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El Quijote

JULY 2009

There was a certain Professor of Religion named Dr. Christianson, a studious man who taught at a small college in the western United States. Dr. Christianson taught the required survey course in Christianity at this particular institution. Every student was required to take this course their freshman year, regardless of his or her major.

Although Dr. Christianson tried hard to communicate the essence of the gospel in his class, he found that most of his students looked upon the course as nothing but required drudgery. Despite his best efforts, most students refused to take Christianity seriously.

This year, Dr. Christianson had a special student named Steve. Steve was only a freshman, but was studying with the intent of going onto seminary for the ministry. Steve was popular, he was well liked, and he was an imposing physical specimen. He was now the starting center on the school football team, and was the best student in the professor's class.

One day, Dr. Christianson asked Steve to stay after class so he could talk with him.

'How many push-ups can you do?'

Steve said, 'I do about 200 every night.'

'200? That's pretty good, Steve,' Dr.

Christianson said. 'Do you think you could do 300?'

Steve replied, 'I don't know.... I've never done 300 at a time'

'Do you think you could?' again asked Dr. Christianson.

'Well, I can try,' said Steve.

'Can you do 300 in sets of 10? I have a class project in mind and I need you to do about 300 push-ups in sets of ten for this to work. Can you do it? I need you to tell me you can do it,' said the professor. Steve said, 'Well... I think I can...yeah, I can do it.'

Dr. Christianson said, 'Good! I need you to do this on Friday. Let me explain what I have in mind.'

Friday came and Steve got to class early and sat in the front of the room. When class started, the professor pulled out a big box of donuts. No, these weren't the normal kinds of donuts, they were the extra fancy BIG kind, with cream centers and frosting swirls. Everyone was pretty excited it was Friday, the last class of the day, and they were going to get an early start on the weekend with a party in Dr. Christianson's class.

Dr. Christianson went to the first girl in the first row and asked, 'Cynthia, do you want to have one of these donuts?'

Cynthia said, 'Yes.'

Dr. Christianson then turned to Steve and asked, 'Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Cynthia can have a donut?'

'Sure!' Steve jumped down from his desk

to do a quick ten. Then Steve again sat in his desk. Dr. Christianson put a donut on Cynthia's desk.

Dr. Christianson then went to Joe, the next person, and asked, 'Joe, do you want a donut?'

Joe said, 'Yes.' Dr. Christianson asked, 'Steve would you do ten push-ups so Joe can have a donut?'

Steve did ten push-ups, Joe got a donut. And so it went, down the first aisle, Steve did ten push-ups for every person before they got their donut.

Walking down the second aisle, Dr. Christianson came to Scott. Scott was on the basketball team, and in as good condition as Steve. He was very popular and never lacking for female companionship.

When the professor asked, 'Scott do you want a donut?'

Scott's reply was, 'Well, can I do my own push-ups?'

Dr. Christianson said, 'No, Steve has to do them.'

Then Scott said, 'Well, I don't want one then.'

Dr. Christianson shrugged and then turned to Steve and asked, 'Steve, would you do ten push-ups so Scott can have a donut he doesn't want?'

With perfect obedience Steve started to



*For God so loved
the world that
he gave his one
and only Son, that
whoever believes
in him shall not
perish but have
eternal life.*

John 3:16

do ten push-ups.

Scott said, 'HEY! I said I didn't want one!'

Dr. Christianson said, 'Look! This is my classroom, my class, my desks, and these are my donuts. Just leave it on the desk if you don't want it.' And he put a donut on Scott's desk.

Now by this time, Steve had begun to slow down a little. He just stayed on the floor between sets because it took too much effort to be getting up and down. You could start to see a little perspiration coming out around his brow.

Dr. Christianson started down the third row. Now the students were beginning to get a little angry. Dr. Christianson asked Jenny, 'Jenny, do you want a donut?'

Sternly, Jenny said, 'No.'

Then Dr. Christianson asked Steve, 'Steve, would you do ten more push-ups so Jenny can have a donut that she doesn't want?'

Steve did ten....Jenny got a donut.

By now, a growing sense of uneasiness filled the room. The students were beginning to say, 'No!' and there were all these uneaten donuts on the desks.

Steve also had to really put forth a lot of extra effort to get these push-ups done for each donut. There began to be a small pool of sweat on the floor beneath his face, his arms and brow were beginning to get red because of the physical effort involved.

