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S I D N E Y E M M A U S

# El Qwini

MARCH 2010

## 'Excuse me, Are you Jesus?'

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner.

In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table, which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal

where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears.. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to

him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered.

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would.

Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day. You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

# Men's Walk #46 *March 18th - 21st, 2010*



*For I can do everything  
with the help of Christ  
who gives me the  
strength I need...*

**Philippians 4:13**

## Prayer



To sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil contact Ray and Jodi Prater at 937-492-9105.

### PILGRIMS

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Zac Barhorst.....     | Botkins      |
| Dan Boling.....       | West Liberty |
| Wayne Bradley.....    | Lima         |
| Jim Brown.....        | Wapakoneta   |
| David Chivington..... | Sidney       |
| Jim Coons.....        | New Bremen   |
| Richard Cost.....     | Sidney       |
| Sean Darlington.....  | Columbus     |
| Chris Goodwin.....    | Lima         |
| Erik Kuras.....       | Sidney       |
| Jermy Marshall.....   | Lima         |
| Jerry Meyers.....     | Wapakoneta   |
| Mark Miles.....       | Lima         |
| Scott Morgort.....    | Lima         |
| Dan Overman.....      | Ft. Recovery |
| Alex Rompilla.....    | St. Marys    |
| Corey Shreves.....    | Sidney       |
| Derek Skinner.....    | St. John's   |
| Tom Thwaites.....     | Osgood       |
| Wade Zunk.....        | Celina       |

### TEAM ROSTER

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|---|
| <b>Lay Director</b>   |
| Steve Elsass ..... Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM                 |
| <b>Lay Director in Training</b>                             |
| Doug Ware   |
| <b>Board Representative</b>                                 |
| Terry Sharp   |
| <b>Assistant Lay Directors</b>                              |
| Ken Sims ..... Priority - Fri. 9:15AM                       |
| Larry Grieship..... Grow Through Study - Sat. 8:45am        |
| Andy Grillot ..... Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am         |
| <b>Music Director</b>                                       |
| Bill Rickey   |
| <b>Assistant Music Director</b>                             |
| Jason Wright  |
| <b>Logistics</b>  |
| Dustin Detrick, Greg Bensman, Jim Billing                   |
| Chip Kuhn, Vic Elliott                                      |
| <b>Table Leaders</b>  |
| Jim Liggett ..... Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm |
| Mike Toal..... Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm                   |
| Chris McVety..... Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm             |
| Scott Swartz..... Discipleship - Sat. 7:00PM                |
| Ken Ihle..... Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30am                 |
| Harry Congdon..... Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM                 |
| <b>Assistant Table Leaders</b>                              |
| Russ Thomas, Craig Hughes, Brian Bowels                     |
| Mark Shipman, Steve Winans, John Janssen                    |
| <b>Spiritual Director</b>                                   |
| Bill Halter ..... Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am             |
| <b>Assistant Spiritual Director</b>                         |
| David Richey  |

# Willing servant

Now that you have completed an Emmaus Walk and understand how much work goes into a weekend...you know that this doesn't occur without help from many willing servants. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help, please complete the form and mail it to the Leadership Chairman. Do not take this commitment lightly, please pray about the way God is leading you to serve.

**Mail completed form to:**

Leadership Chairman  
The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community  
First United Methodist Church  
230 E. Poplar Street  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

# 4th Day Talks

How are your fourth days going? We would love to hear how your faith journey has been going since your Emmaus Walk.

A fourth day talk is a source of inspiration to those present at the gatherings. What you share may be just what another needs to hear on their faith journey.

If you would like to give a fourth day talk, please contact Mike and Diane Snider at 492-6343 or email: msnider1@woh.rr.com

## GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK WILLING SERVANT VOLUNTEER SHEET

The service that you perform is not only supplying the need for God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them. *2 Corinthians 9: 12-13*

We ask you to *pray* about your commitment and to serve in any way that you can. Remember that it should be done in God's timing not ours. Christ is counting on YOU!

I would like to assist at Emmaus functions in the future. I can serve the community in the following ways

- AGAPE I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Help in Agape room (set-up/sorting)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish table snacks  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Take part in the 72-hour Prayer Vigil
- SOCIAL I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Help with set-up and clean-up after Gatherings.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Help with set-up and clean-up Thursday meal of a Walk.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on the Social Committee.
- CHILD CARE \_\_\_\_\_ Serve in the Nursery
- WORSHIP I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Provide Communion elements for Gatherings  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Provide *Special Music* at Gatherings.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Play Guitar / Piano (other \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Give a Fourth Day talk at Gatherings
- KITCHEN I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as part of the Kitchen Staff.
- LOGISTICS I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Wednesday night set-up for Walks  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Sunday morning reset for Church  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Sunday Closing set-up  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Sunday evening tear-down
- TEAM I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Someday serve on a live-in team.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Like to be a music director on a Walk
- CLERGY I Can: \_\_\_\_\_ Serve on a live-in team  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Like to give a clergy talk on a Walk.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY & STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WALK YOU ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE (CITY/DISTRICT): \_\_\_\_\_ APPROXIMATE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 USEFUL TALENTS/INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

