



Visions

What does the Walk to Emmaus mean to you?

The Upper Room website defines it as follows:

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servant hood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The brochure defines the walk as:

"The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, and through them, their families, congregations and the world in which they live. Emmaus is a combined effort of laity and clergy toward the renewal of the church."

The backdrop for the walk comes from the biblical reference found in *Luke 24:13-35*.

But, the question above asks, "What does The Walk to Emmaus mean to *YOU*?" Although it is likely that each of you would answer the question in a similar manner, every individual had an experience unique to you alone.



A Christian Milestone to me, what does it mean to you?

that time. Keeping plugged in to the growth and experience of a weekly share group, attending monthly gatherings to continue to renew your commitment and to continue to draw strength from others who love you with agape love, attending candlelight, sponsoring pilgrims, working on a team, doing agape, signing up on the prayer vigil, working on your Board of the Walk to Emmaus, providing food, telling others about your experience, etc., etc., etc.....

Yes, the Walk to Emmaus weekend was so pivotal in my life, but the most important part of that walk was what has happened to me since. I love what is happening today and I just can't wait for tomorrow!

So now you know what the Walk to Emmaus means to me – What does it mean to you?

DeColores my Brothers and Sisters! See you at the next gathering, share group, candlelight, the next Board meeting, etc., etc., etc.....

In HIS Service,
Your Community Lay Director
T. J. Bugg

To me the weekend experience was one of the key Christian milestones in my life and unlike anything I have ever experienced before or after. My marriage day to my wife Sue was probably the key Christian milestone in my life. Christ was actively present there with me at both of these events and more importantly has always been with me each day before and after since before I was born and will be into eternity.

The Walk to Emmaus was a 72-hour experience that I have now made part of my daily life, just as my marriage to Sue requires a daily walk to continue to renew our vows and commitment to each other with Christ as the center of our lives.

The Walk to Emmaus was a mere weekend. What matters is what have you done with the weekend experience since

Mark your Calendars

Men's Walk #16	9/ 11–9/ 14
Women's Walk #20	10/ 2–10/ 5
Girl's Chrysalis Flight #6	11/ 28— 11/ 30
Boys Chrysalis Flight #5	1/ 17/ 04— 1/ 19/ 04

Walk to Emmaus Important Information

Saturday Night—Candlelight begins at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon—Closing begins at 4:30 p.m.

Directions to Camp Swoneky:

- Take I-71
- Exit at Wilmington Road (Exit 36).
- Turn East on Wilmington Road
- Take a quick right onto Middleboro Road.
- The Camp will be about a mile down on the right.

NLE Community Team Manuals

Have you noticed that since the last team you served on a team, you have an extra binder laying around the house? Maybe under a layer of dust? Could that extra binder be a Northern Lights Emmaus Community Team Manual?

If so, the Northern Lights Emmaus Community could sure use your help getting them returned.

We currently have both men's and women's teams meeting and preparing for walks at the same time and are running short of manuals.

If you have recently served on an Emmaus Team and forgot to turn in your manual, please do so by bringing it with you to the next Candlelight service you attend or give it to a NLE board member—they will be sure to get it to the

right people.

And once again, thank you for serving on an Emmaus Team!



Searching for Emmaus Team Manuals.

Donate an Awesome Experience

Donations for Emmaus Walk scholarships or *partial* scholarships can be made at any time.

Reminder

All applications ***must*** include the name of the church your pilgrim is currently attending.

Remember, Emmaus is for “church-

going Biblical Christians. The aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation...” *

*Northern Lights Emmaus Community Manual

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Board of Directors Elections Update

Your Northern Lights Emmaus Board of Directors is the body that governs our local Emmaus movement and oversees the quality of the program. The board consists of three groups of five persons, four lay persons and one clergy, a new group being elected each year, and the oldest group rotating off.

Customarily, the board receives a minimum of seven nominations to fill the five opening positions. This has never been a challenge for our community as the only criteria

candidates must meet is to have completed the 72-hour Emmaus experience or the Chrysalis retreat, provided that the person is at least 18 years of age. This year, however, the board has received only two nominations.

The board has decided to accept Barb Carmella and Connie Young and congratulate each of them as new board members to begin serving in October.

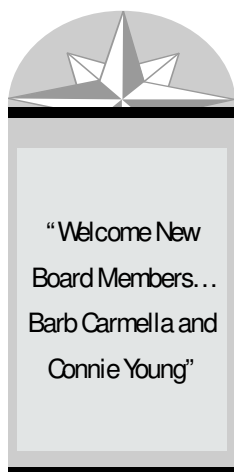
The board is also seeking two additional lay volunteers and one new clergy member. Please prayerfully consider

serving our Lord, our Community and our future Pilgrims in a role on your Board of Directors.

