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We encourage you to submit information and articles for this newsletter. Deadline for the February newsletter is Jan. 30th. If you have any additions or corrections to the mailing list or any other suggestions for this newsletter or our Emmaus community, please let us know.

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Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Newsletter January 2004

New Year's Greetings.....

Several years ago my father told me, "One of these days, you'll have children of your own". This coming March, I will have been a father for thirty years. That's more than twice as long as I haven't been. That doesn't seem possible to me at times. I'm still a kid, at heart. Those of you who know me can attest to that. By today's society, I think I would be considered on the low end of middle age at 48. Now that I've given you those two numbers, you can do the math and figure out how old I was when our son David was born. You can also see what I mean when I say that I'm not old, I just have old kids.

We were kids, having kids and didn't have any clue what it meant to be a parent, let alone a role model for a newborn. I was still trying to figure out what my parents were all about. Of course, not doing a very good job of it either. Never thinking I'd be able to attend college, I settled into a job. Just like my dad, I was supporting the family. Through the government's miracle of financial aid, college no longer was a distant dream, but an eternity of repayment reality. Some of you may be living that experience now.

A good friend of mine has said it best, "I went to football to play college". After cramming 4 years into 5, degree in hand, started living the life that would bring my family and me, now with a second child, eternal happiness. So far in this long story you see that we were doing things, we thought, that God had planned for us. What was missing was the "God" part. We went to church, put on a pretty good show for quite a few years. Trouble was, over those years God kept getting pushed farther and farther away. This you see was getting what I wanted accomplished, but not what God wanted. What He wanted was a true relationship with me in order for Him to guide me in my path leading my family in His direction.

Emmaus gave me focus and turned my life around, as I'm sure it has for all of you. When we have our minds and hearts focused on Christ, it's when we get the most in return from our Savior. Mary and Joseph had their focus on Christ that night over 2000 years ago. They put aside all their human wants to do God's will. Luke 2: 40-49 says that even the Christ child at a young age of 12 also knew to keep His mind focused on his Father's business. This became very evident to me over Christmas break. Now a grandparent, I need to continue to show Christ through my actions to little Bryce Matthew Noble. I received the first opportunity to do so while he was here two weeks ago. Twenty minutes of holding, rocking, and singing to him a song from our community cantata. "Do not be afraid, God has come to earth. . . . Emmanuel has come! Come and see what God has done".

Let's all be about our Father's business this year. God Bless!

Sidney Women's Walk # 32 Team Roster

January 22nd-25th, 2004

Lay Director

Carleen Pettit (Perseverance - Sun. 1:00 pm)

Lay Director-in-Training

Janice Locker

Board Representative

Rikki Maxwell

Assistant Lay Directors

Kelly Young (Priority - Fri 9:15 am)

Cheryl Koewler (Body of Christ - Sun 10:30 am)

Barb Atkinson

Music Director

Kelly Connor

Stacy Pettit (AMD)

Logistics

Deb Hereld, Jody Prater, Judy Kenton,

Diane Hile, Susan Kramer

Table Leaders

Maurya Ryan (Priest. of All Believers - Fri 1:45 pm)

Claudia Coe (Life in Piety - Fri 6:30 pm)

Violet Helman (Growth Thr. Study- Sat. 8:45 am)

Teresa Reed (Christian Action - Sat 3:00 pm)

Tracey Hostetler (Discipleship - Sat 7:00 pm)

Jill Payne (Changing Our World - Sun 8:25 am)

Diane Noffsinger (Fourth Day - Sun 2:00 pm)

Assistant Table Leaders

Betty Blue, Sherry Furrow,

Barb Whitney, Cheryl Skinner, Corinne Olson,

Nikki King, Margy Headings

Spiritual Director

Myra Ary (Means of Grace - Sat 10:45 am)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Leland Brehm (Prevenient Grace - Fri 11:15 am)

Jeff Motter (Justifying Grace - Fri 3:00 pm)

Alice Wolfe (Obstacles to Grace - Sat 4:30 pm)

Mary Haldean (Sanctifying Grace - Sun 9:35 am)



Come and welcome our newest
Emmaus members.

