Women
Thurs	6:00 PM	Taber Home	David & Lisa Taber 913-441-2238	Bonner Believers	Coed
Thurs	7:00 PM	Gashland UMC	Darlene Burton 816-468-9670	Grace Seekers	Women
Fri	7:00 AM	Church of the Servant	Bruce Chyka 913-851-1251	TBD	Men
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Pease & Hummel	Pease 816-741-2850 Hummel 816-420-9596	TGIF (To God in Faith)	Coed
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Kuhn & Reed	Jeff & Rita Reed 816-941-2208 <i>(Church of the Resurrection Thank God in Forgiveness)</i>	CORTGIF	Coed
Sat	7:00 AM	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Phil Brandis 816-587-1615	Roosters	Men
Sat	7:30 AM	Liberty UMC	Mike & Cara Pilch 816-781-8887	Liberty Angel Wings	Coed
Sat	8:00 AM	Windstead's 107th & Roe	Rick & Delane Cohen 913-381-5004	Steadfast LUMC	Coed
Sat	9:00 AM	Windstead's 435 & Nall <i>This group meets every other Saturday</i>	Tamara Smith 913-906-0336	COR Footsteps	Coed
Sun	4:00 PM	Homes (Gashland UMC)	Jim & Lyndel Colwell 816-468-8618	TBD	Coed

### KAIROS TORCH NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

God is making a great impact on prison inmates thru the Kairos version of Cursillo/Walk to Emmaus! It has really changed a lot of lives and resulted in Christian communities forming inside the prison walls. Finally, it has come to Kansas just this year with an adult Kairos held at the Hutchinson Maximum Security Prison for Men, and a Kairos Torch, (the youth version) held at the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility for boys, both were held in April this year. How very rewarding this ministry is when you see how greatly these young men change from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon!! Please, please help us to make a difference and provide this wonderful opportunity to save these boys from a life of crime.

Now, we are in **dire need** for some Leader candidates and other volunteers in order to go ahead with plans for the fall weekend **tentatively scheduled for Oct 11-13 in the Topeka Juvenile Correctional Facility for boys**. Our primary need is for Leaders (either a male leader or a couple can serve as Co-Leaders). But we can also use volunteers for other positions on the team. If you hear God calling your name, please contact me right away . The administration of the Women's State Prison in Topeka is wanting a Kairos to be held there as soon as possible.

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Thanks so very much,

**Joyce Iwig, Chair, Topeka Kairos Torch Advisory Council**



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