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El Quijote

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Take my Son....

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art..

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly... He often talked about you, and your love for art.' The young man held out this package. 'I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.'

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.. 'Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.'

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. 'We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?'

There was silence...

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, 'We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.'

But the auctioneer persisted. 'Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?'

Another voice angrily. 'We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!'

But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?'

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give \$10 for the painting...' Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

'We have \$10, who will bid \$20?'
'Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters.'

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son, they wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel..
'Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!'

A man sitting on the second row shouted,
'Now let's get on with the collection!'

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.'

'What about the paintings?'

'I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will... I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.'

The man who took the son gets everything!'

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: 'The son, the son, who'll take the son?'

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE...THAT'S LOVE

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.

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Don't forget to
pray



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

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

PILGRIMS FROM WOMEN'S WALK #49

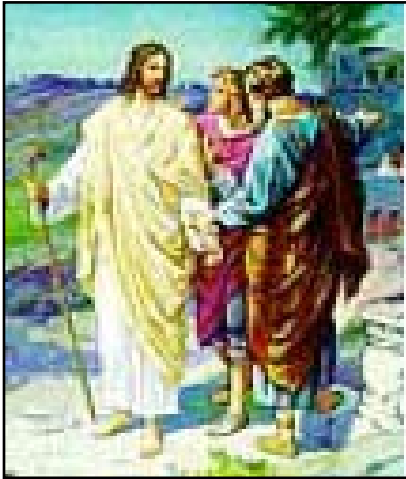
Suzanne Archer	Harrod
Esther Baldrige	Lima
Lisa Bodenmiller	Jackson Center
Julie Broadus	Sidney
April. Cranfill	Greenville
Liz Dock	Piqua
Ellen Duby	Lima
Nancy Flora	West Liberty
Kathy Gorby	St Marys
Laura Herron	Lima
Ellen Hite	Ft Loramie
Linda Hopkins	Jackson Center
Carol Kohler	Botkins
Pam Lauck	Lima
Candy Mitchell	Sidney
Mary Lynn Murphy	Piqua
Missy Offenbacher	Lima
Sandie Parker	Harrod
Missi Richardson	Sidney
Stacy Robinson	Troy
Carrie Rowan	Troy
Megan Rumbaugh	Lima
Alicia Sell	Greenville
Melissa Shroyer	Sidney
Sherrie Skidmore	Troy
Jessica Skinner	St Johns
Tammy Smith	Elida
Kristen Spees	Spencerville
Nancy Stephens	Piqua
Rita Thelen	Lima
Tracy Titus	Quincy
Pam Wagner	Sidney
Jolene Wertz	Wapakoneta
Kathy Wilcox	Cridersville
Marilyn Zerkel	Celina

Reflections from the Lay Director

Women's Walk #49....what a weekend! How can I put it into words? I'm sure every Lay Director has the same problem after experiencing God in such a way. Just when you think you have a grasp on possibly how big your God is, He shows you so much more! I'm so glad He cannot be fathomed! That's just it...there is always more to discover. This Emmaus walk was just another opportunity to discover more of our incredibly loving God! We prepared as a team and did what we could, but yet nothing can prepare us for the experiences that God brings to us in those three days except yielding oneself fully to the Spirit within. It was truly a lesson in humility for me...to watch the Holy Spirit work and weave Himself through the team and pilgrims throughout the conference room. What an amazing God we serve!! Just when we thought we were battling sickness, he healed! Just when we thought we were battling spiritual battles and emotions, he won! It is not about us! One pilgrim was moved from darkness to light as she gave her life to Jesus Saturday night! Hallelujah! We danced in celebration of freedom more than once to the song "Power in the Blood"! Our theme for the weekend came from Psalm 139: 13-14 "For you created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, Your works are wonderful, I know that full well." I believe and trust that each pilgrim left the weekend with a deeper understanding of God's intimate love for them. God orchestrated each detail of the weekend to compliment that message.... May we each know His deep love for us all, His children.

You are Loved!
Susan Kramer

Men's Walk #45 November 12th - 15th, 2009



*"Be still, and know that
I am God! I am exalted
among the nations,
I am exalted in the
earth." - Psalm 46:10*

Prayer



To sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, click [here](#), or contact Ray and Jodi Prater at 937-492-9105.

PILGRIMS

Craig Bollinger	Lima
Dan Camper	Lima
Mike Corona.....	Lima
Allen Dock.....	Piqua
Ralph Donohoe.....	St. Marys
Rick Hagan	Sidney
Seth Hanford	Springfield
Uriah Langston	Mount Vernon
Jeremy Marshall	Lima
Todd McQueen	WestLiberty
Jerry Meyers	Wapakoneta
Steve Offord	Trotwood
Jim Pass.....	Wapakoneta
J.D. Poling.....	Piqua
Steve Rabenstein.....	WestLiberty
JR Ramos.....	Lima
Ed Skidmore.....	Anna
Phil Smith	Troy
Ed Spangler	Sidney
Coit Templeton	Thomasville, NC
John Waiter	Sidney

TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director
Dave Heintz Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM
Lay Director in Training
Steve Elsass
Board Representative
Chuck Buck
Assistant Lay Directors
JR Hile Priority - Fri. 9:15AM
Jerry Haas..... Life in Piety - Fri. 6:30PM
Rick Poppe Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30am
Music Director
Dod Noffsinger
Assistant Music Director
Larry Hughes
Logistics
Dave Allspaw, Dave Milligan, John Oakley, Mark Stanley, Rex Steineker
Table Leaders
Matt Flora Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm
Fred Pulfer..... Grow Through Study - Sat. 8:45am
Scott Newcomer Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm
Jon Williams..... Discipleship - Sat. 7:00PM
Steve Beers..... Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am
Mark Smith..... Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM
Assistant Table Leaders
Jeff Allison, Paul Busick, Jeff DeMoss, Lanny Metz, Ed Plaughter, Jake Yinger
Spiritual Director
Wayne Folwer Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am
Assistant Spiritual Directors
Chris Heckaman Prevenient Grace - Fri. 11:20am
Bill Halter Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm
Rob Kilgore..... Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm
Jane Braxton..... Sanctifying Grace - Sunday 9:35am

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

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 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



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



Just for Fun...

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?' He answered, 'Call for backup.'

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem ... A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

Church Signs

1. The best vitamin for a Christian is B1
2. Try our Sundays, they are better than Baskin-Robbins
3. Come in and have your Faith lifted.
4. You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.
5. Can't sleep, try counting your blessings
6. Try Jesus, if you don't like Him, the devil will take you back.
7. Life is hard, afterlife is harder
8. Aspire to inspire before you retire
9. Where will you be sitting in eternity - smoking or non-smoking
10. Under same management for over 2,000 years.



If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sidney Emmaus newsletter please e-mail me @ 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