



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15*



Spring Edition

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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## WHAT IF ???

I am in the middle of reading a book by Bob Buford entitled "Half Time". In chapter one there is a quote from George Bernard Shaw that states: *"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I've got ahold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."*

The spirit of that quote challenge excites me. The idea, that I could be thoroughly used up for the cause of Christ, lights my fire. What if we as a Community could realize our potential in allowing the "splendid torch" of God's love radiate from each of our lives? What if that fire ignited us to seek out those friends and family who desperately need a weekend in the presence of God and away from the world's clutter? What if He is speaking to me?

Phil Brown, Community Lay Director

## Be a FRIEND - Be a SPONSOR!

Here we are again, on the edge of another great opportunity to worship our Lord! I was recently given the chance to work on another Walk and I tell you what, there is still no greater feeling than that moment you get to express your love for Christ in this Community of believers!

I am hoping we have a full Walk this time, so with all your prayers and help let's get this Men's Walk #21 off with a bang. Stay prayerful and be ever vigilant in your seeking of Pilgrims to experience what we all have already been able to go through.

This is an opportunity for some new members to come into the conference room and to serve in other positions as well, so let's be out there asking our church members, friends, and family members to come and "walk to Emmaus" with us in the Community.

DeColores, Jeremy Rutledge



## From the GOOD SHEPHERD

Hi, everyone! It's almost time for the 2011 Walks to begin! The Men's Team is already meeting, planning and praying for Walk #21!

Just to keep to you informed, the Upper Room has stated that you must be a member of a Share Group or Reunion Group in order to serve on a team. It doesn't, however, require that you be in an *Emmaus* Share group, just a small group to keep you accountable.

My Share Group is a very important part of my week. I encourage you to be in a Share Group or a small Christian group to keep you accountable whether you plan on being part of a team or not. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me at [my4thdays@yahoo.com](mailto:my4thdays@yahoo.com).

In Christ's Love, Mike Burke

## COMING UP!

- \* Gathering - 4/26/11
- \* Gathering - 5/24/11

*NOTE: Gatherings are at Washington United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm*

*(Board of Directors meet at 5:45 pm)*

*Bring a snack & stay to eat after we meet!*

- \* Men's Walk - 4/28 - 5/1
- \* Women's Walk - 6/2 - 5



## Needed: PILGRIMS!!

Following are the dates for the first two Walks of 2011 and the deadline for completed applications:

Men: 4/28 - 5/1 App. deadline: April 14  
Women: 6/2 - 5 App. deadline: May 19

We currently have 4 Pilgrims signed up for the Men's Walk; however, in order to have a Walk, the Upper Room requires a **minimum of twenty (20) Pilgrims** registered by two weeks prior to the Walk. Time's awastin'! Applications are available online at [www.lovemmaus.org](http://www.lovemmaus.org) - click on 'Contact Us' or you may pick one up at a Gathering.

Send completed applications (your Pilgrim completes the front and signs it; you fill out the rest) with the non-refundable \$15.00 deposit to the address on the application or give it Alice Bailey, Registrar, at a Gathering.

If you have sponsored a Pilgrim who was unable to attend a previous Walk, please encourage them to attend this spring!. Contact Alice Bailey at 937-544-7904 or [rbailey4@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rbailey4@cinci.rr.com) to re-activate their application.

## Expecting HIS Best!

I am writing this with a lot of anxiousness about the upcoming Men's Walk this spring. Allow me to share a little background on the verse that was given to me for this Walk. One Sunday morning I was in church, reading my Bible during church school. I was in the Book of Habakkuk and when I got to Chapter 1, Verse 5 (*"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."*), God told me, **"This is the verse you are to use"**.

Think back to your Walk - were you not amazed by what God did for us at that time? How about the first time you had the privilege to serve on a team - were we not blown away? This verse, to me, stands for the LOVEmmaus Community. What an amazing fellowship we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ! I am very humbled to have the honor to serve as the Lay Director of this Men's Walk #21.

I have been amazed by the willingness of this group of men to give of their time and efforts for the Community and most of all, for the Pilgrims. I know that God has led me in the forming of His team for Walk #21.

The team formation meetings have begun. If the talks are anything like the past Walks we are going to be **utterly amazed** by God once again.

DeColores

Tim Ratcliff, Lay Director, Men's Walk #21

## From the *Spiritual Director*



This is a special time of the year. Spring is a time of hope and rejuvenation. The long, cold winter nights have passed. The sun is becoming brighter, stronger as the darkness gives way to the daylight. Why, even this morning I awoke to the sound of birds singing! Spring is a special time of the year. The very world around us is telling the story of the Resurrection!

