



Heartland Emmaus

July/August 2004

From the Lay Director

Summer is here and while our thoughts tend towards vacations and relaxation, the Lay Directors for our upcoming walks (John Hamilton and Cara Pilch) are hard at work getting the team together and handling the huge number of details to be worked out for the fall walks. One of those details was how to handle the re-scheduling of the Billy Graham Crusade, which was originally scheduled for June 17-20, but has been changed to October 7-10, the same dates as the women's walk.

We discussed the pros and cons of possibly changing the dates of the women's walk and the board voted on this at our last meeting. For a variety of reasons, we decided to leave our dates as they are. We set the dates for the walks over a year in advance to allow people who might have problems getting time off plenty of advance notice to do so, as well as giving the board time to find a site and get the location reserved. While Wilderness could have allowed us to change the date, there were already some people who brought up that they would have problems trying to change their time off dates. With the volume of literature that we have published (or that people have pulled off our website), there would be a high likelihood of people not getting the changed dates.

Unfortunately, not changing the dates causes us other issues. Some potential pilgrims and other team members will have conflicts with commitments they have made to the Billy Graham Crusade as well as wanting to attend the event. As an example, the Board Representatives in charge of the Prayer Room (Jeff and Rita Reed) are the heads of security for the Crusade and so we will need help in staffing the Prayer Room for the women's walk. Other areas needing similar help will come up as we get closer to the walk. God needs the Heartland Emmaus Community to step up and provide help to make sure the walk is as successful as possible. Contact me (you can email me at grackers@kc.rr.com, or call me at 816-415-4712) and we can talk about where you can help be Jesus' hands and feet for these upcoming walks.

One last thought about this – a lot of prayer went into this decision. These are two needed, vital ministries that have come to conflicting dates. It is unfortunate that people will have to choose between the two, but God will put pilgrims on this walk and we need to be ready to smother them with agape love. Our Savior is calling, please answer “Here I am”.

De Colores
Greg

DeColores Everyone!

And Happy Summer, too. I have a favor to ask of you. I am working toward having some structured time during childcare at the Fall Walks and will need supplies to do that. As your church has VBS this year, could you ask for leftover crafts and/or Bible lessons, etc. to be donated to Heartland Emmaus, please?

If you have some to donate, please let me know and I'll be happy to come pick them up. Just call 913/441-8268 or email tammiesimmons@yahoo.com.

Also, I need to start compiling a list of possible childcare workers. I will accept anyone age 16 or over but MUST have adults also. If you and/or your teenager can add your name(s) to my list, please call 913/441-8268 or email tammiesimmons@yahoo.com. Please note that if we do not have childcare workers, we cannot offer childcare.

Thanks, and have a blessed & fun summer!

Tammie Simmons

CHRYSA LIS THANK YOU'S!!!!

Welcome to our newest member of the Emmaus community --- Dustin Turner, son of Tammie Simmons. He just recently completed the latest flight #24. Pray for him and his family, as he is moving to Texas in August.

Emmaus community members who participated in the recent flight are: Jena Pilch, Cara Pilch, Nick Pilch, Matt Pilch, Carolyn Cupp, Lyndel Colwell, Josh Mercer & Krystle Bertoncin. Since we were not able to attend, we want to thank them for volunteering and their hard work. We were told that all had a good time. If you see one of these angels give them a job well done and an Emmaus hug.

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Cindy & Robert Bertoncin

Holiday Meals are a snap!

Hello all, from the kitchen crew. Karla and I hope you are having a great summer!

It is hard to believe that Fall is not that far off (especially when it is 90 degrees and 90% humidity out) and before you know it, it will be October. Early fall at Camp Wilderness is fantastic. God is such an awesome artist and the trees



at Wilderness reflect His glory. The walks there always have a special place in our hearts.

Karla's time on the board is coming to an end and the kitchen will position will be open after the fall walks. If the Lord is leading your heart in this direction of service, please contact us with any questions or doubts that Satan may be throwing your way. Yes, it can sometimes be a lot of work, but it is truly rewarding and family holiday meals will be a snap after this.

We would really like to work with someone this fall to help with the transition, just going through one (like I did with Tim) takes away a lot of the mystery and fear you may have about this board position. Practice makes perfect and God always provides the right people at the right time, so you are never on your own. One way to show love to the pilgrims, the team and the community is to provide their nourishment.

See and ~~feel~~ feed the love.

De Colores,
Jeff & Karla Worthington

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – May 2004

Checking Balance 4/30/04	\$5,777.61
May 2004 Income	\$688.95
May 2004 Expense	(\$4,493.87)
Checking Balance 5/31/04	\$1,972.69
Scholarship Fund (included in balance)	(\$391.00)
Available Balance 5/31/04	\$1,581.69

Income for May includes money from Walk #21's Book Table, shirt sales, registrations and donations. Include remaining Walk #21 expenses, \$358 refund for Book Table books returned to the bookstore, trailer storage rental, and the deposit to Wilderness Retreat and Development Center for upcoming Walk #22.

Treasurer's Report – June 2004

Checking Balance 5/31/04	\$1,972.69
June 2004 Income	\$400.00
June 2004 Expense	(\$56.10)
Checking Balance 6/30/04	\$2,316.59
Scholarship Fund (included in balance)	(\$391.00)
Available Balance 6/30/04	\$1,925.59

Income for June includes money from shirt sales and registration deposits. Expenses include additional Walk #21 expenses turned in during June. We still have some Book Table IOUs to be collected, and general walk related equipment to be purchased by Snack Agape (coffeepots) and Setup & Clean Up (dollies). Please continue to thank God for equipping us for His Walk to Emmaus ministry.

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Agape
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Walk Locations
Spiritual Director
Snack agape and shirts
Reunion Groups & Gatherings
Book table & Ecumenical
Registration
Prayer Room & Closing
Set up & clean up
Entertainment
Child care
Prayer tree, email & web site
72 hour prayer vigil, mail agape
Kitchen

Gathering Dates for 2004 –

All gatherings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM.

August - Leawood UMC

September - Ottawa Church of the Brethren

October - Liberty UMC

November - Good Shepherd UMC

December – Christmas party at Church of the Resurrection