



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights 25 & 26	Sept. 1-3 2007
Men's Walk #65	October 18-21, 2007
Women's Walk #66	October 25-28, 2007

Letter to the Community:

HOW ARE EMMAUS TEAMS SELECTED?

Many people in the community have asked about how Emmaus teams are selected. It is not surprising that the first step in the process is PRAYER. The team is generally made up of one third very experienced people (3 walks or more), one third experienced people (1 to 3 walks), and one third new people. The categories include: 10 Agape members, Head Agape, 8 Assistant Table Leaders, 8 Table Leaders, 10 Kitchen team members, Head Kitchen, 2 or 3 Music team members, Head Music, 3 Assistant Lay Directors, Lay Director, 4 Assistant Spiritual Directors, Spiritual Director, and a Board Rep. The actual number of team members may vary from Walk to Walk.

The first team member selected is the Walk Lay Director. This selection is done before the end of the previous walks so it can be announced at closing. This selection must be approved by the Emmaus Board.

After the Walk Lay Director is selected, a meeting is held with the Team Selection Board Rep., Community Lay Director, Spiritual Director, Music Board Rep., and the Walk Lay Director. A list of approved names is made by reviewing the status of prospective team members. Consideration is given to experience level, community event participation, and church affiliation. We try not to have too many team members from the same church. It is also very helpful to have team service applications. The team applications let us know who is interested in working, and are given first consideration. You may obtain a team service application on our web-site or see page 4 of this newsletter. To work on team requires a commitment of \$85 and two weekends of training in addition to the Walk itself.

The approved list is given to the Walk Lay Director to make the team selection. Potential candidates are sent a letter requesting them to be on the team. After the letter is sent, a follow-up phone call is made to confirm team membership.

As you can see, team selection is not taken lightly. Each step of the process is very involved and includes a lot of prayer. The main result we want is a team made up with members selected by God. It often amazes me when I hear all the testimonies of the wonderful way God has had His hand in putting the right team members with the right pilgrims at the right time. Each Walk is unique that way.

DeColores,
Gary Fuquay
Community Lay Director



Men's Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Walk #63

The word "**Joy**" comes to mind when I think about the Emmaus weekend with all the men of Walk #63. I cannot thank the Lord enough for the wonderful opportunity and privilege of serving in this way. I am constantly amazed how God puts together teams just the way he wants them. And in every way, the Lord brought together a truly fantastic servant-filled team, each one demonstrating the love and attitude of Christ in all they were called to do. And even more!

The Lord also brought Pilgrims that were ready and willing to accept His Love and share their lives together these three days. Awesome! And wow, could these men sing. We all (pilgrims & team) were blessed beyond anything we could imagine. God is so good!

Ephesians 3:20-21 *²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen*

If you will remember the weather conditions for men's walk #63, yes it was rainy, yes it was cool, but yes it was PERFECT! Right from New Found Friend, it seemed the men were all ready to experience whatever God had in store for them. This really became evident as early as Friday morning as the tables began to come together and share in an enthusiastic journey of growing in God's grace.

All the planned activities of the walk moved along with the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we were blessed by the music, the food, the agape, the meditations, and all those awesome talks, challenging us and demonstrating God's marvelous love. Candlelight was truly a glimpse of heaven as the community was truly the face of Christ to all of us. And your prayers were constantly felt. I am constantly humbled by the power of God's love and mercy released through prayer and the community's sacrifice of love in these ways. Thank you!

My prayer is that all the pilgrims and team on walk #63, who have experienced the touch of the awesome love of Christ, will continue walking with Christ steadfastly in our fourth days, and be zealous to show others how awesome is the love of God! Living out the passion and excitement of the scripture of **Luke 24:34** that *it is true! The Lord has risen!* The greatest proclamation of all time!

DeColores,
John Shoemaker
Lay Director, Men's Emmaus Walk #63

Just a note to remind everyone who made agape for the Spring Walks. We have quite a bit of left over agape that we would like for you to pick up. There is a table set up at the Gatherings so please check it out! Also we have several items that were left at camp, so if you are missing anything you might want to check out our Lost & Found items at the Gatherings as well. Thanks!