We know God is in control of everything we do. If He is speaking to your heart in this manner please speak with a member of the board as soon as possible as our time to install our new board members is drawing short.

De Colores and God Bless!

Bill Chambers



Pilgrim's, Sponsors and God's Perfect Timing

The good news is that we are currently receiving a good number of applicants for the Walk to Emmaus, specifically for the upcoming Woman's Walk. Furthermore, a lot of activity is being generated by some of our larger churches. Unfortunately, due to the high number of applicants AND the high concentration within a few churches, we are having to disappoint some sponsors and some very interested Pilgrims by not being able to accommodate their desire to attend the very next upcoming walk.

The Emmaus Board apologizes for any misunderstanding regarding sponsorship and the Pilgrim selection guidelines. The following is provided in order to communicate to everyone the policy that was established for the Northern Lights Emmaus Community.

I should let all of you know that our Registrar is doing an excellent job in all aspects of her role while volunteering a significant amount of her personal time. She desperately tries to answer all questions posed to her in a timely manner and to keep all informed of the many changes that occur and is often the very first impression (after the sponsor) that our pilgrims see. We are well served by her servant hood attitude.

The Bylaws and Policies Manuel describe the procedure as follows:

Selection of Pilgrims for Emmaus Walks
 "A Pilgrim's application is considered received when the application is in the hands of the registrar. The date of receipt for purposes of placement on the Pilgrim list is the date the registrar receives it or the postmark date, if earlier."

Guidelines for the order of selection for Pilgrims on the Walk are:

"The first 35 spots are filled by postmark date. The last five spots will be saved for spouses of Pilgrims who have attended a Walk anywhere. The five spots will be filled by spouses on the waiting list in order of postmark. Unfilled spots will be saved for seven calendar days following a given Walk and thereafter filled regularly from the waiting list.

The maximum number of Pilgrims that will be accepted to a Walk from any one church

are eight less the number of Table or Assistant Table Leaders on Team."

The INTENT, of the guidelines on the order of selection, is as follows:

- Provide first priority for the first 35 pilgrims in order of the date of receipt/postmark
- Provide for the next 5 pilgrims (for a period of 7 days following a just completed immediately preceding walk) the first opportunity for a spouse (male or female) of a pilgrim that had come back so overwhelmed by the experience that their spouse wanted to immediately attend one as well, in order of receipt/postmark.
- The limiting of the number of pilgrims from one church is to allow table members to be able to freely and openly share experiences in total confidence.

The above policy was established based on the recommendation, advice and council from the National Emmaus Leadership Board based in Nashville, Tenn.

To prevent confusion in the future, an e-mail will be sent to the sponsor when the pilgrim application has been received. If the sponsor does not have an e-mail address, a postcard will be sent. This will simply be an acknowledgement of the receipt of the application and does NOT promise a Walk date to the pilgrim. The assigned walk date will be determined through the process noted above.

Generally not later than one month prior to the walk date, and wherever possible, Pilgrims and Sponsors will be contacted by the registrar to confirm with them their acceptance and availability to attend upcoming walks. Until that contact has been provided by the registrar AND accepted by the pilgrim and sponsor; no one should assume they will be attending the upcoming walk.

Each year your Board considers the need to schedule Summer walks in order to properly manage the waiting list of pilgrims in order to hopefully maintain the waiting time of not more than 6 months until the next available walk date.

We all realize the emotional and spiritual

energy that is part of the Walk to Emmaus experience and the desire for both a sponsor and a pilgrim to get signed up right away. We also realize that there is a concern that if it doesn't happen RIGHT NOW that there is a fear that the pilgrim and/or their spouse might back out from this or future walks. Also their strong preference for Spring or Fall, or where the walk is held might influence their decision for now or in the future. Yes, any of these things might happen.

People/pilgrims attend the Walk to Emmaus in God's perfect timing. The structure above is quite frankly intended to remove the subjectiveness and favoritism from the process and to allow God's timing to enter in where all individuals are called at "just the right time" in their lives. I have seen so many things change in my time in Emmaus not only in the "final pilgrim" confirmation - the make-up and diversity of the pilgrims - to going from "Are we going to have a walk?" to "We need to have a summer walk in addition to the normal spring and fall."

I ask you how many times have you heard pilgrims coming off the walk say (or you may have said it yourself) - "What perfect timing in my life that I attended this Walk. The timing would not have been right earlier, but now I understand why I waited.

If, after reading all of the above you still have questions call me and I will do the best I can to explain things to you, but I also ask you to pray about it. Ask God to provide you some of the answers on timing or to give you the comfort of understanding that His timing is always perfect.

