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FOOTPRINTS...A New Version

Imagine you and the Lord Jesus are walking down the road together. For much of the way, the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently, rarely varying the pace.

But your footprints are a disorganized stream of zigzags, starts, stops, turnarounds, circles, departures, and returns.

For much of the way, it seems to go like this, but gradually your footprints come more in line with the Lord's, soon paralleling His consistently.

You and Jesus are walking as true friends!

This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens: Your footprints that once etched the sand next to Jesus' are now walking precisely in His steps.

Inside His larger footprints are your smaller ones, you and Jesus are becoming one.

This goes on for many miles, but gradually you notice another change. The footprints inside the large footprints seem to grow larger.

Eventually they disappear altogether. There is only one set of footprints. They have become one.

This goes on for a long time, but

suddenly the second set of footprints is back. This time it seems even worse! Zigzags all over the place. Stops. Starts. Gashes in the sand. A variable mess of prints.

You are amazed and shocked.

Your dream ends. Now you pray:

'Lord, I understand the first scene, with zigzags and fits. I was a new Christian; I was just learning. But You walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with You.'

'That is correct.'

'And when the smaller footprints were inside of Yours, I was actually learning to walk in Your steps, following You very closely.'

'Very good.... You have understood everything so far.'

When the smaller footprints grew and filled in Yours, I suppose that I was becoming like You in every way.'

'Precisely.'

'So, Lord, was there a regression or something? The footprints separated, and this time it was worse than at first.'

There is a pause as the Lord answers, with a smile in His voice.

'You didn't know? It was then that we danced!'



To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4.

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

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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

Prayer



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

PILGRIMS

For a complete Pilgrim List please click here

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 Hife	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
Mary Scott	"Spring Hill, FL"
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

TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director
Susan Kramer Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM

Lay Director in Training
Tammy Bemus

Board Representative
Iva Lenhart

Assistant Lay Directors
Nancy Brown Priority - Fri. 9:15AM
Jody Prater Discipleship - Sat. 7:00pm
Lisa Heckaman Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30am

Music Director
Cindy Stienecker

Assistant Music Director
Tami Ganley

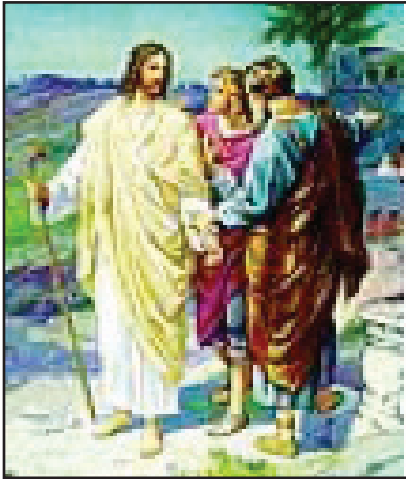
Logistics
Candy Sharp, Jean Michael, Carol Foster,
Pat Holt, Brenda Williams

Table Leaders
Megan Kearns... Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm
Ellen Grieshop Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm
Cheryl Pulfer Grow Through Study - Sat. 8:45am
Abby Wagner Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm
Mary Smith Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am
Teresa Reed Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00pm
Beth Abbott

Assistant Table Leaders
Chris Miller, Deanna Stienecker, Melissa Brown
Cindy Brandewie Elaine Mitchell, Sue Reeves,
Mary Stahlman

Spiritual Directors
Barbara Staley Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am
Chris Heckaman

Assistant Spiritual Directors
Chris Heckaman Preventive Grace - Fri. 11:20am
Wayne Fowler Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm
Jane Madden Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm
Eileen Hix Sanctifying Grace - Sun. 9:35am



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

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Larry Hughes

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Mark Stanley & Rex Steineker

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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

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Mark Smith..... Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM

Assistant Table Leaders

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Lanny Metz, Ed Plaughter and Jake Yinger

Spiritual Director

Wayne Folwer Means of Grace - Sat.10:45am

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Bill Halter Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm

Rob Kilgore..... Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm

Reflections from the Lay Director's Husband - Mens Walk #44

In the last newsletter, Tracey submitted an article entitled "Reflections from the Lay Director". Although you may be thinking that the title of this article, "Reflections from the Lay Director's Husband", was intended to be tongue in cheek humor, it is more truth than humor. I know for certain that God ordained that Tracey be LD before me. As she will tell you, she is usually the one that tends to stress about these things and I just tend to take everything in stride. While Tracey did have some stressful times leading up to WW48, for the most part she was filled with peace, and calm. I on the other hand, was allowing all the little details to get the better of me. Tracey told me after the weekend that it was difficult to watch me struggle like she had never seen me struggle before. Had I been LD before her, I would have been insufferable!!

But as I reflect on the entire process, it was just another piece of the puzzle that God was putting together. He was allowing me to experience stress and frustration so that I would FINALLY totally surrender to Him, that I would FINALLY stop trying to steer the raft through the white water! Anyone who has been white water rafting will tell you that if you work as a team, you can steer the raft to set it up for a "good line" through the rapids. But once you enter the rapids, you cannot steer, all you can do is hang on! God was setting me up to simply hold on, and enjoy the rapids! And for you rafters...it was a class 5!!

God gave me many special gifts through serving as Lay Director. He gave me an AMAZING team of men (and one VERY special sister!). God called very diverse people, with different talents and personalities. They allowed God to take their "uniqueness" and graft it into the rest of the team to form one body. 19 men came to the weekend and experienced the love of Christ, through the body of Christ in a way they never had before. The love of Christ moved 2 men to make a decision to allow Jesus to be their Lord! God also gave me a wonderful "outside" team, the Sidney Emmaus community. I want to personally thank everyone for their sacrifices and gifts of agape love. It is through these acts of sacrifice and agape, that the men of MW44 were moved to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ!!

God also gave me a very special gift by allowing me to witness Him putting all the pieces of the walk together. A puzzle isn't really the best analogy for this; it was more like watching a master create a painting. I watched, as the Master painter placed brush stroke after brush stroke on the canvas. At first just wondering what it was going to be, then it began to come into focus. The painting is...incredible! Again I thank everyone that was involved; every prayer was a brush stroke, every gift of agape another brush stroke, every smile, every talk, every song, every letter, every meal, every act of service, every act of love, was another brush stroke! The painting could not be completed without EVERY brush stroke. Thanks to EVERYONE for being a brush stroke!!!

DeColores, Curt Hostetler

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



FIVE FINGER PRAYER



1. **Your thumb** is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.'
2. The **next finger** is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The **next finger** is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The **fourth finger** is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our **little finger** - the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

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Upcoming
Gatherings
November 10th
December 8th
January 12th



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