



December 2011

Talk From the Walk

The Newsletter of the Louisville Area Emmaus Community

*.... did not our hearts burn within us?
Luke 24:32*

Grace and Peace,

December is here and the calendar year is drawing to a close. The Emmaus board is wrapping up a few loose ends and we're already making preparations for the coming year. My thanks go out to all of those that gave of their time this year to serve on our board. I'd like to especially acknowledge those that are completing their three-year terms. Jane Knapp, Susan Rittenhouse, Ken Stringer, and Pam Tedesco will roll off the board at the end of this year. They have served us faithfully. Something tells me that each of them will continue to bless this community in more ways to come.

During my time on the board, I've been blessed to observe a number of community members volunteering their time to assist in this ministry. Our community is blessed with an abundance of members with a servant's heart, often performing their service in a mostly anonymous manner. You are truly demonstrating the characteristics of the Body of Christ.

This is my final month as lay director of this great community. It has been my honor to serve in this position. Thank you for your support and prayers. As Tom Stryker assumes this role in January, I know that you will support him with your prayers as well.

Sandy and I will depart soon for our new home in Florida, but we'll return often to visit family and friends in this area. We hope to see you at future Emmaus events. We want to wish each of you a very joyous Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Persevere in your walk.

Our December Gathering this year is hosted by Watson Memorial Baptist Church. Don't miss this seasonal blessing starting at 7:27 on Friday the 9th.

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David Blandford
Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Brother and Sisters,

I hope and I pray you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Have a Blessed Christmas! I want to share a few thoughts about my recent health problems with my left heel having a diabetic ulcer. I was in St. Mary's Hospital for 2 weeks and Christopher East Rehab Center for 9 weeks. I had to learn to live on these 4 words, "Wait and see, hope and pray". Friends and family would inquire of me, "how's your foot?" How is your heel? What is the latest news? What's up? I would answer, 'I don't know". My wound care doctor saw me once a week on Wednesday. I had to wait and see what the doctor would say about my recovery each Wednesday morning. I would hope and pray for good results. Is there flesh on the heel bone? Is the ulcer healing? And often I would hear repeated to me, we have to "wait and see". I was on a "wound vac pump" for 3 weeks too.

It is hard to "wait and see", at least for me. We become accustomed to things happening in our lives quick, speedy, and some times easy. We take it for granted to have it right away, whatever we want, whether at home, work or church. Some times it is hard for us to "wait and see". For many things in life it takes time. We want it instantly, immediately if not sooner. I recall the words of Psalm 40 that speaks to my heart. (NIV)

**¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
(miry clay) out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.**

We all have pitfalls in life, times of difficulty, sickness, death, hurt and pains. It is apart of life. If you have never been in a pit or the miry clay of physical, emotional, and spiritual problems, some day you will be. To be human is to experience life with "pitfalls". The Good News is that God is with us, and He never abandons or leaves us. That is when we "call upon the Lord". We hope and we pray. And we pray some more. We ask and we seek the Lord's Will. We ask for forgiveness and more grace. We ask for strength. We ask for help and wherever we seek from our Lord Jesus.

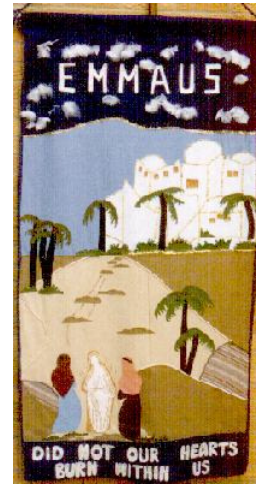
In the long hours of the night, in times of problems and hurts, may God help us "to wait and see" what the Lord will do while we "hope and pray"!

**George Davis
Walk 64
Table of John
Mosaic UMC (clap!)**

Walk to Emmaus 2012 Schedule

2012

- Walk # 136 - March 8-11
- Walk # 137 - March 22-25
- Walk # 138 - July 19-22
- Walk # 139 - October 4-7
- Walk # 140 - October 18-21



**Submit all
Emmaus Walk
applications to....**

**Louisville Emmaus Community
Attn: Registrar
P.O Box 71
Crestwood, KY 40014**

Reminder....



Now is the time to pray about sponsoring a Pilgrim. Right now there are plenty of spaces available on the Spring Walks. But, if you put it off, well, you just never know if there will still be space available.

It's our responsibility to ask those whom God places on our hearts to attend the walks; otherwise, how will they know of this amazing opportunity.

Make it a goal to ask at least two people if they would like to be a part of one of these weekends.

REC Schedule

2012



Residents Encounter Christ

Greetings from the REC Board!