**Please help us update your records:** If you have served on a team at anytime we would like to update our records as we are using a new computer program to compile all team service. *We will be depending on these records when considering team recommendations:*

| Community | Walk# | Team Role | Talk  |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
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**God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his special treasure.**

*Deuteronomy 7:6*

## Prayer



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

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Amber Abbott.....        | Zanesfield    |
| Paula Ballweg.....       | St. Marys     |
| Heather Barhorst .....   | Botkins       |
| Krista Conover .....     | St. Marys     |
| Marsha Cost .....        | Sidney        |
| Kendra Delong.....       | Wapakoneta    |
| Heather Fiessinger ..... | Sidney        |
| Ellie Flory .....        | Troy          |
| Donna Francis .....      | Bellefontaine |
| Cindy Frantz.....        | Sidney        |
| Jill Givens .....        | Sidney        |
| Jeannine Goodwin.....    | St. Marys     |
| Debra Hagan .....        | Sidney        |
| Brittany Hiler .....     | Dayton        |
| Ashley Holthaus.....     | Anna          |
| Linda Huber .....        | St. Marys     |
| Diana Huffman .....      | Sidney        |
| Kathy Huffman.....       | Sidney        |
| Estella Kessler.....     | Troy          |
| Kimberly Marks .....     | Troy          |
| Amber Marshall.....      | Lima          |
| Vickie Marshall .....    | Troy          |
| Brenda Miller .....      | Covington     |
| Deb Miu.....             | Sidney        |
| Jenn Perkins.....        | Bellefontaine |
| Colleen Pulfer .....     | Degraff       |
| April Rhoden.....        | Hilliard      |
| Darla Roberts.....       | Bluffton      |
| Erica Roberts.....       | Spencerville  |
| Stacy Robinson.....      | Troy          |
| Mendy Schroerlucke ..... | Sidney        |
| Lacie Staup .....        | St. Marys     |
| Brittney West.....       | Dublin        |
| Deanna West .....        | Fredericktown |
| Michelle Williams .....  | Ottawa        |
| Gloria Wright.....       | Lima          |

## Reflections from the Lay Director

There are not enough words to express the amazement I have felt and seen throughout the weekend let alone the weeks prior to the actual weekend of the walk. As I try to capture into words how amazing and magnificent our God is the only thing I could come up with was INDESCRIBABLE! There were hearts changed, minds opened, and lives forever changed in just 72 hours. Our God is so big and His plans are always larger than we could ever imagine. I am humble to know that I got to witness the mighty acts of God first hand throughout the whole process it takes to develop a team, to forming the agendas, to placing the people at the right tables. I am sure many Lay Directors before me have had these same emotions and insights, but it is still an individual experience. God showed me how much He loved me and how much He wanted the women coming to feel His amazing love too. The verse I felt God called me to use is from Deuteronomy 7:6 "God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His special treasure". What a wonderful affirmation to know that God chose each and every one of us to be at this place at this precise time in our life to be together on this journey to experience His amazing love. I will forever cherish the memories of being the vessel for God to use in such a beautiful way and I pray that all those from WW#50 will always remember their special encounter with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Love and Blessings to All,  
Tammy Bemus  
Lay Director #50  
February 25-28 2010

# Sponsoring a pilgrim



## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

**1 PRAY** – As you prepare to sponsor an Emmaus pilgrim, pray that God has led you to someone who is ready and able to fulfill the purpose of Emmaus and who will have the ability of leaving the weekend “inspired, challenged and equipped for Christian action in their home, church, workplace and community.” Remember that our community strength depends on strong leaders who can strengthen their local church and be a force for its renewal.

Prayer is the foundation of the Emmaus movement and enables it to continue. Offer prayers that will help you identify those who are ready to continue a life-long journey of faith.

**2 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT** – As often as you may have casually talked to a potential pilgrim, set aside some time to be intentional about answering his/her questions and to make certain they understand what they are committing to.

**3 EXTEND THE INVITATION** – Make it “official” so that they know you are serious and intentional about the walk. Encourage them to pray also.

**4 SEEK A COMMITMENT** – Seek a real commitment without being pushy. Once they have given a definite commitment, help them with the paperwork and other preliminaries

**5 PREPARE AGAPE AND ENLIST PASTORAL SUPPORT** – Now begins some of your most important work. Pray. Stay in touch and collect information for agape letters from family and friends. Talk to the pastor involved and let them know what is happening and ask for their prayer and support as well.

**6 SUPPORT THE WALK** – Make certain the pilgrim’s family has their needs taken care of during the weekend. Do they need babysitting, food, rides, etc.? Attend the send-off, sponsor’s hour, Candlelight and closing. Pray.