God bless you all and feel free to call me directly or to email me. My email address and telephone number are on the website @ <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/nle/> - 513-860-1623.

In HIS Service - DeColores!
 T. J. Bugg
 Community Lay Director





Reaching teens
for Jesus Christ
through Chrysalis
Flights

Northern Lights Chrysalis Board ready to be formed!

The Northern Lights Chrysalis Steering Committee is ready to make the transition into the Northern Lights Chrysalis Board. That's right...after years of hard work and many successful flights; the Chrysalis Board is ready to be formed. However, before we can proceed, we need your help. The Chrysalis by-laws have been completed and we need to get them out the community. We will have the Bylaws posted on the website for review and at upcoming Emmaus gatherings as well. We encourage you to check them out and see what the new Chrysalis Board will look like. We are very excited for this next step in the evolution of the Northern Lights Chrysalis Community and we thank everyone who has been a part of reaching teens for Jesus Christ through Chrysalis.

Chrysalis Flights Coming Up

Girls Flight Number 6
November 28-30, 2003
Monroe UMC
Lay Director—Karen Doerflein

Boys Flight Number 5
January 17-19, 2004
Monroe UMC
Lay Director—Kevin Savage

Chrysalis Board Seeking Nominations

If you are interested in serving on the Northern Lights Chrysalis Board or might know someone who is, we are currently seeking nominations. Please forward the nominations to either Dan Johnson or Benji Sayre.

If you have any questions about the Chrysalis Board, please feel free to get in touch with...

Dan Johnson—HillsboroUth@aol.com
Benji Sayre—benjisayre@yahoo.com—(513) 404-5013



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**Please pray for these pilgrims as they move forward
in their Christian Walk.**

**Northern Lights Women's Walk #20
Tentative Women's Pilgrim List
October 2—5th**

**Pilgrim lists are always changing. Check the
web site for most current information!**

Arline Adams	Park Ave. UMC	Emily Mueller	Faith United Methodist Ch	Marie White	Tryed Stone Baptist
Shelly Blanton	Fellowship Baptist	Charlotte Nichols	Faith Community UMC	Heather Walker	Park Ave. UMC
Pena Botkins	Park Ave. UMC	Barbara Nichols	Vineyard	Ann Weber	Groesbeck UMC
Judy Buckenmyer	Faith Community UMC	Alice Nussbaum	Norwood UMC	Charma Weiss	Princeton Pk. Ch of God
Jeanette Cissell	Vineyard Community Ch	Ginny O'Neill	Norwood First UMC	Barb Vaughn	Fairfield Nazarene Church
Karen Currey	Hope, Mason	Judy Palmer	Faith Community UMC	Marsha Walden	Faith Community UMC
Tammy Dietz	Faith Community UMC	Judy Peacher	Park Ave. UMC	Terri Lustig	Lakota Christian Church
Deborah Dukes	United Missionary Bapst	Sarah Peacor	Cornerstone UMC	Jane Stewart	Franklin First UMC
Julie Eshman	Cornerstone UMC	Sue Pendergrass	Vineyard Community Ch	Carol Lockard	Faith Community UMC
Jorie Hanson	Living Hope Nazarene	Debbie Schrode	Faith Community UMC	Marty Smith	First UMC, Hamilton
Jo Johnson	New Thought Unity Ctr	Cynthia Schwallie	Faith Community UMC	Linda LaManna	First UMC, Middletown
Judy Keller	Vineyard	Willie Shazier	Forest Park Baptist	<i>Most current info—www.gbgm-umc.org/nle</i>	

**Please pray for these women as they serve on the team for
the Women's Walk.**

**Northern Lights Women's Walk #20 Team
October 2—5th**

**Be sure to watch the web site for last minute
updates to the Pilgrim list!**

John Eshelman	Spiritual Director	Roberta Thaeler	Kitchen	Wilma Batt	Assistant Table Leader
Janine Youngstrom	Assistant Spiritual Director	Darla Crum	Kitchen	Kim Wells	Agape Lead
Dave Keppel	Assistant Spiritual Director	Jan Cook	Kitchen	Melinda Hannah	Agape
Lupina Stewart	Assistant Spiritual Director	Jackie Jewett	Prayer Lead	Sheila Meloy	Agape
Jeff Rager	Assistant Spiritual Director	Diana Small	Prayer	Donna Maher	Agape
Karen Chambers	Table Leader	Shirley Heismann	Lay Director	Jacque Keith	Agape
Beverlee Hammer	Table Leader	Sue Bugg	Assistant Lay Director	Barb Hoffman	Agape
Sue Luken	Table Leader	Wendy Jacques	Assistant Lay Director	Shelly Zech	Agape
Jill Woodward	Table Leader	Shari Wilkerson	Assistant Lay Director	Debbie Thaeler	Agape
Julie Shephard	Table Leader	Ina Green	Assistant Table Leader	Vicki Dudash	Music Lead
Brenda Patton	Table Leader	Isophene Andrews	Assistant Table Leader	Amy Docherty	Music
Lisa Winters	Table Leader	Debi Homer	Assistant Table Leader	Laurie Stitz	Music
Susan Mapes	Table Leader	Becky Savage	Assistant Table Leader	Jan Rickard	Music
Karen Fannin	Kitchen Lead	Nancy Riggs	Assistant Table Leader	Wilma Thompson	DeCon
Judy Schaefer	Kitchen	Marilyn Young	Assistant Table Leader	Linda Lindholm	Board Rep
Anne Snedaker	Kitchen	Judy Crump	Kitchen	Tracie Syck	Assistant Table Leader