It is with great feelings of Thanksgiving that we say to anyone who has worked in any capacity with the REC- We are thankful for your "YES" and your service! The Board

will be saying goodbye to several Board members and bringing in new ones after this month. Isn't it amazing how things are always changing in our world and our lives?

I played for a beautiful wedding in November for two wonderful young lawyers!! Although they wanted love songs on the piano and one of my favorite solos sung, "You Raise Me Up", before the ceremony, they wanted to walk out to "The Hallelujah Chorus"! I had bought a CD of the entire "Messiah" years before, so I brought it to be played. I decided that I would study the entire composition in the car while I drive since I certainly did not have time to do that when in music school!! You may not be aware that the piece goes from the birth of Christ to His death. Handel was known for his use of the chorus and his pictorial writing used during the pieces he wrote for the chorus. Choral groups love "And the Glory of the Lord" which tells us the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed. But I love the section where the chorus boldly sings, "For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it"! So listen!! And certainly, we all love to sing "The Hallelujah Chorus" and tell everyone that "For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"! We studied music that could stand the test of time- that did not change over the years in its' value and worth.

The Word of God has stood the test of time. The REC will continue in its' effort to change lives with the healing power of Jesus Christ. As the Christmas season is upon us, let us remember the scripture, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told", Luke 2:20. Glorify Him and Praise Him!

Merry Christmas,

Carol Sheeley and the REC Board

2012 Calendar:

KSR #32, Feb 17-19

KSR #33, Oct 12-14

LLCC #36, Mar 16-18

LLCC #37, Sept 21-23

KCIW #51, Apr 13-15

KCIW #52, Nov 16-18

RCC, Units 4/5, #14, Mar 23-25

RCC, Units 4/5, #15, Oct 5-7

RCC, Unit 3, #7, Aug 3-5

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Cornerstone



For applications.....
catdet@gmail.com

Upcoming Weekends....

2012:

Flight 47

Lay Directors....

Jan 14-16

**Betsy Hand &
Ron Cutler**

Spiritual Directors....

Neal Gish

Application due

5pm on Jan 10

Chrysalis Board

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There's been a change...

Deadline for Registration....

Registrations are now due the Tuesday before the Flight/Journey and we will follow bi-laws regarding accepting applications on any Flight or Journey.



**Still in DESPERATE
need of a Registrar!!!**

Don't forget....no cell phones, I-Pads, watches, or cameras on Flights or Journeys!!!

START HANDING OUT APPLICATIONS NOW TO POTENTIAL CATAPILLARS!!

Gatherings



See an expanded schedule on the following page.

Attend a monthly Gathering scheduled for the 2nd Friday at 7:27pm

Rekindle the *fire* set ablaze in your heart during your Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend. Invite a friend or perspective pilgrim to join you. Reconnect with brothers and sisters in Christ. Rejoice and sing praises, be inspired by a 4th Day Talk, fill your tummy with agape snack, and fill your heart with the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

CHILDCARE....

Remember that the community provides childcare services at all Gatherings, so bring your children and leave them in the professional care of the folks at Family Tree Childcare Services. A \$5.00 donation per family is suggested.



<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>4th Day Speaker</i>	<i>Communion Celebrant</i>
December	Watson Memorial Baptist Church	Kevin Smith	Kevin Smith
January	Forest Park Community Church	Ronnie Caswell	Elona Hart

Questions or comments regarding Gatherings?

Contact...

Susan Rittenhouse
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2011 Gathering Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church/Address</u>
Jan 14 ...	St. Francis in the Fields 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Rd. - Harrod's Creek
Feb 11 ...	Bethany United Methodist Church 6100 Moorman Rd. - Louisville
Mar 11 ...	Covenant United Methodist Church 909 W. Jefferson St. - LaGrange
Apr 8 ...	Mosaic United Methodist Church 8008 St. Andrew's Church Rd. - Pleasure Ridge Park
May 13 ...	Fern Creek United Methodist Church 6727 Bardstown Rd. - Louisville
Jun 10 ...	Henry Christian Church 136 Castle Hwy. - Eminence
Jul 8 ...	St. John United Methodist Church 12799 W.Hwy 42 - Prospect
Aug 12 ...	Buechel United Methodist Church 2817 Hikes Lane - Louisville
Sep 9 ...	Epworth United Methodist Church 919 Palatka Rd. - Louisville
Oct 14 ...	New Life Church 3402 Goose Creek Rd. - Louisville
Nov 11 ...	Adventure Christian Church 3321 Ruckreigel Pkwy - Louisville
Dec 9 ...	Watson Memorial Baptist Church 7217 Nachland - Louisville

Board & Committee Members



2011 Emmaus Board of Directors

Name	Position	Email	Term
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