Let's show them some true
agape LOVE...

Candlelight is at 8:00 p.m. Saturday night, January
24th, at the First United Methodist Church. The
Closing for the pilgrims will be at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday
afternoon. Please come after 4:00 p.m. and meet in
the Old Fellowship Hall.

GSAE Women's Walk #32 Pilgrim List

Name	City	Sponsor(s)
Tabatha Atkinson	Sidney	Tina Flora
Teri Bevington	Troy	Bev Blair
Martha Black	Bradford	Nancy Congdon
Theresa Brookman	New Knoxville	Tim Brookman
Joyce Brown	DeGraff	Denny Brown
Leesa Burkholder	Piqua	Dianne Burkholder
Amy Carlson	Winona Lake	Julie Richards
Rachel Carrier	Englewood	Russell Kimmerly
Connie Clark	Celina	Kathy Correll
Marilyn Darr	Coldwater	Ralph Stackman
Sheryl Dority	Elida	Jim Darnell
Nancy Dowden	West Liberty	Diann Gault
Lauren Flora	West Liberty	Shirley Hostetler
Rosemary Hagar	Celina	George Kerns
Linda Hagerman	Lima	Linda Lawson
Kimberly Hannahan	Vandalia	Russell Kimmerly
Kay Hawk	Harrod	Melissa Basick
Marilyn Hemsworth	Sidney	Ken Hemsworth
Cathy Johnson	Piqua	Linda Dulin
Debra Kauffman	West Liberty	Kevin Kauffman
Kathy Keith	Anna	Brenda Thompson
Dawnita Lambert	Sidney	Ed & Ricki Maxwell
Diane Lewis	Lewistown	Billie Moore
Michelle Linton	Celina	Tammy Barger
Kelly Luthman	Russia	Tammy Bemis
Margaret Mefferd	Lima	Barbara Breneman
Julie Mohler	Troy	Jennifer Blythe
Jill Neargardner	Sidney	Darcy Winchester
Heather Penhollow	West Liberty	Chuck & Carol Buck
Rhonda Peterson	Sidney	Harry Peterson
April Platfoot	Jackson Center	Laura Biederman
Heather Redding	Lewis Center	Nancy/Eddie Freshour
Penny Rife	Sidney	Betty Hoaglin
Kim Saylor	Sidney	Cheryl Fortney
Carolyn Schaller	Coldwater	Joe Heyne
Jennifer Stutz	St. Mary's	Mark Bard
Noknoy Taulbee	Huber Heights	Ray Prater
Sandra Webb	Harrod	Opal Logan
Tammy Wilson	Sidney	Margy Headings
Debbie Wooddell	Sidney	Diane Taviano
Germaine Woten	Lima	Rick Poppe
Andrea Zimmerman	Sidney	Kathy Moeller

Agape

A reminder that we will need agape for Women's Walk #32 which begins on January 22. We need 72 pieces for mealtime or 42 pieces for pilgrim bedtime. Please mark on your bag/box how many pieces there are so we don't have to count everything to figure out where it goes. This is a great help to us.

Giving agape is one way we can all show the pilgrims how much they are loved.

Also, no SUPER agape for pilgrims. If it won't fit in the Sunday packet, save it until after the Walk.

We have also been getting letters for pilgrims for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. Pilgrims only receive agape letters on Sunday afternoon so please do not send any letters except for Sunday. Any letters received during the weekend will go in their Sunday packet regardless of what day is written on them.

If you have any questions about agape, please feel free to call me or see me in the agape room on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night of each Walk. You can also see me at the Gatherings.

Thanks for being disciples of Christ.

