



From The Bread of Life Walk to Emmaus **CRUMBS**

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Safe at His Feet

Men's Walk #103
Bryce Beckett, Lay Dir.
October 6-9, 2011
First UMC, Wichita

Women's Walk # 104
Lori Richards, Lay Dir.
October 13-16, 2011
First UMC, Wichita

I love to snow ski. I love the snow and the fun of spending time with family and friends on the slope. When I started I took ski lessons and practiced a lot before I felt comfortable. Years ago before our children came along we would go skiing several times a year. I was never a great skier by any means and I preferred to ski the easiest (green) and the intermediate (blue) slopes. I have ended up on the black diamond slopes (very difficult) before by accident and was able to get down them by going slowly and carefully. I know it wasn't pretty and I fell a lot and ended up in a heap sometimes, but I persevered moguls, ice and the steepness for the reward of safety at the foot of the hill.

God expects us to step out in faith sometimes, even out of our comfort zone, to be his hands and feet. It is acceptable to go slow and easy at first until we get the hang of things. He doesn't expect us to rush blindly down the black diamond slopes of life until we have practiced and have gained confidence in our abilities. One of my favorite sayings is "God doesn't just call the equipped, He equips those He calls." Team selection for Walks #103 and #104 will be starting soon. Take time to pray and seek God's will before answering yes or no to the Lay Directors. Trusting God is easy to say and hard to do at times but the rewards will be great. Conference room teams are made up of 1/3 very experienced, 1/3 moderately experienced, and 1/3 new team members. You will be trained and get a chance to practice your role on the conference room team before the walks begin. Team service is both being blessed and being a blessing. Take time to serve and rest safely at the bottom of the hill at His feet.

Jim Jarboe, Walk #69 Table of Luke, Community Lay Director



I realize that summer is just getting started but the fall walks are going to be here before you know it. That means it's time for you all to begin to pray for those you will sponsor in October. Seriously, think about it. If it weren't for someone taking the time to pray for you and sponsor you for your walk, you would never have had the "Luke 24 experience." But since you did experience God's grace on your special 72 hour weekend, wouldn't it behoove you to help someone else encounter God's unconditional love for him or herself? That's what I thought.

So, I urge you, I implore you, I plead with you to take the initiative to pray and invite and sponsor a pilgrim (or two) to participate in the October walks in Wichita. The weekends are going to be awesome. The teams are forming as we speak. And God is preparing the pilgrims (and the team) to walk into His glorious presence. It doesn't get any better than that!

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SW Emmaus Communities

Area wide get-together

July 9, 2011

Scott City - City Park

for Fun, Food, & Fellowship

Contact: Michelle Mayo 620.271.4738

Agape

Thank you for all the wonderful agape you sent for Walks 101 and 102. And to those who colored ALL those placemats, Thank you and I hope to see you in Wichita in October.

Deb Hartman, Agape

It was once said that God is seen in many things. I believe this when I see the pilgrim's eyes during candlelight. God has given them the wonders of seeing that there is another way to visually experience His grace. I will be looking forward to the next set of walks. Even though they will be my last as a board member, I will always remember the friendships that have happened over the years. May God bless all of you throughout all your fourth days. In Christ's name,

David Cloud, Walk Activities

In the editing of the last Crumbs three ladies from Walk 102 did not make the list.

Pilgrims from Walk 102

Faith Hobbs

Kylie Stone

Mary Schwartz

The theme of this issue of the *CRUMBS* might be "Connections." When we experienced our own walk as a pilgrim, we were reminded several times that we are not on this Christian journey alone. I would encourage you, if you are not already, to get involved in your local community and find others to meet with you in an accountability group. **Steve Mayo, Editor**

Note from Upper Room

One of the areas that The International Emmaus and Chrysalis Office has needed some work on has been in the area of relationships with communities. We have needed to do more listening and then recognizing that the local Community Board of Directors is our partner in these movements. **Our goal is to develop and empower the local leaders – members of the Board of Directors – and to develop relationships with other communities and each other.**

To accomplish this goal we have initiated a plan called “**Leadership Development**”. This program will draw the International Office and all the Regional Leaders and any Assistant Regional Leaders into a relationship with each of the Board of Directors for Emmaus and Chrysalis where we can equip, empower and educate them to lead their communities. We are partners, not police.

