



# CRUMBS

## *... from your Community Lay Director ...*

*The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their home, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.*

We just finished celebrating my favorite holiday! If you know me at all, you know that I am very Patriotic! My house is decorated red, white, and blue, and July 4 is a wonderful day full of fun and traditions. Here in the Emmaus community, the passing of July 4 means we, as a board, are beginning to think about nominations for the next slate of potential board members that you all will be voting on at the Fall Walks.

I would like to let you in on some of the 'behind the scenes' action that happens on the board, so if you get a call asking to consider being nominated, you will know it's not so scary! Each year, five new board members rotate on, and five veteran board members rotate off. Our board is made up of 15 community members from all over the state, and our Spiritual Director, Bill Stapleton. Accepting a board position is a three year commitment. The board meets once a month, where many details and decisions go on all through the year. There is much prayer poured in to each meeting, and there are no decisions made lightly!

The main job of a board member is service, and the focus is always on Jesus and how to be His hands and feet in the ministry of working Emmaus. Each board member chooses a job that fits their gifts and interests. Some of the examples you know well might be snacks, the kitchen, or agape. But there are others you may not see, such as supplies & literature, sponsorship, or team selection/training. Whether their duties actually include being present for the Walks or not, you can be sure that every board member is working during the Walks in some way.

Being on the board takes time and patience, but is very rewarding. It is a wonderful way to serve the Emmaus community and our Lord.

If you have any questions on how the Board works, or have suggestions for us, please feel free to approach any board member. We love to hear from you and value your input.

Pam McCutcheon  
Walk #68, Table of Ruth

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## ... Update from Greensburg ...

### **Haviland Emmaus Community Serves Greensburg Tornado Victims**

Many members of the Haviland Emmaus Community were first responders following the Greensburg tornado on May 4. They served and ministered in many ways. Sandwiches and drink were prepared to have ready at the Friends Church and the High School gyms in preparation for the arrival of the RedCross to receive the victims who were being bussed out of Greensburg. Haviland public school busses transported several hundred persons to these shelters. There were opportunities for over 30 of our Emmaus community to help during the past month. Assisting at the shelters, helping recover belongings in Greensburg, providing housing for "homeless", helping organize work groups who came from afar to assist, helping hook up camper trailers for temporary housing, helping in consoling the hurts of people, assisting in health services needed, help monitor distribution of clothes, foods, etc, provided trailers and trucks for hauling belongings for storage, helping in providing transportation ,help provide food for volunteers of Friends Disaster Service from South Texas, Southern California, Iowa and Kansas. Some assisted with needs at Barclay College in order to accommodate the housing for hundreds of FEMA, RedCross and other volunteer agencies. Haviland Friends "hosted" many men from Samaritan's Purse by providing areas or sleeping .(on the floor.)

We have been thankful for the opportunity to serve those in need. Many of those who were affected are positive and are thankful they are safe in spite of their losses. They are hopeful for the future but they are weary and coping with less than adequate housing .

The people in Haviland and Mullinville have responded with open hearts and hand to assist in whatever ways they can. It has been a county effort to accommodate the displaced and homeless people. On Mother's Day a county worship service was held in Greensburg under a big tent with all pastors of the county participating. There has been much compassion expressed for those who were affected by this devastation. Please continue to pray for those who lost their businesses and homes as they have many decisions yet to make and much emotional healing will need to occur.

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. . . . more from Greensburg from Tom and Donna Schrag

Tom and I went to Greensburg today to take some things from our church and to see if we could help in any way. It was a mess to say the least. My daughter-in-law, Darcie, her dad lived there. His house was destroyed. They were in the basement under a table. They salvaged what they could which was not much and went to Garden City to stay with his other daughter for a while. They think they might relocate in Pratt. They also lost both of their vehicles. My son Daniel was able to drive it to Pratt, but the windshield was out and the top and everywhere else was dented in. All was totaled. They have friends there that will let them store things until they decide what they will do.