Dr. Christianson asked Robert, who was the most vocal unbeliever in the class, to watch Steve do each push up to make sure he did the full ten push-ups in a set because he couldn't bear to watch all of Steve's work for all of those uneaten donuts. He sent Robert over to where Steve was so Robert could count the set and watch Steve closely.

Dr. Christianson started down the fourth row. During his class, however, some students from other classes had wandered in and sat down on the steps along the radiators that ran down the sides of the room. When the professor realized this, he did a quick count and saw that now there were 34 students in the room. He started to worry if Steve would be able to make it.

Dr. Christianson went on to the next person and the next and the next. Near the end of that row, Steve was really having a rough time.

He was taking a lot more time to complete each set.

Steve asked Dr. Christianson, 'Do I have to make my nose touch on each one?'

Dr. Christianson thought for a moment, 'Well, they're your push-ups. You are in charge now.. You can do them any way that you want.' And Dr. Christianson went on..

A few moments later, Jason, a recent transfer student, came to the room and was about to come in when all the students yelled in one voice, 'NO! Don't come in! Stay out!'

Jason didn't know what was going on. Steve picked up his head and said, 'No, let him come.'

Professor Christianson said, 'You realize that if Jason comes in you will have to do ten push-ups for him?'

Steve said, 'Yes, let him come in. Give him a donut.'

Dr. Christianson said, 'Okay, Steve, I'll let you get Jason's out of the way right now. Jason, do you want a donut?'

Jason, new to the room, hardly knew what was going on. 'Yes,' he said, 'give me a donut.'

'Steve, will you do ten push-ups so that Jason can have a donut?'

Steve did ten push-ups very slowly and with great effort. Jason, bewildered, was handed a donut and sat down.

Dr. Christianson finished the fourth row, and then started on those visitors seated by the heaters. Steve's arms were now shaking with each push-up in a struggle to lift himself against the force of gravity. By this time sweat was profusely dropping off of his face, there was no sound except his heavy breathing; there was not a dry eye in the room.

The very last two students in the room were two young women, both cheerleaders, and very popular. Dr. Christianson went to Linda, the second to last, and asked, 'Linda, do you want a doughnut?'

Linda said, very sadly, 'No, thank you..'

Professor Christianson quietly asked, 'Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Linda can have a donut she doesn't want?'

Grunting from the effort, Steve did ten very slow push-ups for Linda.

Then Dr. Christianson turned to the last girl,

Susan. 'Susan, do you want a donut?'

Susan, with tears flowing down her face, began to cry. 'Dr. Christianson, why can't I help him?'

Dr. Christianson, with tears of his own, said, 'No, Steve has to do it alone; I have given him this task and he is in charge of seeing that everyone has an opportunity for a donut whether they want it or not. When I decided to have a party this last day of class, I looked at my grade book. Steve here is the only student with a perfect grade. Everyone else has failed a test, skipped class, or offered me inferior work.. Steve told me that in football practice, when a player messes up he must do push-ups. I told Steve that none of you could come to my party unless he paid the price by doing your push-ups. He and I made a deal for your sakes.'

'Steve, would you do ten push-ups so Susan can have a donut?'

As Steve very slowly finished his last push-up, with the understanding that he had accomplished all that was required of him, having done 350 push-ups, his arms buckled beneath him and he fell to the floor.

Dr. Christianson turned to the room and said, 'And so it was, that our Savior, Jesus Christ, on the cross, plead to the Father, 'Into thy hands I commend my spirit.' With the understanding that He had done everything that was required of Him, He yielded up His life. And like some of those in this room, many of us leave the gift on the desk, uneaten.'

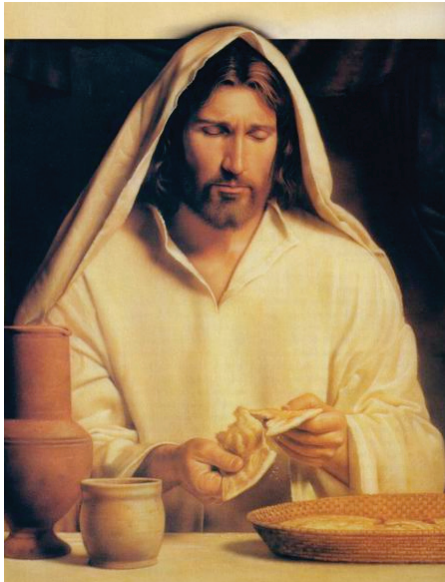
Two students helped Steve up off the floor and to a seat, physically exhausted, but wearing a thin smile.