In 2010, we began conducting Leadership Development events in each of the five regions. We will be asking that all Board of Director members – Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus - attend one meeting but other interested community members can attend too

Our meeting will be held at the Central Community Church in Wichita on June 18, 2011. Contact Donna Schrag for details.

Reminder

If you are not being contacted about working the walks, or are not receiving any other walk information you would like to get, perhaps we have lost you in our system. Please go to our community website, breadoflifecommunity.com, and update your profile information. Many folks no longer have a landline but we do not have your cell number so we cannot contact you.

Sponsorship News

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of the Emmaus movement. There is a real need for all of us Christians to be aware of the people around us who might be considered a potential Christian leader. Keep in mind that most times “prospects” do not agree to participate the first time they are asked. They need time and more information. It may seem early to approach a prospective pilgrim, however, starting now gives them plenty of time to pray and think about their decision.

There are several duties of a sponsor.

1. **Pray:** Prayer should focus on how this person can be a more vital and alive Christian. It should not just focus on how to get the person to attend the weekend.
2. **Appointment:** Make a date to extend the invitation. Be sure to include both husband and wife in the invitation.
3. **Equal Commitment:** Both husband and wife should make an equal commitment to attend.
4. **Application:** Have your pilgrims fill out the application form in your presence. Each applicant will fill out their own application.
5. **Continuation:** Stay in contact with and pray for your pilgrim. The enemy will try to throw up roadblocks. Reassure them that this is normal.

The website is all set up and even an old guy like me can figure it out! Log on and click on “Sponsorship Info.” Then select applications and sponsorship forms.

Sponsorship training will be held during Women’s Walk #104.

Bill Crymble, Sponsorship & 4th Days



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www.breadoflifecommunity.com

Monthly Gatherings of the Emmaus Community

Ark City/Wainut Valley Community - Contact Sylvia McAlister, 620-442-7685 or rmcalister1@cox.net - (3rd Sat.) - agape at 5:30, potluck, gather at 6:00 pm.

Cunningham - Contact Bill Stapleton, 620.324.5328 or wasi@gbta.net

Douglass - Spirit & Truth Community – 4th Monday 6:30 pm, 316-746-2913, Journey Christian Fellowship, 311 S. Hwy 77. firstchurch99@yahoo.com.

Edwards County - Kinsley UMC or Lewis UMC - (3rd Thurs.)- Alternates between Kinsley & Lewis; meet at 7:00 pm. Call 620.659.2273

Garden City - 1st UMC Main & Kansas Avenue)- (3rd Sat.) - Meet at 7:00 pm. upstairs room 214. Email wksemmaus@gmail.com

Norton – 1st UMC 3rd Saturday at 6:00 pm , contact Pastor Lyn Linde.

Halstead – 1st Saturday Contact Bryce Beckett 31- 259.6861

Haysville – After Services 3rd Sunday Contact Sandy Stout at swstout@cox.net

Haviland - Haviland Friends Church - currently not active, Contact Logan Vandenhook, 620.862.5617

Hutchinson - times and locations vary, Contact Barbara Gray, 620.664.6560 or baelgray@sbcglobal.net

Lakin - Lakin UMC - (3rd Wed.) - meet at 8 pm; bring snacks, Contact Jim Jarboe@620-355-6204

Larned - (3rd Mon.) - meet at 6 pm for worship followed by fellowship. Contact: Karen Skelton, 620.285.2909

Leoti – 3rd Sunday at 6:00 pm, Leoti UMC contact Shad Mehl at mehlbbox@fairpoint.net

Marion County - Valley UMC - Contact Bob or Anita Brookens, 620.382.3556 or Gary or Jo Ella Hett, 620.382.3887

Quirra Community- Alden –Ellinwood- 2nd Thursday 7:00 pm, alternating locations. Contact Pam Beck at 620-564-3720

Salina/Lindsborg - Trinity UMC, 901 E. Neal - (2nd Sun.) - meet from 4 pm to 6 pm; contact Pastor Bill

Topeka/Sonflower Emmaus Community - (2nd Sat.) - Location varies; for further info. Contact sonfloweremmaus@cox.net

Wichita Community - No gatherings currently scheduled