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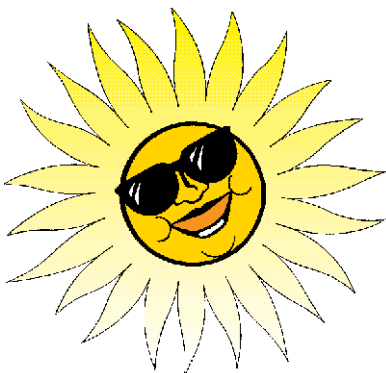
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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

"Mommy, Mommy, Ohh! Look someone left me flowers", the Mother replied, "Yes Honey, God did." The little girl turned around and looked up and said, "Thank You God." This little girl is my granddaughter McKayla at age 4 exclaiming about the tulips that had bloomed. The child like praise so simply stated - Thank You God. There are so many things to Thank God for and I want to share a few with you. Thanks to Jim Colwell and Anne Barthalow for their fantastic leadership on Walk #17 and their Teams. To Valley View United Methodist Church for their graciousness in hosting Walk #17. Dick Emery for his years of service as our Spiritual Director, Dick has asked to resign that position. We appreciate all you've done and thank you Dick for your many acts of servanthood and leadership. We also want to thank and welcome Mike Whitney as our new Spiritual Director, Mike we look forward to serving with you. I want to thank the other Board Members for a great job done, you were fantastic. Special Thanks for all who helped behind the scenes. And lastly, Thank you God for Emmaus Walk # 17 and the lives that were touched and changed. Have the "seeds" that were planted on the Walk sprouted? Are they growing - getting ready to bloom - will they produce fruit - and then be ready to help in the harvest? Or did those seeds fall on rocky, hardened soil, just remember God is there to help - just ask for His help and trust Him.

Think about sponsoring someone and as McKayla says "Someone left me flowers", Who are you going to leave flowers for?



Enjoy your summer!

Be Safe!

Declares

Darlene Burton

Reflections from Walk #17

We have had well over a month of Fourth Days since Men's Walk #17. It has been a month of blessings and challenges (which are also blessings) for me. I have been reflecting on the events leading up to the Walk, events during the Walk and events after the Walk. In all of these events there has been one common thread. In all of these events I experienced an amazing closeness to God.

Shortly after I accepted the role of Lay Director I experienced some doubt concerning my "qualifications". I asked God for some sign of affirmation. Less than five minutes later I received my answer with such amazing clarity. When I began looking for ALD's I asked God to provide the names. Each man he named said yes, immediately. My counterpart on the Women's Walk, Anne Bartholow, was a gift from heaven. During the planning for the team meetings I could sense the struggle between God and the devil. Satan hit us with his best shot and we missed out on one team meeting. While that reduced the time we had for team building, we more than made up for it. The team I was given was awesome. During the Walk itself we had some difficult times. The most difficult event was the loss of a Pilgrim early on Friday, due to circumstances dictating his reluctant departure. I have faith that he will return. I couldn't help but think of Jesus' loss of Judas, although under totally different circumstances. Even the number of men was the same in both instances.

There were some awesome events during the Walk as well. Many of you have heard this story, but it bears repeating. Prior to the Walk I found out I had a stubborn kidney stone. I had been taking pain medication regularly. At the team meeting on Thursday night after we had prayed for everybody, I was asked to sit in a chair so the team could pray for me. The person who suggested it did not know of my affliction. One of the ALD's mentioned it and 25 guys gathered around me and lifted me up in prayer for my role as LD and also for my ailment. Friday morning I took my medication as a precaution. That was April 5th. To this day I have been pain free. Not only that,

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but it has been confirmed that I no longer have a kidney stone. I did NOT pass it! God rolled away a stone 2000 years ago and he is still at it! It illustrated, in a powerful way, how vital the ministry of this Emmaus community is in our lives and in the lives of those Pilgrims yet to come.

Men's Walk #17 is now history, but it will live on in the hearts of those who were involved in it. Each Walk that we participate in impacts us in some way. I will treasure Walk #17 especially because I had the privilege of doing the Lord's work as His Lay Director. I treasure those who served with me in the conference room. I treasure all of those who worked so hard behind the scenes for us. Last, but not least, I treasure the 13 men who took the leap of faith that brought them to this Walk. My prayer for them and all of us is that our fourth days are blessed in abundance.

DeColores!!

Jim Colwell - Men's Lay Director, Walk #17

Name Tags

Several of our Emmaus Community members have either lost or broken their nametags and need them replaced. As Registrar, I am responsible for ordering the nametags for the Community members. If you need a new tag, please e-mail me at ladynclay@aol.com or call me at 913-897-4289. If I am not there please leave a message and spell your entire name for me!!! You cannot imagine how many different ways there are to spell even a simple name. For instance, a name like Fronk....how many times do you think it comes back Frank?!? After all, who would have a name like that? If you see me at a Gathering and tell me about a nametag, please write it down on paper and given to me. My memory is about "that long" which is pretty short! Also, there is a \$5.75 charge for each tag we replace. When we get enough names for an order, I will be ordering new ones.