'Well done, good and faithful servant,' said the professor, adding, 'Not all sermons are preached in words.'

Turning to his class, the professor said, 'My wish is that you might understand and fully comprehend all the riches of grace and mercy that have been given to you through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He spared not only His Begotten Son, but gave Him up for us all, for the whole Church, now and forever. Whether or not we choose to accept His gift to us, the price has been paid.'

'Wouldn't you be foolish and ungrateful to leave it lying on the desk?'

Men's Walk #44 July 16th - 19th, 2009



*Teach me your way,
O LORD, and I will walk in your
truth; give me an undivided
heart, that I may fear your
name.*

*I will praise you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart; I will glorify
your name forever.*

- Psalm 86:11-12

Prayer



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For a complete Pilgrim List please click here

Rick Baker	Lima
Scott Burden.....	Lima
Doug Burtchin	Lima
Charles Cheuvront.....	Lima
Doug Foster.....	Piqua
Nathan Frost.....	Lima
Kevin Householder.....	Bellefontaine
Randy Householder.....	Columbus
Brandt Mann.....	JacksonCenter
Steve Moser	Elida
Jeff Murphy.....	Piqua
Terrance Ramsey	Lima
Shawn Rumer	Harrod
Andy Skidmore.....	Troy
Ron Smith	Lima
Sonny Sundaresan.....	Sidney
Robert Stolzenburg	Elida
Darrell Vincent	Beavercreek
Zeke Zerkel.	Celina

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Curt Hostetler Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM

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Keith Smallenbarger Priority - Fri. 9:15AM

Dave Bemus..... Life in Piety - Fri. 6:30PM

Deron King Priesthood of All Believers - Fri. 1:45PM

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Jerry Noble

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Phil Burley

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Mark Kaufman, Kent VanFossen, Bryon Rowan, Dan Kirby, David James

Table Leaders

Nate Stephenson.. Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25AM

Ted Goodwin..... Grow through Study - Sat. 8:45AM

Glenn Gault Christian Action - Sat. 3:00PM

John Schultz..... Discipleship - Sat. 7:00PM

Kevin Queen Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30AM

Tim Martin..... Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM

Assistant Table Leaders

John Cooper, Tex Purtee, Harold Wolfe, Kevin Wilcox, Tony James, Dan Gutman

Spiritual Director

Alice Wolfe Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Wayne Fowler Prevent Grace - Fri. 11:15

David Richey..... Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm

Rich Rakay..... Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm

Tim Reeves Sanctifying Grace - Sun. 9:35am

Women's Walk #48 June 11th - 14th, 2009



Please pray for these pilgrims as they enter their "Fourth Days"

- Kathleen Bodiker.....Celina
- Patty CiscoNew Bremen
- Yvette Cruz..... Dayton
- Pam Engle Sidney
- Debbie Foster Piqua
- Mitzi Gaylor..... Sidney
- Barbara Geiger..... Cridersville
- Heather Glass.....Jackson Center
- Sherry Hefner West Mansfield
- Keri Householder Bellefontiane
- Jan HowardLima
- Andrea LambertJackson Center
- Christina Mann.....Jackson Center
- Anna MaxsonWashington C. H.
- Susan Middleton Sidney
- Marsha Murphy Piqua
- Teresa Phillips..... Troy
- Anita Salyer Bellefontaine
- Cindy Shepherd Troy
- Kelli SkidmoreAnna
- Kay Sloan..... Sidney
- Brandi Smith Troy
- Tonja Sturgill Sidney
- Lisa ViersHuber Heights
- Deb Wyandt..... West Liberty



We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For the things that are seen are temporary and the things that are unseen are eternal.

