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Installing a new application - Love

Tech Support: Yes, how can I help you?

Customer: Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install Love.

Can you guide me through the process?

Tech Support: Yes. I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

Customer: Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready. What do I do first?

Tech Support: The first step is to open your Heart. Have you located your Heart?

Customer: Yes, but there are several other programs running now. Is it okay to install Love while they are Running?

Tech Support: What programs are running?

Customer: Let's see, I have Past Hurt, Low Self-Esteem, Grudge and Resentment running right now.

Tech Support: No problem, Love will gradually erase Past Hurt from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory but it will no longer Disrupt other programs. Love will eventually override Low Self-Esteem with a module of its own called High Self-Esteem. However, you have to completely turn off Grudge and Resentment. Those programs prevent

Love from being properly installed. Can you turn those off?

Customer: I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

Tech Support: With pleasure. Go to your start menu and invoke Forgiveness. Do this as many times as necessary until Grudge and Resentment have been completely erased.

Customer: Okay, done! Love has started installing itself. Is that normal?

Tech Support: Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other Hearts in order to get the upgrades.

Customer: Oops! I have an error message already. It says, "Error - Program not running on internal components." What should I do?

Tech Support: Don't worry. It means that the Love program is set up to run on Internal Hearts, but has not yet been run on your Heart. In non-technical terms, it simply means you have to Love yourself before you can Love others.

Customer: So, what should I do?

Tech Support: Pull down Self-Acceptance;

then click on the following files: Forgive-Self; Realize Your Worth; and Acknowledge your Limitations.

Customer: Okay, done.

Tech Support: Now, copy them to the "My Heart" directory. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching faulty programming. Also, you need to delete Verbose Self-Criticism from all directories and empty your Recycle Bin to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

Customer: Got it. Hey! My heart is filling up with new files. Smile is playing on my monitor and Peace and Contentment are copying themselves all over My Heart. Is this normal?

Tech Support: Sometimes. For others it takes awhile, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So Love is installed and running. One more thing before We hang up. Love is Freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will in turn share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.

Customer: Thank you, God.



But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."...

2 Corinthians 12:9

Prayer



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

PILGRIMS

Andy Algire	Bellefontaine, Ohio
Sam Boyer	Sidney, Ohio
Herb Chambers.....	Sidney, Ohio
Doyle Flory.....	Troy, Ohio
Gary Henschen	Sidney, Ohio
Keith Keller	Sidney, Ohio
Andrew Landrum	Sidney, Ohio
Robert Lichtley Jr.	Sidney, Ohio
Jim Myers.....	Celina, Ohio
Mike Powell.....	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Dave Preston	Sidney, Ohio
Dean Settlage.....	Wapakoneta, Ohio
Randy Skinner	Botkins, Ohio
Shawn Smith	Jackson Center, Oh
Ron Stewart	Slidell, La
Joe Welker.....	Botkins, Ohio
Jim Wilkerson.....	Lima, Ohio
George Wooten	Fairborn, Ohio
Bashir Yaqub.....	Piqua, Ohio

TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director	Mark Kaufman Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM
Lay Director in Training	Mike Snider
Board Representative	Larry Reed
Assistant Lay Directors	Larry Grieshop Priority - Fri. 9:15AM Kevin Queen Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm Jon Williams Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm
Music Director	Jon Furrow
Assistant Music Director	Dan Gutman
Logistics	Tom Jones, Mark Rudasill, Kent VanFossen Larry Hughes, Zeke Zerkel
Table Leaders	Harold Wolfe..... Grow Through Study - Sat 8:45am Ron Thompson Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm Ted Goodwin..... Discipleship - Sat. 7:00PM Mark Barhorst..... Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am Keith Langston Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30am Dave Heintz..... Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM
Assistant Table Leaders	Brandt Mann, Dan Wilteiss, Bryon Rowan Tom Frantz, Rick Hagan, Joe Hurlburt
Spiritual Director	David Chivington Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Tim Reeves Prevenient Grace - Fri. 11:20am Jane Madden Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm Carolyn Christman..... Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm Barbara Staley..... Sanctifying Grace - Sunday 9:35am



