

The Joyful Noise

APRIL 2008

**DO YOU WANT
TO KEEP YOUR
EMMAUS EXPERI-
ENCE ALIVE IN
YOU?**

GET INVOLVED!

- Attend Gatherings
- Help set-up for the Walks on Wednesday evening
- Be there for Send-off
- Come to Candlelight
- Attend Closing
- Get involved in a Share Group
- Make Agape for the Walks
- Sponsor future Pilgrims and Butterflies
- Say "yes" to being on a Team for future Walks

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From our Community Lay Director

As Men's and Women's Walks come to a close and I see all of the pilgrims and hear how the last three days have changed their lives, I realize why we need to spend the time it takes to put on these Walks and provide future pilgrims the opportunity to experience what each of us experienced on our own Walk. Sometimes I think about how much time is spent preparing by the team members, the board members spending time at meetings and other duties outside of the normal meetings and hundreds of community members who spend time during the Walks helping out and wonder—is this really worth it? I always find my answer by attending the Sunday closing and hearing how Christ has changed lives once again and know that all of our hard work is certainly worth it. As you have read our past Chairperson (Ken Switzer) write many times: "We do good work!"

We do indeed do good work

Chrysalis Needs a Laptop

The Northwest Ohio Chrysalis Board is looking for a laptop. They are in need of one for logistics to use throughout the week-ends. Is there anyone out there who might have a gently used

and this work is done by many hundreds of people each Walk. The surprising thing about doing good work is it is done by a very small percentage of our total community members. On any given Walk, we usually have less than 10% of the total community that will help during the Walk, attend Send-Off on Thursday, attend Candlelight on Saturday or attend Closing on Sunday. This is truly a small percentage and to think that we have to close to **4,000** community members!

The Walk to Emmaus strives to build Christian leadership that will allow new members to go back to their local church and serve well. This service is critical for your local church and I hope that all of you will try to serve your church some way. After the expectation to serve your local church, we hope and pray that many will serve the Emmaus community in order to continue to support

the Walks and provide this important opportunity to many new pilgrims that we don't even know yet. If you haven't helped out in a while, I ask that you consider the call to help during an upcoming Walk and attend Candlelight and Closing and the Gatherings. I truly believe that by attending these events you will be drawn closer to Christ and remember back to your own Walk and see why it's so important to continue to support the Emmaus cause.

We also ask that you continue to seek out new pilgrims for future Walks, because our waiting lists are becoming smaller after each Walk and we need to have additional names on our lists.

Come out and support your Emmaus Community and support Jesus Christ.

Dave Reiser

help in any way, please email FIG at figs3@bex.net.

Your generosity will be appreciated and I know that God will bless you for it. Thanks!

Kairos #10, May 1st-4th



Contact
the Cookie Monster
Rudy Hernandez at
Rudyman@Bex.net

Remember
to sign up for
the Prayer Vigil.

This is very
important!

Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend#10 is scheduled for May 1-4 at Toledo Correction Institution. You can show your support by providing agape love in the following ways:

- 1) COOKIES: 6-8 thousanddozen Prayer Home Baked Cookies are needed to show agape love to prisoners and staff throughout the entire prison for each weekend. Contact any team member for detailed cookie information or the Cookie Monster Rudy Hernandez at Rudyman@Bex.net. These must be received by April 25, 2008.
- 2) GREEN AGAPE: Altho there is a lot of volunteering, there is a cost of \$165 for each of the 36 prisoners on the weekend. If you or any coporate sponsor would like to sponsor a prisoner in part or whole, contact Eric Ramlow at ericisblessed@yahoo.com. Green Agape is appreciated any time.
- 3) POSTERS/AGAPE: Share Groups are needed to send letter size agape to Ken Gruenhagen, at ksgruenha-gen@embarqmail.com. If you would like to do a small physical poster, not banner size, contact any team member. All letters and poster size agape must be received by April 27, 2008.
- 4) CLOSING: Anyone may attend the Sunday closing even if they have not been on a street weekend. However, each person must have a security clearance form, which can be obtained from Eddie Ledesma at 2el@roadrunner.com. A new application form is needed for every weekend. Deadline for submitting applications is April 23, 2008.
- 5) PRAYER VIGIL: As you know it is very important to have continuous prayer during the weekend. Contact any team member to get you on the Prayer Vigil or Register online at <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=2544&commid=126>. Then click on "Sign Up" for the times you can pray, and enter your name and location. Please try to sign up for the prayer vigil by April 23, 2008.