We took snacks and water around to people working on their houses. The first place we stopped; we ran into Keith Dellenbach helping his son. Keith was a pastor there and now he lives in Abbyville. He has been on many Emmaus teams. His son teaches at Greensburg and doesn't know if he will relocate or not. He doesn't want to leave the kids behind, he said he wants to support them as much as he can. His wife is taking it all really hard. They second place we stopped; I saw Karren Skelton ( who will be the LD for the spring Emmaus walk in Garden City) helping her Grandfather and Aunt and Uncle. The Aunt and Uncle were taking it bad and things are bad all over. It is amazing that we ran into people from the Emmaus community. God does lead us. Then we went to Gene McIntosh's house and the UMC and most of it all was down and gone. Gene is the pastor there and was a Spiritual Leader on the last men's walk. Gene wasn't there, but we talked to his wife Judy and helped her a bit. I talked to Gene later and he said if anyone wants to help with mission trips, etc, to contact the west conference office here in Wichita ( Bev Weber 800-745-2350) and gift cards would be nice. They are staying in Hutch with Judy's sister. I know you are and will keep everyone in your prayers. It is going to take a long time to recoupe, but there is hope with God. Gene, Judy and kids have been standing on scripture, ***2 Corinthians 4: 8,9 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.***

My thoughts; there seems to be plenty of water and food from the Red Cross. If you do take drinks, make sure they are on ice and cold. The National Guard from Winfield were there cleaning up with chain saws and clearing sidewalks and making different piles of rubble. They brought lots of big trucks to haul things out. When we came into town the highway patrol was there checking all cars and I don't know if they let anyone in, but we had an address that we were going to which they asked for so they marked our car and let us in. Many people were standing in awe and lots don't really know what to do or where they are going. Some we talked to will stay and rebuild and some are not. It is a big question for now. I am going to Lakin this week end for my grandson's high school graduation celebration at church and I am stopping back by Sunday on my way back in town and see how things are going.

Many stories; At my daughter-in-laws house all was most gone only a few walls and on one of them was only a picture of Christ. Judy told of about the same in their church, in the parlor all was down around, but on one of the few walls standing was a picture of Christ. She was able to find her wedding ring in the rubble of her room. I'm sure there are lots more from many people.

God is in control; ***2 Corinthians 1: 3,4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.***

Be Blessed, Tom and Donna Schrag

### *... Agape Ideas ...*

These instructions are for a traditional piece of agape in the Bread of Life community, that no group is currently providing. I think it would be great if someone would begin providing this fun piece of agape again. Enjoy!

Marsha Jarboe, Walk #72, Table of Esther.

#### **Rooster Tails**

Supplies needed: Curling ribbon in primary colors: red, blue, yellow and green Bobby pins

Cut the ribbon into 12" pieces. Take one piece of each color, slip it through the bobby pin and tie it in a knot at the back of the bobby pin. Curl the ribbon with scissors to make curly ball of ribbon.

There you go! A rooster tail! Wear it in your hair or attach it to your shirt collar or pocket. DeColores!

### *... Chef Barry ...*

Yummy! Saturday night's chicken dance is a highlight, but so is that yummy layered dessert!! Here is the recipe, straight from the Bread of Life Emmaus kitchen guy (Barry Park, Walk #77, Table of Paul).

#### First Layer

Mix together and press into bottom of 9 X 13 pan:

4 c flour

2 c melted oleo

1/2 c pecan pieces

Bake at 350 degrees in regular oven for 12-15 minutes. Cool.

#### Second Layer

24 oz cream cheese

3 c powdered sugar

2 c Cool Whip

Blend cheese & sugar well, then fold in Cool Whip. Spread on first layer.

#### Third Layer

24 oz vanilla instant pudding

3 c milk

Mix and pour over second layer. Let set.

#### Fourth Layer

24 oz chocolate instant pudding

3 c milk

Mix and pour over third layer. Let set.

#### Fifth Layer

Spread 8 oz Cool Whip over top. Serve chilled.

### *... Just A Thought ...*

*As a stranger, have you ever walked in to a room full of people who clearly know each other and are having fun? (Think about your first experience with Send Off !) What if you, as that stranger, are brand new to the community? Now add a dimension to that - what if that stranger is having struggles at home and really needs a friend, and they came to YOUR Emmaus gathering to find a friend? Would they feel welcome? Or would they get the first impression that your community gathering is click-ish and not friendly?*

*It's always so much easier to mingle with the people we know well and with whom we feel comfortable. But when it comes to Emmaus gatherings, we have to be warm and welcoming to all who come, making sure that everyone feels included, and not as though they are standing on the outside looking in.*

*There are plenty of things that happen in 'church life' which cement those unfavorable first impressions even more firmly in the minds of many. That's why we need to make sure that we aren't adding to those wrong opinions. Instead, let's make that first impression really count. Together, let's make it one that God would want to last forever!*

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