Pat Gregg
Agape Chairperson

2004 Walk Dates

<u>Women's</u>	<u>Men's</u>
January 22-25	February 19-22
June 17-20	July 15-18
October 7-10	November 4-7

2005 Walk Dates

<u>Women's</u>	<u>Men's</u>
January 20-23	February 17-20
June 23-26	July 14-17
October 13-16	November 3-6

Kitchen News

The list of kitchen servers and cooks was not available at press time. If you are interested in serving in the kitchen on the Women's Walk, please contact the Kitchen Coordinator, Suzie Baker. You can reach her at (937) 596-5533 or e-mail her at linkertucky@earthlink.com.

For each meal 4 cooks are needed, and 6 Servers; except on the Saturday night Candlelight meal, where 12 servers are needed.

Kitchen Crew for Women's Walk #32

Friday, January 23

Breakfast-served @ 8:00 a.m.

Cooks arrive @ 6:00 am

Servers - arrive @ 7:30 am

Lunch-served @ 12:30 p.m.

Cooks arrive @ 10:00 am

Servers arrive @ 12:00 pm

Dinner-served @ 5:30 p.m.

Cooks arrive @ 3:00 p.m.

Servers - arrive @ 5:00 pm

Saturday - January 24

Breakfast served @ 8:00 a.m.

Cooks arrive @ 6:00 am

Servers - arrive @ 7:30 am

Lunch-served @ 12:30 p.m.

Cooks arrive @ 10:00 am

Servers arrive @ 12:00

Supper-served @ 5:40 p.m.

Cooks arrive @ 3:00 pm

Servers - arrive @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 25

Breakfast-served @ 7:30 a.m.

Cooks arrive @ 6:00 am

Servers - arrive @ 7:00 am

Lunch-served @ 11:30 a.m.

Cooks arrive @ 10:00 am

Servers - arrive @ 11:00 am

If you can help out please call Susie Baker at (937) 596-5533. Also, if you are unable to work **please** try to find someone to replace you - **every** worker is important! Thank You!



A new Babysitting Coordinator for Gatherings has begun her work. Tara Schultz has stepped forward to facilitate this important position in the Community. She replaces Janis Blake in this position. Thank you Janis for a job well done!!! These ladies only coordinate the babysitting though---they need you! Yes, you! At each Gathering a "team" of adults is needed to watch our dear children, so if you are interested in helping with this, please see Tara and offer your services to her! You'll be glad you



2004 Calendar of Events—Sidney Emmaus

Community

Jan. 13	Gathering
Jan. 22-25	WW #32, Carleen Pettit, Lay Director Myra Ary, Spiritual Director
Jan. 29	GSAE Board Meeting
Feb. 10	Gathering
Feb. 19-22	MW #28, Eric Truxal, Lay Director Neil Whitney, Spiritual Director
Feb. 26	GSAE Board Meeting
March 9	Gathering
March 13	Dayton/Normandy Training Event
March 25	GSAE Board Meeting
April 13	Gathering
April 22	GSAE Board Meeting
May 11	Gathering
May 27	GSAE Board Meeting
June 8	Gathering
June 17-20	WW #33, Janice Locker, Lay Director
June 24	GSAE Board Meeting
July 13	Gathering
July 15-18	Men's Walk #29
July 22	GSAE Board Meeting
Aug. 10	Gathering
Aug. 26	GSAE Board Meeting
Sept. 14	Gathering
Sept. 23	GSAE Board Meeting
Oct. 7-10	Women's Walk #34
Oct. 12	Music Gathering
Oct. 28	GSAE Board Meeting
Nov. 4-7	Men's Walk #30

Help Wanted: Several positions available, great benefits, set your own hours. Earn rewards that cannot be measured. No previous experience necessary, or special skills required. No referrals or resume required. Just start as soon as you want. Job description: Prayer partner for Emmaus Community. Check out these testimonies "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified..." St. Paul to the Thessalonians. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much..." James the brother of Jesus. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you..." St. Paul to the Corinthians and "the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." St. Paul to the Romans. Be a part of a great team!!!