DeColores,
Pat Shoemaker

Blessings of Women's Walk #64,

Wow!!! What an awesome God we have. The Lord had planned out the details of this walk to how many bottom bunks were needed. As far back as the beginning of team formation the Lord's hand was evident. He had exciting plans for both team and pilgrims. The pilgrims arrived reluctantly but with **joy** and the teams diligent preparations paid off as the weekend progressed. We began tentatively singing on Friday but the "**Joy** of the Lord" shined through as the weekend progressed. The talks were well received and the women were led by the Holy Spirit as they moved closer to our Lord through each talk, singing, the faces of the clowns, dying moments, singing, Candlelight, prayer times, all the agape and more singing and especially by the prayers of this wonderful community of which we are all now a part. Satan tried to have his part but our Lord overcame and was victorious. The agape team had a set back when one of the team began having problems with her knee but she would not give up, she persevered through Saturday night and the whole team benefited as they rallied to work together so nothing for the pilgrims would be missed. The Kitchen team prayed for us as they wonderfully prepared each meal to perfection. Even the special meal people were touched by hands of grace as every need was met. Everyone enjoyed Friday and Saturday night's poster parties that confirmed hearts and minds were being conformed into the likeness of our Lord. We were all blessed as singing praises to our Lord softened our hearts for each step God had planned for us. At closing the Spirit was evident in the women's anxious willingness to wait in line behind the stage.

God graciously called each one to Walk # 64 and all benefited by the obedience of each team member and pilgrim saying " Here I am Lord, Send me!". It was a great **joy** and privilege to serve this community as Lay director for Walk #64 as we were "Blessed to be a blessing!" Everyone was touched by the love and support in prayer and deed of the Columbus Area Emmaus Community.

Love in Christ,
Stephanie Phillips
Lay Director, Women's Emmaus Walk #64

New Board Member Profile

Hello - My name is Mary Miles and I am one of the new Emmaus Board Members. My position is Web Site Coordinator. I am married to Phil for going on 22 years and we have two boys. John (18) who is graduating this June from Columbus East and then off to IU in the fall and Jared (15) who is completing his freshman year at East. My family attends Memorial Baptist in Columbus where we have been members for about 11 years. I enjoy working on my computer and have spent many years doing School Newsletters and many different computer projects for Memorial. I'm one of the people that puts together the PowerPoint each week for our Sunday Morning Services and have enjoyed being able to begin to learn a new skill in trying to keep the Emmaus Web Site updated. I enjoy scrap booking with friends and also spending time watching my sons play High School Football and Rugby.

If at anytime you have questions or comments about the Web Site please email me at mmiles@columbusinemmaus.org

DeColores,
Mary Miles

**Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc
Team Service Application - Men's Walk #65 / Women's Walk #66**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ - _____ Date of birth: _____ Email _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Occupation: _____

What church do you attend? _____

Emmaus Walk you went on (Community and #) _____

In what ways are you active in the community (reunion group, sponsorship, attend Gatherings, Candlelights, etc.) ?

I have not served before but would like to be considered to be on Team for **Walk # 65 / 66**.

I have served on Team before and would like to be considered to be on Team for **Walk # 65 / 66**.

In what area(s) are you interested in serving _____

Experience: Please list the positions in which you **have** served as a team member:

Position	Walk#/ Location	Talk(s) Given	Date
Lay Director			
Assistant Lay Director			
Table Leader			
Assistant Table Leader			
Spiritual Director			
Assistant Spiritual Director			
Music			
Agape			
Kitchen			
Board Rep			

Please list any health concerns or special dietary needs you may have (Use back side if more room is needed).

Your Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN FORM TO:

Ground Mail: Columbus IN Area Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 2184, Columbus, IN 47202.

Email (as attachment): <mailto:teamserviceapp@columbusinemmaus.org>



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629 N. US 31; Whiteland, IN 46184 317-535-7600

June Hoot Location Rascal's Fun Zone
Sunday afternoon June 10, 2007 2:00 till 6:00

Cost will be \$ 15.00 each 4 hours unlimited Attractions
We will have the picnic area with our drinks and snacks
And

We can have some of our music and worship time!
This requires 30 ticket minimum
Please put this in your calendar and E-Mail or call RSVP
Joe Howell - leave message I'll get it!
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Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc. Home Page:

www.columbusinemmaus.org

Emmaus Information Page (for community members):

www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members

User name: columbusemmaus password: 4thday

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June Gathering

Friday, June 15, 7:00 pm
Memorial Baptist Church,
2320 7th St., Columbus
A—I bring snacks & drinks,
Childcare provided for ages 6 and under

June Hoot

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Rascal's Fun Zone, 629 N US 31, Whiteland, IN
(See page 5 of this newsletter for more details)

July Gathering/Hoot

Sunday, July 15, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Mill Race Park, Columbus
(rain location: Commons Mall, Columbus)
More information to come!!