2Corinthians 4:18

Reflections from the Lay Director

It all started with a phone call, a prayer, and a verse. 2 Corinthians 4:18; *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* It is hard to put into words all that God revealed, graced us with, and accomplished on women's walk #48. I cannot thank Him enough for the privilege of being part of this weekend and experiencing His mighty works from the position of being lay director. The team quickly formed bonds and sacrificed in order to place Christ and the pilgrims first and foremost. The pilgrims came so eagerly and willing to experience God in new and intimate ways. We were all hungry for Him and we were fed! For the first time I can remember the pilgrims never asked, what time it was or were concerned about what was going on "outside". The rewards of this surrender were overwhelming. The Holy Spirit was present and strong through-out the entire weekend. Women were healed on spiritual, emotional, and even physical levels. We were witness to what can happen when faith is placed before what we see and what we know and place our trust in what we cannot see and we do not yet understand, but believe. We thank the community for all they gave and sacrificed on our behalf. It is the love, prayers, willingness, and sacrifice of so many that makes moments such as these possible. And these moments will last beyond a lifetime and benefit many more than just those who were present, because you simply cannot experience LOVE this strong and not expect it overflow to others!

- Tracey Hostetler

THE GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITIES INFO

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Communities Gatherings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm for worship with fellowship afterwards. We meet at the First United Methodist Church located at 230 E. Poplar St., Sidney Ohio. Please come at celebrate Christ's love with us.

- Special Services on weekend's of a Walk to Emmaus at 8:30pm Saturday night. Same location. Special Services on weekend's of a Walk to Emmaus at 4:30pm Sunday afternoon. Please come after 4:00pm same location and meet in the old Fellow Ship Hall.
- Board Meeting's meet at First United Methodist Sidney in the Chapel at 6:45 PM on the forth Thursday of each month.

Prayer



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Serve...



Logistics

Is your share group willing to help be the Body of Christ in action with the set up and tear down for the Emmaus weekends? If you feel led to help in this way please e-mail David Heintz @ dh12690@embarqmail.com

Kitchen

For the Sidney Emmaus kitchen serving / server schedule, click [here](#).

- To sign up to help at the Woman's Walk, please contact Rita Metz at lmetz1@earthlink.net
- To sign up for the Men's walk, please contact Teresa Reed at lreed@woh.rr.com



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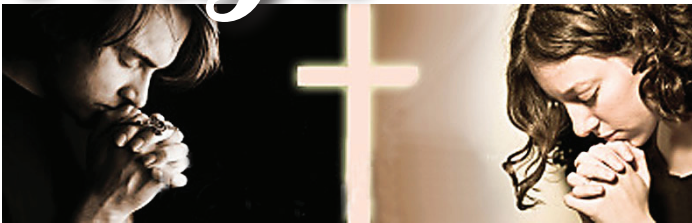
Share Groups

How is it with your soul?

Do you need a little encouragement, do you have questions about a Bible teaching, or do you just need to get together with someone and talk? There's no place like a Share Group! Joining together and learning is the way Jesus taught us to learn our faith. In community, there is natural teaching and accountability.

This keeps us strong in our convictions and habits. Jesus sent his disciples out in groups so they could build each other up for the task ahead. And we cannot learn spiritual qualities such as forgiveness, grace, love, justice, and humility by ourselves, but only by practicing our faith with others. May God bless you all. If you need to find a Share Group, please let me know. I'd love to find a place where you can talk with Jesus. Call **Diann Gault**, Women's Good Shepard at 937-465-0452 or email - cggault@embarqmail.com, or Men's Good Shepard, **Ryan Ware** at 937-538-8230 or e-mail - rware@wapkoneta.net

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Just for Fun...

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?'

The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

Favorite Hymns of Different Professions

The Dentist's Hymn ... Crown Him With Many Crowns

The Weatherman's Hymn ... There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing

The Contractor's Hymn ... The Church's One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn ... Holy, Holy, Holy

The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is A Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn ... Standing On The Promises

The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See

The IRS Agent's Hymn ... I Surrender All

The Gossip's Hymn ... Pass It On

The Electrician's Hymn ... Send The Light

The Shopper's Hymn ... In The Sweet By and By

The Realtor's Hymn ... I've Got A Mansion Just Over The Hilltop

The Pilot's Hymn ... I'll Fly Away

The Paramedic's Hymn ... Revive Us Again

The Judge's Hymn ... Almost Persuaded

The Psychiatrist's Hymn ... Just A Little Talk With Jesus

The Architect's Hymn ... How Firm A Foundation

The Credit Card Telemarketer's Hymn ... A Charge To Keep I Have

The Zoo Keeper's Hymn ... All Creatures Of Our God And King

The Postal Worker's Hymn ... So Send I You

The Waiter's Hymn ... Fill My Cup, Lord

The Gardener's Hymn ... Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

The Lifeguard's Hymn ... Rescue The Perishing

The Criminal's Hymn ... Search Me, O God

The Baker's Hymn ... When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

The Shoe Repairer's Hymn ... It Is Well With My Soul

The Travel Agent's Hymn ... Anywhere With Jesus

The Geologist's Hymn ... Rock Of Ages

The Hematologist's Hymn ... Are You Washed In The Blood?