**7 SUPPORT THE PILGRIM ON THEIR FOURTH DAYS** – Begin “debriefing” on the way home; if possible, take them to dinner first. Schedule another intentional talk time to discuss the weekend.

**8 HELP THE PILGRIM RE-ENTER THEIR CHURCH** – Make sure they understand that Emmaus is not their new church! Perhaps even talk to them and their pastor together to share more about the weekend.

**9 HELP THE PILGRIM SERVE EMMAUS** – Make sure they know what opportunities for service are available and help them contact the appropriate people so that they can cook, help with the prayer vigil, etc. Give them ideas for table and bed agape.

**10 HELP THE PILGRIM SPONSOR OTHERS** – This brings your sponsorship full circle. Help them through the sponsorship procedure in any way you can.

# Sponsoring a pilgrim CONTINUED



## BEFORE THE WALK

- 1 Prayerfully consider your responsibilities to the pilgrim.
- 2 Be available to help meet the needs of the pilgrim and family during the walk.
- 3 Properly prepare the pilgrim for the weekend.
- 4 Find friends and family to write agape letters.
- 5 Sign up for the prayer vigil;
- 6 Make certain your pilgrim knows when you are picking them up.

## DURING THE WALK

- 1 Bring your pilgrim to the walk at Sidney First United Methodist Church at 230 East Poplar St. in Sidney on Thursday night. Arrive between 6:00 and 6:45 PM at the back parking lot entrance.
- 2 Bring in all luggage and other needed items. There will be persons there to assist you. There will be a light supper meal served which serves as a "send-off." Please bring a covered dish to share at this meal.
- 3 At check-in, check for any balance due on the fees. Make sure that those in charge have emergency contact information for family.
- 4 If possible, provide snacks and other foods for use during the weekend.
- 5 The send-off meal will be at 7:00 PM. Please remember to take your covered dishes out of the eating area immediately following the meal as the room needs to be re-set for the pilgrims and waiting would disturb the beginnings of their evening. You will NOT be able to return to the fellowship hall for your food and dishes.
- 6 Immediately following the meal, there will be a "Sponsor's Hour" at 8:00 PM. This brief service is an opportunity for you to pray over the actual Emmaus cross which your pilgrim will receive on Sunday and to participate in Holy Communion on their behalf. IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN YOUR PLACE, ON BEHALF OF THE PILGRIM.
- 7 Attend the Candlelight Worship Service on Saturday evening at 8:30 PM in the sanctuary. If possible, please enter through the front doors of the church on Poplar St. Bring any late agape letters and place them in the baskets at the Poplar St. entrances.
- 8 Attend the Closing service on Sunday at 4:30 PM. DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4:00 PM. Gather in "The Tabernacle" directly underneath the sanctuary. Do NOT remove any luggage from there until ALL pilgrims have gone to the sanctuary, and then do so quietly and discreetly.
- 9 Arrange for the pilgrim's transportation home on Sunday. They will be ready to leave the church approximately 7:00 PM. Again, if possible, a stop for a meal on the way home would be great!

## AFTER THE WALK

- 1 **BRING THEM TO THE GATHERING**  
As a sponsor you are responsible for arranging for the new member (your pilgrim) to the first Gathering after their walk (their Reunion Gathering) and so that they can be introduced to the rest of the community.
- 2 **HELP THEM FIND A SHARE GROUP !** If you need assistance, contact the Good Shepherd.
- 3 **HELP THEM WITH THEIR FIRST SPONSORSHIP** and guide them through the process of being a GOOD sponsor.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Don't forget to  
**pray**

# 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 Bryan Rowan @ [n9bcr@hotmail.com](mailto:n9bcr@hotmail.com) or call 937-596-0622

## 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.

## Kitchen

For the Sidney Emmaus kitchen serving / server schedule, click here.

To sign up to help please contact Rita Metz at [lrmetz1@centurylink.net](mailto:lrmetz1@centurylink.net)



## 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 Susie Ingraham, Women's Good Shepherd at 419-586-6179 or email - [jsee@bright.net](mailto:jsee@bright.net), or Men's Good Shepherd, Ryan Ware at 937-538-8230 or e-mail - [rware@wapkoneta.net](mailto:rware@wapkoneta.net)



# Little Humor...

MELANIE (age 5)

Asked her Granny how old she was.. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six.

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BRITTANY (age 4)

Had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?

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DJ (age 4)

Stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked: 'How much do I cost?

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TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mom knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?

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JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?

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The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget...

This particular Sunday sermon...'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust...' He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?

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## The Knots Prayer

Dear God:  
Please untie the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life.  
Remove the have nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,  
may nots,  
might nots that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,  
would nots and  
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,  
Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am not good enough.  
Amen

Author Known To God

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sidney Emmaus newsletter please e-mail me @ [twenrick@woh.rr.com](mailto:twenrick@woh.rr.com). There will be copies at the monthly gathering of the current issue and also we encourage you to view the newsletter online. Please help us spread the word about reading this online. THANKS!! Teresa Wenrick, Newsletter Director