



From the Heart

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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

"Warm" Summer Greetings to Heartland Emmaus Community.

A Once-In-A-Lifetime Event! That's what the brochure states about the upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Walk to Emmaus being held in Nashville, TN on July 24-27. There will be:

- Speakers
- Workshops
- Fellowship
- Music! Music! Music!
- Parade of Banners
- Worship - each morning and evening

To find out more details on each of the above, check out the website @ www.upperroom.org This all adds up to a weekend of Spiritual Renewal.

In my bible study a few days ago concerning the verse in 1st Timothy 1: 14 - "The Grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" - the question was asked, " What does The Word say to me concerning this verse - the Grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant? Do you remember His Grace being exceedingly abundant during possibly your Walk or at another moment in your life? As we feel His Grace and come to realize the depth of His love, our faith, love, and our Christlike characteristics deepen. Our Lord has so many Blessings in store for us, and this celebration could be just one more way to feel His Exceedingly Abundant Grace.

Also, in the near future, we will need to think about the upcoming open positions for 5 new Board Members. Would you begin thinking and praying about this awesome opportunity.

Next Newsletter, I will be sharing with you what I learned in Nashville and ways we can share God's Exceedingly Abundant Grace to all who seek to deepen their Walk with our Lord.

De Colores

Darlene Burton

FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR,

Habit number 2 , of Stephen Covey's book, "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" is "Begin with the end in mind". In other words, when thinking through our purpose in this life we should take a trip to our own funeral and listen in to what people will say about us. People like our kids, spouse and close friends. Are the things being said, really what we want to hear?

I was at such a funeral a couple of weeks ago, in fact they called it a "celebration service". This was not a typical memorial service that you and I have been to before. In this particular service, during a designated time, people who knew this gentleman were invited to stand and share some particular memory of their relationship. A couple of things really stood out to me. The first was the amount of young people who stood and talked about their relationship with this older man. Several young men gave testimony of how he had in some fashion influenced their life. Secondly, the simple theme of how this person would give of himself without reservation repeated itself over and over in numerous testimonies.

As I thought about this service for the next few days, I revisited habit number 2, dropped in on my own funeral and asked myself, "what will my kids, my wife and others say about me?" I came away with this resolve as I prayed, "Lord, let the footprints I leave behind be something others can follow, leading them through the struggles and shadows of life. Leading them in a way that follows Christ and to eternity." Of course with that resolve changes must come, hard changes. I must be careful to walk in such a way that if others were to come behind me, the path would lead to Christ.

That is the same challenge I want to leave with those who desire to be involved with the Emmaus community. Those who wish to influence others with the love and grace of Christ. As we walk down this road and leave our footprints, may the others that follow find a clear path that leads to Jesus Christ

Let us continue to serve with a grateful heart, so that the conversations and the testimonies heard generations from now will echo with praise and gratitude for the manifold grace of God .

De Colores

Mike Whitney

2003 Fall Walk

October 2-5 - Men

October 9-12 - Women

Gathering Information

Please note the date change for June

JUNE 14th 2003 GATHERING 7:00 pm at Hamilton, MO - Cummings Camp Site

Directions: I-35 North to US36, go east 12 miles & turn right on Sunset (gravel road). Go south to Ridgeway (2nd cross road) and turn left. The Camp is at the first right.

In case of rain we will meet at the Hamilton Baptist Church - North MO13 off US 36, turn left on Berry (old 36) the church is 2 blocks on the left.

The Hamilton UMC will host the gathering at a beautiful 40 acre campground on the property of Rick and Mickie Cummings. There is a fire pit, a swimming pond (bring your fishing pole) and room for tents and campers (no electric or water). Bring guests, bring chairs, bring food, and fellowship with your Christian Brothers and Sisters.

July 19th 7:00 pm - Good Shepard UMC

9555 North Oak Trafficway

Directions: Rte 35 (or 29) to Rte 152 and follow to North Oak. Turn left (north) on North Oak to the second light, and turn right. The church is at the corner of NE 96th St. & North Oak (on the right).

August 16th - 7:00 pm - Leawood UMC

For further information contact Dave or Betty DeVoe
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Treasurers Report March, April & May 2003

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| Closing Balance 2/28/03 | \$3,137.56 |
| March 2003 Income | \$2,589.00 |
| March 2003 Expense | (\$1,651.43) |
| Closing Balance 3/31/03 | \$4,075.13 |
| April 2003 Income | \$5,613.69 |
| April 2003 Expenses | (\$4,867.58) |
| Closing Balance 4/30/03 | \$4,821.24 |
| May 2003 Income as of 5/23/03 | \$825.78 |
| Forecasted May 2003 Expense | (\$2,860.00) |
| Forecasted May Closing Balance | \$2,787.02 |

Forecasted May Expense includes \$1,265 expenses estimated to remain for Walk #19 that should hit the books before May month end. The amount collected for the Anniversary Scholarship Fund as of 5/23 is \$115.
Thanks be to God as He provisions us for His work.

CHRYSLIS REMINDER

In July will be the next Chrysalis Flight. It will be held in Wichita, Kansas at First United Methodist Church Of Wichita. You can go on line at www.crosswindschrysalis.org to get an application form. Chrysalis is for Youth that have passed their freshman year in high school. They will hold their Flight from Wednesday July 9th through Saturday July 12th.