The disciples thought Christ was dead in the tomb. There was no hope, no joy, only darkness. What wonder and surprise must have been on the disciples' faces as they saw the Resurrected Christ for the first time? My mind goes back to Mary Magdalene in the Garden (*John 20*). After Christ revealed himself to her, what was her response? She ran and told the other disciples!

Remember how you felt after your experience with Christ on the Walk to Emmaus? If Christ has truly changed our lives, we need to share the grace with others. We need—no I need—to sponsor Pilgrims. We must not grow complacent, but continue to pray that God will put people in our paths to sponsor today.

Are you sharing the love of Christ, or have you been like me and keeping Him all to yourself? Let us challenge and remind one another that Christ brings more hope than the changing of the seasons, but the hope of a changed life. Has Christ changed your life? Then share it!

De Colores! Charlie Shoemaker



Dear Community, Once again it is time to be **The Body of Christ** to the Pilgrims of the Spring Walks. We are going to need lanyards for the Pilgrims' crosses. We are requesting anyone who has made lanyards in the past - and new volunteers, too - to please support the Emmaus Community by providing lanyards again for the upcoming Walks. If anyone has any

already made you can give them to Tim and Linda Ratcliff.

Community members can also be Christ's hands and feet by donating supplies for the poster party box, toiletries for the bath and dorm baskets and the medicine supplies. We can always use notepaper, cards and envelopes for the Sunday Agape letters.

There is always **help needed** to assist in set-up and clean-up after the Walks. Please ask God how YOU can be His hands and feet.

DeColores,

Tim and Linda Ratcliff, Logistics Coordinators

### **BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES!**

I don't know about you all, but there are several things I'm VERY excited about - SPRING is one of them and the other exciting things are the upcoming Walks. Let's not forget Men's Walk #21 coming up April 28 - May 1st.

If you would like to help clean up the campgrounds for this upcoming Walk the dates will be as follows:

Saturday, April 23	9 am - 3 pm
Monday, April 25	5 pm - 8 pm

The Prayer Vigil chart still has several time slots available. You can sign up by contacting us at [tammyrunger@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyrunger@yahoo.com). It will also be available at the next Gathering.

Thanks again for all you do!

DeColores,

Tammy & Jim Unger, Volunteer Chaircouple

## 'Ketch-up' with the Kitchen



Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator

*"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen"* 1 Peter 4:8-11 NLT

Those verses are packed full of great ideas for serving this Walk. Surely, all of us have been given the gift of helping others! The kitchen offers such a great opportunity for service to the Pilgrims and the Team. I want to encourage you to sign up for meal time which usually lasts about 3 to 4 hours. We will find a place for you.

If you would like a particular time, please email me at [bcmcginnis@windstream.net](mailto:bcmcginnis@windstream.net). If you have a share group that wishes to fix a particular meal, please contact me. There have been several in the past who have gone the second mile in the number of times that they served on a weekend. I will do my best to honor any requests and I also have suggestions for particular meals.

I have a card displayed on my bookcase behind this computer that I received on one of the Walks:

*"The Circle of Friendship is a place of warmth and caring  
Where people come together for listening and sharing.  
A place of kindness and trust., Of tears and laughter too -  
I'm glad to share that circle with a special friend like you."*

This is what happens at meal time at Emmaus!

## *Agape Unconditional Love*

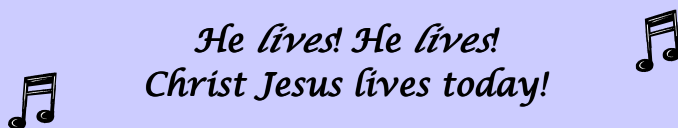
Spring has sprung! Before we know it the Men's and Women's Walks will be in full bloom! Let's help share God's Amazing Love with the new Pilgrims on the Walks!

Each of us can be cultivating that Agape love through prayers before the Walk and creating Agape gifts for the Pilgrims to receive during the Walk. During the Walk we can help the Pilgrims grow in God's love by participating in the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, attending Sponsor's hour, praying, attending Candlelight, praying, and attending Closing.

A couple reminders - please create 30 pieces for bedtime Agape (if it is for Pilgrims only) and 60 pieces for mealtime Agape (write on the outside of the bag/box how many pieces you brought). It is fine to put names of Share Groups and churches on Agape pieces, but please do not put individual names on the Agape pieces.

As the L.O.V.E. Emmaus community, let's help our new Emmaus brothers and sisters grow in the love of Christ!

Elizabeth Reed, Agape Chair





### MEET the TEAMS & PILGRIMS!



Here they are! The wonderful Teams and Pilgrims God has provided for the upcoming Spring Walks!