Please pray for these pilgrims as they move forward
in their Christian Walk.

**Northern Lights Men's Walk #16
Tentative Men's Pilgrim List
September 11—14th**

Pilgrim lists are always changing. Check the
web site for most current information!

Harold Akins	Bardstown UMC	Shawn Hurley	Groesbeck UMC	Tom Pecor	Cornerstone UMC
Donnie Begley	Princeton Pike Ch. God	Harvey Kahl, Jr.	Cornerstone UMC	Mark Pizzo	Living Hope Nazarene Ch.
Michael Bell	Grace Chapel	Dan Klaiber	Monroe UMC	Mark Rustin	Faith Community UMC
Jon Bertram	Faith Community UMC	William Love	Living Hope Nazarene Ch.	Tom Schwallie	Faith Community UMC
Todd Bridges	Cornerstone UMC	Keith Lustig	Lakota Christian Church	Tom Shaver	St. Julie Billiat
Kevin Canfield	Eastview Baptist	Keith McConnell	Crestview Presbyterian	George Taylor	Hamilton Vineyard
Scott Meyer	Crossroads Community	Mike McDonald	St. Cecilia	Andrew Gifford	Living Hope Nazarene
Dan Cramer	Grace Chapel	Tim Anderson	Cornerstone	Tom Thornley	Faith Community UMC
Greg Creech	Joy Community	Bill Nicolai	Loveland UMC	Gary Walden	Faith Community UMC
John Hatterschide	Faith Community UMC	Ed Wilder	Episcopal Ch./Ascension	Chris Lutz	Covenant Community

Please pray for these men as they serve on the team for
the Men's Walk.

**Northern Lights Men's Walk #16 Team
September 11—14th**

Be sure to watch the web site for last minute
updates to the Pilgrim list!

Bob Nothnagel	Lay Director	Larry Huitger	Table Leader	Jeff Hall	Agape/Facilities
Jerry McClendon	Assistant Lay Director	Jim Listermann	Table Leader	Brent Brown	Agape/Facilities
Jack Baldwin	Assistant Lay Director	Jack Gerstle	Assistant Table Leader	Lee Cross	Agape/Facilities
Karl Matson	Assistant Lay Director	Peter Lin	Assistant Table Leader	Mark Iles	Kitchen - Lead
Ron Davis	Spiritual Director	Ray Polley	Assistant Table Leader	Bud Haacke	Kitchen
Brian Straub	Assistant Spiritual Director	Bill Jackson	Assistant Table Leader	Dennis Whitten	Kitchen
Bill Bowdle	Assistant Spiritual Director	Bob Bradley	Assistant Table Leader	Glen Schaaf	Kitchen
John Harra	Assistant Spiritual Director	Wilbur Kriete	Assistant Table Leader	Don DeSerisy	Kitchen
Benji Sayre	Assistant Spiritual Director	Chris Trumbull	Assistant Table Leader	Jerry Lawson	Kitchen
Rick Oliver	Board Rep	Tim Figgs	Assistant Table Leader	John Routson	Kitchen
James Sherron	Table Leader	Don Vanneman	Agape/Facilities - Lead	Jerry Boozer	Kitchen
Chris Dudash	Table Leader	Ray Nothnagel	Agape/Facilities	Pat Bishop	Music - Lead
Bill Chambers	Table Leader	Carl Keith	Agape/Facilities	Abel Stewart	Music
Tom Shackleford	Table Leader	Ken Cameron	Agape/Facilities	Phil Norris	Music
Gary Bivins	Table Leader	Bruce Carter	Agape/Facilities	Rodger Mishler	Music
Ted Collins	Table Leader	Jamie Taylor	Agape/Facilities	Bill Duebber	Prayer - Lead
Thank you for volunteering!				Roger Pyle	Prayer Assistant