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July 2008

WAYS TO SERVE

Opportunities to serve not only happen on the Emmaus weekends, but also before and after the Walk.

Wednesday before the walk setup starts at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday teardown of team/pilgrim rooms arrive at the church at 5:30 a.m.

Sunday teardown/clean up of conference room arrive in the kitchen area at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday after closing clean up sanctuary

Any questions call Dave Heintz @ 937-492-9157

Financial News

Greater Sidney Area Emmaus

Through the first half of 2008, the Community's financial status has remained strong and our expenses, year to date, have been as expected. The Board recently acquired a new projector for use with the movie and power point presentations during walks, and invested in an improved copier to supplement the small copier and Rizograph currently available for reproductions.

Our largest single expense, food, has been well controlled so far this year. However, the impact of increased fuel prices for shipping and the agricultural events the past 6 months have begun to have an impact on our costs. Continued care by the folks responsible for food preparation will minimize the impact of rising food costs and will be greatly appreciated by the Board and the community.

While our pilgrim attendance has been somewhat light so far in 2008, the attendance at gatherings and candlelights has been strong, as have the offerings. The Board is thankful for the support of Community members during these worship times.

Blessings,

Jim Liggett

Treasurer

**JOIN US AUGUST 12 AT TAWAWA PARK IN SIDNEY
FOR THE "GATHERING IN THE PARK"**

A note from your Chairman

Greetings to All GSA Fellow Emmaus members!

This is really an odd feeling for me, to be writing a note to all of you as the Chairman of the GSAE Board. It is so humbling to have been blessed as I have been over the years, especially by this Emmaus Community! I know we all say it, but wouldn't it be fantastic for everyone to experience an Emmaus Walk and feel the Love of Christ extended by so many!

It has always been a blessing to attend the Weekend Walks, either as a server, sponsor, prayer partner or team member, but I have to say that attending as the Chairman gives me an even greater sense of Pride in this Community and a greater sense of the Love of Christ. If you have not attended a Walk for a while, I encourage you to go to a send-off on a Thursday night and then go to the closing to watch and listen to those Pilgrims. What a difference 72 hours makes in so many lives!

I would like to report that we the GSA Emmaus community are very blessed to have the present members of the Board! We have wonderful people serving in every aspect of need. They are perfect examples of 1 Peter 4:10-11, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in it's various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." The last two Walks were perfect examples of this. As with every Walk, I'm sure there were glitches and "OOPS" along the way, but the main concern – the Pilgrims – were always shown Christ's Love for them. If you attended either one of the closings, you know what I mean.

We were also blessed to have such caring people in the Lay Directors positions and both of them gave tremendous feedback to the Board after their specific Walks. They have provided ideas to help smooth out "rough spots" and provided ideas that the Board has decided to incorporate.

One of the suggestions we decided to accept has to do with Candlelight services on Saturday nights. Beginning with the June, 2008 Women's Walk #45, the Candlelight service will be starting at 8:30 PM, instead of the normal 8 PM. Saturday has always been a busy day for the Teams & Pilgrims and it seemed that the poster presentations were always rushed or cut short. In order for the Pilgrims to have a more effective time of bonding during the "Poster Party" or to "make up" lost time, we decided to give them the additional 30 minutes. Please help all of us in the community by passing on this change. Of course, if you happen to get there at 8 PM anyway because you forget, what a better time to renew "old" friends or meet new ones!

Another concern mentioned is the lack of a focused follow-up with the Pilgrims after their walks. Yes, we have a specific Reunion Gathering after their walks for the Team & Pilgrims to meet, but there was discussion as to whether this was sufficient. There was also a request for a picnic or function for the community to allow for more get-together time. As a result, we are in the planning stages for a "Gathering at the Park" for August 12, 2008. Mark your calendars! The initial plans call for a Gathering near Tawawa Park in Sidney, with the Board providing hamburgers & hot dogs and the Community to fill in everything else! We hope to have a mini-Gathering with singing, a focus on the previous six (6) Walks and of course more EATING! We wanted to get some information out about this now, as we know families are very busy during the summer. However, we hope this will be a beginning of many community blessings in years to come. Please help spread the word about the Gathering in the Park on August 12, 2008!

Again, thank you for all the love and grace you all share at every Walk & Gathering with Pilgrims and each other! So many are building up blessings in Heaven for all this love shared with so many. We are so blessed to have such caring people on the GSA Emmaus Board – please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate all their work!

God Bless, Bob Blythe

A note from your Good Shepherd

Greetings, Ladies! 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 at 937-465-0452 or email - cggault@embarqmail.com

Men's # 41 Pilgrim List

Herbie	Armstrong	Sidney, Ohio
Trent	Beair	DeGraff, Ohio
Dave	Deitsch	New Knoxville, Oh
Chuck	Fugate	Conover, Oh
Tom	Hambly	Westchester, Ohio
Kent	Hollis	Bexley, Ohio
Will	Howell	Sidney, Ohio
Dave	Keener	JacksonCenter, Oh
Mark	McKay	Lakeview, Oh
Justin	Phipps	Anna, Ohio
Steve	Stickley	DeGraff, Ohio
Ed	Thomas	Sidney, Ohio
Nick	Tumbleson	Troy, Ohio
Kevin	Wilcox	Lima, Ohio

Men's Walk # 41 Team

Lay Director

Rick Snyder (Perseverance - Sun. 1:00pm)

Lay Director in Training

Dustin Detrick

Board Representative

Harry Congdon

Assistant Lay Directors

Chip Kuhn (Priority - Fri. 9:15am)
Curt Hostetler (Grow Through Study -
Sat. 8:45am)
Ken Sims (Changing Our World - Sun.
8:25am)

Music Director

Bill Rickey

Assistant Music Director

Jason Rickey

Logistics

Mike Snider, Ryan Ware
Larry Reed, Roger Williamson
Zane Baumann

Table Leaders

Larry Grieshop (Priesthood of all Believers -
Fri. 1:45pm)
Tom Jones (Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm)
Jason Snider (Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm)
Randy Risner (Discipleship - Sat. 7:00pm)
Chuck Buck (Body of Christ - Sun.10:30am)
Jim Alder (Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00pm)

Assistant Table Leaders

Andrew Snyder, Fred Baumann, Jerry Demski
John Brandewie, Roy Schearer, Karl Blass

Spiritual Director

Wayne Fowler (Means of Grace - Sat.10:45am)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Rob Kilgore (Prevenient Grace) - Fri. 11:20am
Linda Dulin (Justifying Grace) - Fri. 3:00pm
R.J. Davis (Obstacles to Grace) - Sat. 4:30pm
Jack Chalk (Sanctifying Grace) - Sunday 9:35am

Forgiveness

*Through forgiveness the
arms of Jesus lift you,
His blood cleanses you,
and His love changes
you.
It is His free gift to you.*

"Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, he is a new
creation; the old has
gone, the new has come!"

II CORINTHIANS 5:17
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2009 Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Board

The following board positions will be opening up in 2009, however voting will start in October. All positions are a 2 year commitment except vice chair which is a 3 year term.

*Vice Chair Newsletter Music Agape
Men's Registrar Men's Good Shepherd
Literature Supplies Worship Treasurer*

If you are interested in serving in any of the positions please e-mail Sue Kaufman at skaufman@woh.rr.com.

If you want to be involved in the work of Emmaus, these jobs are interesting, fun & a bit challenging at times. But working for God Definitely has its rewards !!