Cut out the lists and put them where you will see them often (*the fridge, bathroom mirror, computer*) as a reminder to pray for God's plan for each Pilgrim, Team Member and all the families involved.

Please pray for the Sponsors, for the campground and for how God would ask YOU to serve, as well.

#### PILGRIMS - MEN'S WALK #21

- Tim Allen
- David Joyce
- Jeremy Mignerey
- Randy Reveal

Above is the list of Pilgrims as of the time of publishing. We need at least 16 more Pilgrims by April 14th in order to have this Walk!

Please pray for our Pilgrims by name that they will be open to whatever God has in store for each of them, that they will be blessed with a fresh touch from the Holy Spirit and that God will protect them and their families.

#### TEAM - MEN'S WALK #21

- LD: Tim Ratcliff - Perseverance
- ALD: Dave Lewis - Fourth Day
- ALD: Mike Burke - Discipleship
- ALD: Jeremy Rutledge - Priorities
- Sp. Dir.: Charlie Shoemaker - Means of Grace
- ASD: Wayne Edingfield - Sanctifying Grace
- Table Ldr: David Reveal - Body of Christ
- TL: Steve Richards - Grow Through Study
- TL: Denny Perkins - Changing Our World
- TL: Rick Satterfield - Christian Action
- TL: Lanny Rice - Life of Piety
- Asst. TL: Dean Collins
- ATL: Fred Kragler - Priesthood/All Believers
- ATL: Russell Day
- ATL: Lawrence Baldwin
- ATL: Jim Crase
- Music: Roger Cheesbro
- Music: Wayne Harper
- Music: Donnie Edgington
- LOG: Bill Shelton
- LOG: Monte Riley
- LOG: Kevin Doyle
- TLOG: Jonathan King
- Pr. Svt.: David Lofton
- Pr. Svt.: Earl Bush
- Bd. Rep: George Smith
- Kitchen: Carl Mills
- Kitchen: Bill Boling
- Clergy: Phil Bradley - Prevenient Grace
- Clergy: Les Grooms - Justifying Grace
- Clergy: Fr. Bob Hudson - Obstacles to Grace

#### TEAM - WOMEN'S WALK #22

- LD: Bren Frodge
- ALD: Shauna Brillhart
- ALD: Linda Ratcliff
- ALD: Alice Bailey
- Sp. Dir.: Bill Henry
- ASD: TBA
- Table Ldr: Brenda Reed
- TL: April Henderson
- TL: Judy Robinson
- TL: Chantsey Carter
- TL: Lori Sams
- TL: Judy Gray
- Asst. TL: Tonya Newman
- ATL: Lisa Jump
- ATL: Linda Young
- ATL: Susan Bussell
- ATL: Brenda Reveal
- ATL: Bonnie Oney
- Pr Svt.: Nora Day
- Pr. Svt.: Carol Spriggs
- Music: Kathy Bisotti
- Music: Denise Burke
- Music: Michele Mills
- LOG: Beverly DeAtley
- LOG: Shirley Link
- LOG: Peggy Richards
- TLG: Cyndi Frodge
- Bd. Rep: Stella Hull
- Kitchen: Collette McGinnis
- Kitchen: Debbie Kendle

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Yes, it's that time again!! Time to renew your subscription to the LOVEmmaus Newsletter! As you probably already know, we usually publish 7 issues per year: Winter, April, May, June, Summer, September and October, and for the price of just one certain kind of fast-food sub, or 5 soft drinks from just about any other fast-food place, or a tiny fraction of the cost of the printer's ink you use to print it out yourself, you can have a one-year subscription to all the news, views and events going on in our Community!

Our subscription year runs from the June issue through the May issue of the next year, so if you have a one-year subscription to the newsletter, your last issue will be in May, 2011. Remember, if you were a Pilgrim on a Walk in 2010, the free subscription you received will end with the May, 2011 issue.

So, don't miss out! To continue - or start - receiving the LOVEmmaus newsletter by mail, complete the form below, cut it out and mail it by June 1<sup>st</sup> to Teresa Mallory, Treasurer, at the address on the form, along with \$5.00 for each one-year subscription. Your subscription will be good through the May, 2012 issue.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at [mkhughes5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkhughes5@sbcglobal.net) – make sure to write the word "Newsletter" in the subject line of your email.

Karen Hughes, Communications Chair

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### WALK DATES FOR 2011:

Men #21: 4/28 - 5/1

Women #22: 6/2 - 5

Men #22: 9/8 - 11

Women #23: 10/6 - 9



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