In Christ,

Robert & Cindy Bertoncin

WANTED:

one or two large coffee makers (60+ cup)
to serve those who can't get going
without proper caffination

one or two large water coolers (5-8 gallon)
for those who get thirsty on those
long walks

one four wheeled cart
for those that grow weary carrying
heavy loads

one large Rubbermaid type storage tub
for those who have to much stuff
and nowhere to put it

Impact the lives of others by donating any of
these items and/or funds to purchase them!

Eternally grateful,

Kitchen Agape

Do we have your current address?

There are two ways to receive this Heartland Emmaus Newsletter. US Postal Service and electronically, through e-mail. Dave and Betty DeVoe do an outstanding job of keeping track of our growing community and it's members. But they need your help to continue this process. If you have recently moved or changed e-mail providers you need to let them know. Please e-mail them at ddevoe@gbronline.com or call at 816-420-0036 with any and all address changes or corrections.

Opportunity to Serve Abounds!

The Heartland Emmaus board has created a new volunteer coordinator position to help the board and community members support each other on the Walks. Lynda Whitney has graciously agreed to fill this new position for the Fall Walks. In this role Lynda will help solicit, coordinate and direct community members as they seek to serve.

Often community members don't realize that just a couple of hours, strategically placed, can be an immense help to those in the kitchen, agape room, prayer room, snacks, candlelight, sponsors hour, and so on. There are so many opportunities to serve in ways that impact the outcome of a single moment they can't be listed here.

Walks require minute-by-minute coordination. Volunteering gives you the "big picture" view of the exactness of the weekend schedule (and it also makes you feel great to be a part of something so incredibly big!). Volunteering is also an excellent way for recent pilgrims (or community members who have been away from the Walks for a while) to deepen their involvement in Emmaus and continue to grow in the community.

Your involvement, even in one or two hour blocks, is critical to the success of the walk experience for pilgrims. The board asks that you prayerfully consider where your talents and time can be used to be Christ to someone else on the 2003 Fall Walks at Camp Wilderness.

As we get nearer to the Walks, we will be sending out sign-up sheets that show the details of when/how/where/how many volunteers are needed.

DeColores,

The Board

Kairos Torch was a success

During this prison ministry, similar to Emmaus, 29 juvenile offenders were touched by the Holy Spirit. These young men will now attend mentoring sessions each week and will be given direction of how to make better choices so they can become productive citizens in the future.

Thank you for the prayers and thoughts during the weekend. And may you continue to hold these young men in your prayers. Ramon, John, Wynton, Howard, Michael, Melvin, Jesse, Donnell, Eric, Decius, Kevin, Mike, Kyle, Jose, Xavier, James, Derek, Juan, Jamal, Tim, Jason, Roman, Russell, James, Nathan, Shaundero, Ramon, Steve, Jeremiah.

Sincerely, Joe Dawson

Weekend Event Leader for Kairos Torch #2

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Reunion Group Activities

| Day | Time | Location | Contact | Name | For |
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| Mon | Noon | Wendys @ 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 | 11:00 AM | Platte Woods UMC, Parlor | Kathy Hopper 816-741-8598 | Wildflowers | Women |
| Thurs | 8:00 PM | Zimmerman Home | Suzanne Zimmerman 816-858-2655 | 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 | Rick Hann 816-587-8790 | 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 | First Baptist of Stilw | Bruce Chyka 913-851-0732 | TBD | Men |
| Fri | 6:30 PM | Dvorak Home | Mary Dvorak 913-782-7575 | TBD | Coed |
| Fri | 7:00 PM | Homes of Pease & Hummel | Pease 816-741-2850 Hummel 816-420-9596 | TGIF | Coed |
| Fri | 7:00 PM | Homes of Kuhn & Reed | Jeff & Rita Reed 816-941-2208 | CORTGIF <i>(Church of the Resurrection Thank God in Forgiveness)</i> | Coed |
| Fri | 7:00 PM | Aldersgate UMC | Bill & Valerie Rowe 816-246-7499 Warren & Janet Miller 816-966-8972 | Southside Servants | Coed |
| Sat | 7:00 AM | Gloria Dei Lutheran Church | Phil Brandis 816-587-1615 | Roosters | Men |
| Sat | 7:00 AM | Gashland UMC | Jim Colwell 816-468-8618 | Hounds of Heaven | Men |
| Sat | 7:30 AM | Liberty UMC | Mike & Cara Pilch 816-781-8887 | Liberty Angel Wings | Coed |
| Sat | 8:00 AM | Winstead's 107th & Roe | Rick & Delane Cohen 913-381-5004 | Steadfast LUMC | Coed |
| Alt Sat | 9:00 AM | Winstead's 435 & Nall | Tamara Smith 913-906-0336 | COR-Footsteps | Coed |

VISION STATEMENT

*At Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City,
our vision is to be servants of Jesus Christ and
His local churches by:*

Increasing the number of Christians who experience the "Walk to Emmaus"

Strengthening our walk with Jesus Christ through reunion groups, gatherings and active servant hood

Communicating through word and deed the ecumenical, inclusive, Christ-centered outreach of Emmaus



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