Pray for #10 Team Members:

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| Gary Baas | Rene Gomez | Pete Nofziger | Jerry Tracy |
| Paul Barnes | Charles Hawkins | Mike Nofzinger | Kurt Vetter |
| Steve Brillhart | Rudy Hernandez | Chris Pappas | Matt Weltin |
| Whit Chesson | John Irwin | Tom Parrett | Alan Willcox |
| Bill Cox | Jim Jackson | Quintin Quinn | Ken Wood |
| Robbie Criswell | Johnny Jones | Mike Raypholtz | Dave Zolg |
| Jim Currier | Tom King | Sam Reyes | |
| George Czerniawski | John Knapp | Stan Riggs | |
| Jim Drew | Eddie Ledesma | Jim Roynon | |
| Allen Drown | Bill Leonard | Tom Schweitzer | |
| Landon Dunn | Mark Mejia | Scott Smith | |
| Allen Ebarb | Roger Morr | Ron Snider | |
| Sam Fair | Tom Moyer | Chuck Thayer | |



Calling All SHARE GROUPS!

My goal this year is to update our Share Group Data Base. This will include Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

If you would take a few minutes and email me, Jay Collins, Good Shepherd Chair at jjccigar@buckeye-access.com and give me the

names of your group, a contact person and the location, I will put together a current listing. This will then be put on the Emmaus website.

This will allow all new and old members of the community an opportunity to seek out a group.

Thank you for providing this important information.

Blessings,

Jay Collins

Good Shepherd Chair

Can You Help?

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of developing a new website for the NOW Emmaus Community. It is our goal that the new website will provide for better communications with the community and make it easier to volunteer to help during Walks.

We are looking for assistance in the development of the new website. Please let me know if you are skilled in one of the following and would like to help.

- 1) Developing the graphic theme of the website. Person should be experienced in graphic design and have an understanding of html and cascading style sheets (CSS). Experience in writing skins for DotNetNuke is a plus.
- 2) Developing the volunteer sign-in page of the website. Persons should have programming experience with Microsoft Visual Studio .NET, specifically VB.NET.

You can email me at adamationinc@adelphia.net if you are interested.

In Christ,

Put These Dates On Your Calendar

Gatherings

April 25—7:30 pm

July 25—6:30 pm (Reunion)
7:30 pm (all)

October 24—7:30 pm

December 5—7:30 pm

All Gatherings

*will be held at Liberty Chapel
United Methodist Church*

Women's Walk

July 17-20

Men's Walk

July 10-13

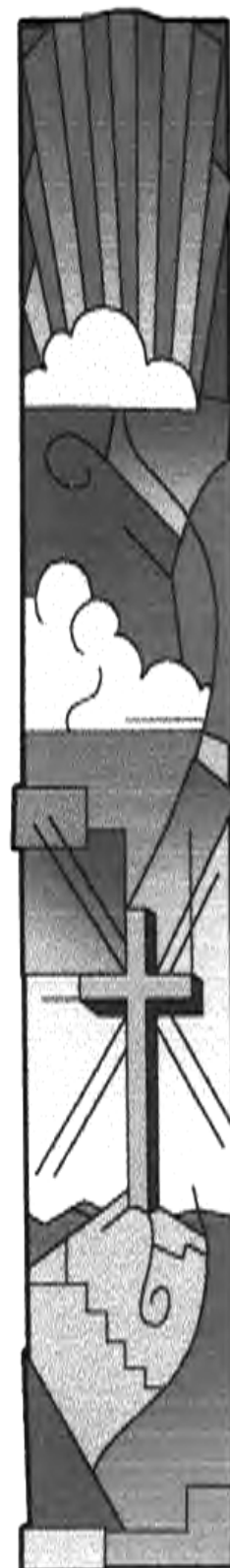
Girl's Chrysalis

June 20-22

November 7-9

Boy's Chrysalis

August 1-3





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Emmaus and Chrysalis Community**

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Help Us Stay in Contact with You

Would you like to receive notices
when the newest Joyful Noise has been posted to our website?

Would you like to receive current announcements
affecting your Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community?

Would you like to receive prayer requests from your Emmaus brothers and sisters?

Go to the Northwest Ohio Emmaus website, scroll down most of the page and click on "Join the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Mailing List". Follow the instructions. That's all there is to it. If you need to update your email information, please follow these same instructions. If you registered under a different email address, please go here and change to your new email address.

If you have a Prayer Request or an Emmaus announcement that you would like to share, please feel free to email it to MargieS3@aol.com.