Dear Community,

Would you like to do special music at a Gathering? 2003 has blessed us with some very special music—maybe God has laid it on your heart to share your gift of music with the Community as well. If you are interested, please contact Eric Truxal at a Gathering or by e-mail. The e-mail address is truxale@nationwide.com.

Remember-if you feel God nudging you to share your gift of song, then I invite you to let your light shine!

I love you all,

Eric Truxal, GSAE Music Chair

2004 Gathering 4th Day Speakers

January 13	Mike Snider
February 10	Nadine Bryan
March 9	Jason Snider
April 13	Cairos Community
May 11	Chrysalis Community
June 8	Susie Baker
July 13	Mindy Settlage
August 10	Jody Prater
September 14	Dave Bemus
October 12	All Music Gathering
November 9	John Lockwood
December 14	Curt Hostetler
01-13-05	Tim Martin

If you are interested in being a Gathering 4th Day Speaker, please contact Vera Piper, Worship Chair.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!!

As the new year begins, the transition of the GSAE Board has also begun as we welcome new members, and say goodbye to "retiring" members. The Community appreciates all that you do for the benefit of furthering the kingdom of God in the Greater Sidney area. May God richly bless each of you!

Lisa Newcomer replaces Cindy Stonecker as Secretary
Suzie Baker replaces Iva Lemhart as Kitchen Coordinator
Scott & Susie Schultze replace Diana Gault as Social Chair
Donny Brown replaces Steve Beers as Logistics Chair
Marilene Fry replaces Nancy Freshour as Wom. Good Shepard
Carol Overholt replaces Linda Dulin as Women's Registrar
Shirley DeWeese replaces John Lockwood as Sponsorship Chair
Jerry Noble moves to Chairman/Lay Director
Sharon Halter moves to Leadership Chair
John Lockwood moves to Vice Chairman
Jeff Smalley and Don Ramsey- Assistant Spiritual Directors

Our most heartfelt thanks also goes out to Randy Locker, who ended his 3 year term on the Executive Board as the Leadership Chairman. The Board is indebted to Randy for his hard work and dedicated years of service to the Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community. Well done, thy good and faithful servant!

GSAE Board News

Have you ever wanted to know more about how you can better serve your Emmaus Community? This might be the training opportunity you have been waiting for! The Dayton/Normandy Emmaus Community has invited our community to an all day training event on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. More details about this event will be coming at a later time, but mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss this!

ABC'S OF A FRUITFUL LIFE

- A lways put God first in your life.
- B e a true friend and you will have many friends.
- C ount and thank God for your many blessings daily.
- D iscipline yourself. Decide to make your life count.
- E dify and encourage others consistently.
- F ollow great leaders and then become one.
- G ive liberally and joyfully of your time, talents and means.
- H ave an attitude of gratitude.
- I nvert any negatives thrown your way. Turn them into positives.
- J ourney through life one step and one day at a time.
- K eep written goals set ahead. Make specific plans to accomplish them.
- L ove and forgive everybody.
- M aximize your strengths and minimize your weaknesses.
- N ever, never, never give up!
- O pen the door wide when opportunity knocks.
- P ractice patience. Promote peace.
- Q uit bad habits by replacing them with good habits.
- R ead God's Word and other profitable material every chance you get.
- S hare the Gospel whenever and wherever possible.
- T ake time to appreciate everything and everyone God has given to you.
- U se your God given common sense.
- V isualize your dreams and stretch to reach for them.
- W atch, listen and pray without ceasing.
- X amine your motives on a regular basis.
- Y ield to the Holy Spirit when He prompts you.
- Z oom in on God's real purpose for your life.

-- Author Unknown

Check out our website at www.oneinspirit.com/emmaus for up to date team and pilgrim lists, newsletters, and links to Christian websites and other communities.