

NEWS FROM YOUR  
EMMAUS COMMUNITY!

Your Emmaus Community is being BLESSED with growth and excitement. There are many things going on that we would love for you to be part of. Enclosed you will find an Emmaus Team Volunteer Sheet. Please fill this out completely (even if you have completed one in the past) and return it to the Community Registrar. These volunteer sheets are used to assist the team selection committee when preparing for future walks. Also, there are two forms regarding sponsorship of pilgrims for the walks. The Request for Reservation is to be filled out front (by candidate), back (by sponsor) and sent with the registration fee to the registrar. Please make copies of this for future use – you never know when God is going to lay someone on your heart to sponsor. Then last but certainly not least is the information about Agape Letters and Sponsor's Responsibilities. Sponsorship is a SERIOUS commitment so please review the information to better prepare yourself. Should you have any questions regarding sponsoring someone or volunteering to work a walk feel free to contact anyone on your Steering Committee.

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Letter from the Community Lay Director.....

I am so blessed to be involved in the local Emmaus Community. A few years ago I was invited to attend an Emmaus weekend. I 'graciously' declined for the next couple of years. I couldn't see myself giving up a weekend to go to some place on a 72 hour 'walk'. I know I could use the exercise and thought the fellowship would be great, but I was too 'involved' in my local church to give up the time. I continued with that line of thought, all the while, working hand in hand with the evil one to create obstacles that I could use as excuses for not attending the 'walk'. Obviously, the spirit led me to and I attended the men's walk in Corbin. The rest, as the old saying goes, is history!

Now back to the blessing... most of you can identify with the blessing of the weekend and how on fire and excited we were as we return to our home churches to go to work. The 2007 spring and fall walks are an opportunity for you to give back part of your blessing to the community by volunteering to work one of the upcoming walks. The Team Selection Committee is preparing to select the volunteers for the spring walks. So be in prayer about your participation and if it is God's will, be obedient to His calling and make your self available as necessary. The primary focus of being involved in the Emmaus community is to build up local churches. We should all be committed to fulfilling that mission on a daily basis. Each of us is called to be involved in ministry in an area of our spiritual giftedness.

Remember that the next gathering is going to be at 6 PM, on Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at Eagle Heights, Somerset. March at the FU Methodist Church, Corbin and the Team Dedication for the spring walks will be scheduled for the next gathering and will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Laurel Lake Camp, where the walks are held.

The Spring Walk dates are: Men's - May 3-6 and the Women's: May 17-20.  
The Fall Walk dates are: Men's - October 11-14 and the Women's: October 18-21

If you need anything or have any questions, you can contact one of the Steering Committee members or call or email me personally at [SDEversole@alltel.net](mailto:SDEversole@alltel.net) or 606-877-8533.

God bless each of you!

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Steve Eversole

Letter from the Spiritual Director:

Welcome to the New Year! I am both excited and honored to be the Spiritual Director of the Grace Emmaus Community this year. I am even more excited about serving with the team that God has put together. This community has been through a lot in its infancy stage. It was very difficult and hard work for many of the pioneers of this community (such as past Spiritual Directors, Lay Directors, team members, & Steering Committee members both from this community and Campbellsville Community). To them, the community owes a large debt of gratitude.

With the last two set of walks behind us and a new and exciting group who attended those walks representing even more churches, many are saying that our community has finally turned the corner. We already have several applications in for the May walks and many people wanting to serve on those walks. Our Gatherings are bigger than ever and you just feel the love and unity in the group. (It's all about Jesus!!)

I want to extend an invitation to those of you who were involved in the beginning or attended/worked one of the beginning walks. I want you to think back of what that weekend meant to you. It is so easy to get caught up in "stuff" or let time allow us to forget how we felt when we had an encounter with God. Remember how you felt on that Sunday afternoon when you spoke about what that weekend meant to you and what you were going to do about it. With this in mind, I want to invite those of you who haven't been involved in a while to get back plugged in with your Emmaus Community. We have some exciting things going on right now and we are preparing for the next set of walks which will be held at the Laurel Baptist Campground again. We have our next Gathering in Somerset at Eagle Heights Church on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> (it is the first Saturday of the month now), our next one is on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the "church on the hill" Corbin 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, and the one in April will be at the Campground where we will have a team dedication service!

Don't wait! Get involved. If you need anything or have any questions you can contact one of the Steering Committee members or call or email me personally at [Josh@HealthyIAQ.com](mailto:Josh@HealthyIAQ.com) or 606-878-2475. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in this Community.

Josh Smith