The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn ... Blest Be The Tie

The Umpire's Hymn ... I Need No Other Argument

The Librarian's Hymn ... Whispering Hope

Announcements

Picnic

**Tuesday
August 11
6:00 p.m.**

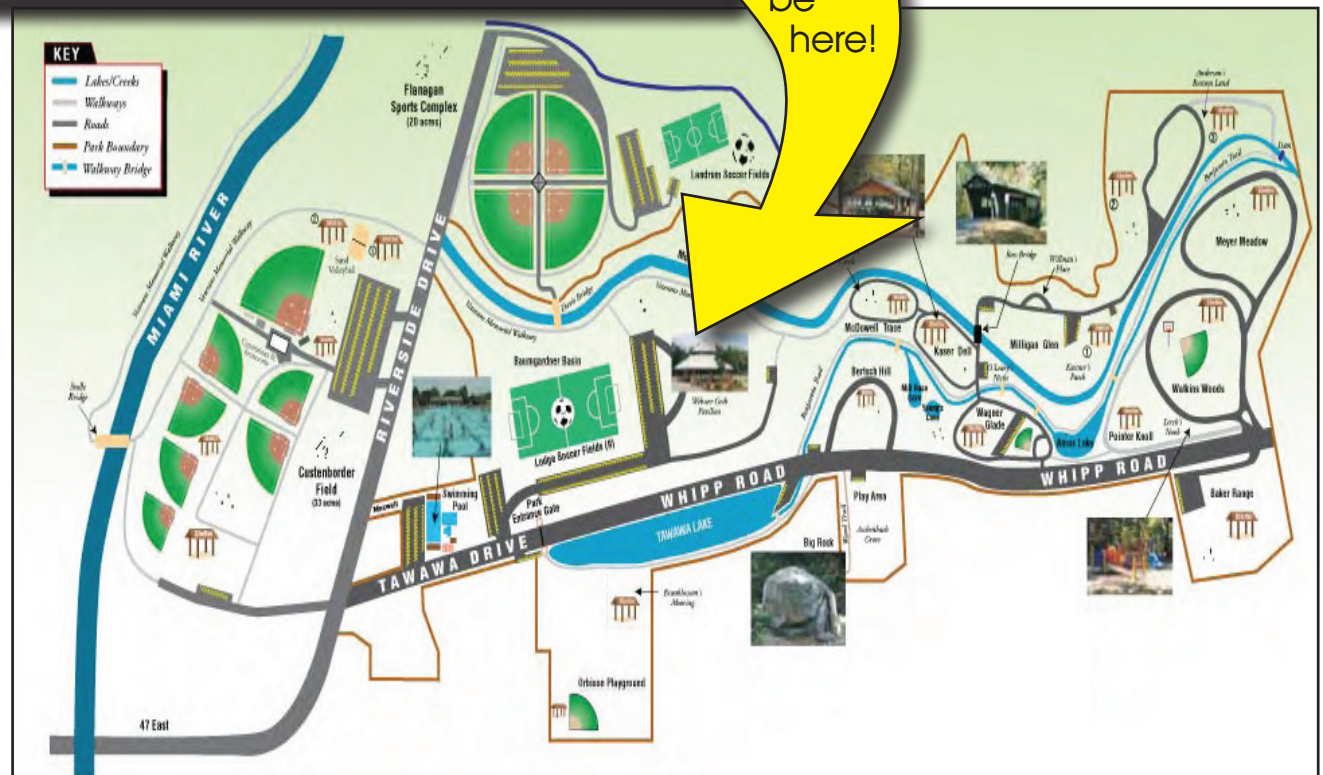
**Tawawa Park
Geib Pavilion
Sidney, OH**

**Please bring....
Covered Dish
Lawn Chair**

**Meat, Drinks,
Condiments, and
Dinnerware will be
provided**



We will
be
here!



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THANKS!! Teresa Wenrick