I appreciate your help.

Linda Fronk

Thanks for the Memories!

Winding down from each walk takes some time and brings many feelings and emotions to mind and body.

The feelings of joy, exhaustion, love and the excitement of being part of an ever-growing family of men and women who have joined together to celebrate Christ as a central point in their lives.

The joy of gathering together to work hard to the goal of sharing Gods love for all who have received him in their lives. The exhaustion that sets in after countless hours of serving our brothers and sisters with love and grace as we are commissioned to do so. The love that flows out of each and every member of the community, the welcoming love that each of us craves to make us whole. The excitement we all feel being part of the refinement, and occasionally the emergence, of one's faith in our God almighty.

We've all experienced these feelings and bathed in the emotions that keep us all coming back to the event that launched each of us on our fourth day. To see the countless number of loving people join in the effort to share gifts of Agape in about every form imaginable is an experience that I look forward to at each walk.

That's what it's all about!

Two feeling not yet discussed are the feelings of thanks and gratitude from each of us on the walk teams and your board of directors. We could not have done it without you!

From the Prayer Room to the Conference Room and from the Kitchen to the Agape Room, you are instrumental in the repeating success of each Walk to Emmaus.

As your Board, we want to thank the entire community for all that you do for the Love of God and for the love of God's children, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

They, and we, will never forget it!

Thank you.

Tim Knutson

Gathering Information

June 15th - 7:00 PM

Good Shepard United Methodist Church

9555 N. Oak Trafficway - 816-734-2236

Directions: Rte35 (or 29) to Rte 152 and follow 152 to N. Oak. Turn north on N. Oak to the second light, and turn right. The church is at the corner of NE96th St. & N. Oak (on the right)

July 20th - Family Picnic

Hamilton UMC/Camp Ground

Please watch your mail for a postcard containing more information about this event. Or call Dave and Betty DeVoe 816-420-0036

Walk #17 Community Members

David & Valerie Biggerstaff - UMC Resurrection
Dale & Joann Draper - UMC Resurrection
Gerald & Rhonda McBrayer - Hamilton UMC
Randy & Angela Meyer - UMC Resurrection
Jay & Debbie Green - UMC Resurrection
Eliu & Nancy Perez - UMC Resurrection
Mike & Lissa Emery - Gloria Dei Lutheran
Bill Gibbs
Steve Hackathorn - College Church of Naz
Bob Phillips - Pine Ridge Presbyterian
Steve Shearer - United Methodist
Jeff Wilson - Leawood UMC
David Wooge - Ottawa Church of the Brethern
David Moore I - Centennial UMC
Nancy Hedrick - Resurrection UMC
Lisa Richards - Assembly of God
Pat Sprinkle - Leawood UMC
Lynne Schutte - Resurrection UMC
Kelly Jackson - Resurrection UMC
Kristi Nimmo - Resurrection UMC
Diane Thompson - Good Shepherd UMC
Sandy Waggerman - Heartland Christian
Mary Lois Yates - Ottawa Church of the Brethern
Janet Ravenscraft - Good Shepherd UMC
Olivia Davenport - Drexel Baptist
Tammie Nash - Assembly of God
Ginger Pudenz - Platte Wood UMC
Sarah Heeb - Presbyterian
Trista Woodruff - Resurrection UMC

A Thank You to the Community

I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the community for participating in the Candlelight services during the recent Walks to Emmaus at Valley View United Methodist Church. We created a new and unique experience by doing Candlelight in the round. The comments heard from Pilgrims and Community members ranged from "beautiful and inspiring" to "I don't have the words to describe looking out into the sanctuary and seeing all the candles, with the cross in candles. It was just awesome." I would like to thank all the team members from both walks and those in the community that helped create this new experience. Christ works through all of us to see that we serve the Pilgrims to the Glory of God.

The Peace of the Lord,

DeColores,

Robert Bertoncin



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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
Thurs	7:00 PM	Homes (COR)	Tamara Smith 913-906-0336	Footsteps	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
Sun	4:00 PM	Homes (Gashland UMC)	Jim & Lyndel Colwell 816-468-8618	TBD	Coed

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CHRYSALIS IS?

CHRYSALIS is a lot like the WALK TO EMMAUS; only it is for teen-agers. It is three-day spiritual retreat that provides participants an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and a chance to make new commitments in their faith journey. The journey focuses on God's grace, how to experience Christ as a friend on the body of Christ. You will spend three days with other young people in worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, singing and discussion. You will hear talks given by youths and adults. Five talks will be given each day, to be followed by discussion and reflection.

Christian youth who want to strengthen their friendship with Christ or may have unanswered questions about prayer, study, and sharing their faith are candidates for going on the CHRYSALIS Flight. CHRYSALIS is open to high school Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and College Freshman youth of any denomination. Age is more important than grade. The program is written for, and aimed at, 15 to 18 year olds.

The next Flight will be on July 17-20, 2002 at Barclay College in Haviland, KS.

To get more information or to print an application visit their website at www.crosswindschrysalis.org

Yours in Christ, Robert Bertoncin



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"Do not fear, only believe." - Mark 5:36