But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

John 4:14

Prayer



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS AS THEY ENTER THEIR 4TH DAYS

Ann Alexander	Sidney
Sandy Anderson.....	Botkins
Becky Bayliff.....	Sidney
Pam Bodenmiller	DeGraff
Jeanette Diehl	Sidney
Jenny Dohner	Troy
Joan Freidét.....	Sidney
Emma Hamilton	Wapakoneta
Shelly Helman.....	Sidney
Sharon Henschen.....	Sidney
Jean Herring.....	Buckland
Karin Holsapple.....	Anna
Julie Kraner.....	Celina
Carmen Martin.....	Sidney
Lindsay McMichael	Columbus Grove
Cindy Meyers	Wapakoneta
Angie Myers.....	Celina
Crystal Moots.....	Wapakoneta
Sheila Newcombe	Sidney
Cari Beth Noah.....	Maplewood
Sarah Shakhtur	Spencerville
Heather Stiver.....	Sidney
Chris Sutter	Ft. Recovery
Beth Thobe	New Bremen

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 us know. We'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

Share Group Opportunities

- **Decorating Tables** for candlelight dinner on Saturday night of the walks. Set-up and tear down. Contact Iva Lenhart at ivalen_1970@yahoo.com or 937-497-8852
- **Mealtime Agape.** Get your creative minds together and provide mealtime agape for walks. Contact Jody & Ray Prater at rej@bright.net or 937-492-9105
- **Mattress/Cot Project.** If your group is interested in contributing to help replace the existing cots/mattresses used during the weekends, contact Lisa Newcomber at nuke@nktelco.net or 419-753-2121

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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 or call 937-596-0622



Kitchen

To sign up to help please contact Rita Metz at lrmetz1@centurylink.net

A note from Rita...

Thank you to everyone who has worked in the kitchen and to all of those who have offered but not been able to work out a time that had openings. Without the entire community, the food and service from the kitchen would not deliver the nourishment for the body and "soul" that it does. Your smiling faces bring so much to the pilgrims and team as you service.

I could not do it without all of you and your continued support! I appreciate all you do to make it all come together! Please be sure to call or e-mail if you want to help on future Walks. My contact information is on the web site under kitchen information.

Kitchen Director, Rita Metz

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 Fellowship Hall.
- Board Meeting's meet at First United Methodist Sidney in the Chapel at 6:45 PM on the forth Thursday of each month.

Because...

Because you are in Christ

- You stand before God with your past forgiven and forgotten
- Your life is under His ownership and watch-care
- You have been brought into union and fellowship with God
- You have no cloud of condemnation hanging over your head
- You are no longer a slave to the sins that once had you bound
- You are covered by the love of God from every direction
- You are God's child and a part of God's family of believers.
- You have been set apart for God's special purpose
- You can see life with a heavenly point of view
- You are in God's strong hands
- You travel on paths of victory as you walk with your hand in His
- You have a new calling, a new purpose, and a new direction
- You overflow with spiritual blessings
- You live under and in the authority of Jesus
- You are showered with grace and kindness
- You are God's masterpiece in the making
- You have a relationship with Jesus that will never end
- You can go through this dat clothes with the righteousness of Christ

Life is good!

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

Because Christ is in you

- You receive the benefits of His presence
- Christ being in you, changes the inward condition of your heart
- Christ being in you brings heavenly realities into your earthly walk.
- Christ being in you floods your heart with God's love
- Christ being in you means that you can become what God wants you to be.
- Christ in you means that He has begun a good work in you, that He will sustain the work He has begun, and that He will complete the work He has begun.
- Christ in you means that His strength is your strength. His peace is your peace. His power is your power, and His victory is your victory.



The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." "I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret.

Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

Up-words from God

Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day.

"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalms 118:24

Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. *"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7

Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen.. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. *"He who guards his lips guards his soul."* Proverbs 13:3

Stand Up!!..... For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.. *"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..."* Galatians 6:9-10

Look Up!!... To the Lord. *"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."* Phillipians 4:13

Reach Up!!... For something higher. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, And He will direct your path."* Proverbs 3:5-6

Lift Up!!... Your Prayers. *"Do not worry about anything; Instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING."* Phillipians 4:6

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