

EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Men’s Walk #82 Jan. 10-13

“Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.⁷ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.⁸” *1 John 2:7-8 NKJ*

Please remember to keep these brothers in Christ in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared and their eyes would be opened to the Lord to work in and through them. Please log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for a complete list of pilgrims for the upcoming Walk.

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
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Neal Stout	TL..... Body of Christ
T.W. Tesche	ALD.. Grow Through Study
David Troller	TL..... Life in Piety
Dave Weaver	ASD... Justifying Grace

Logistics Coordinator:

David & Ann Frye—513-575-1538

Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
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SPONSORS...

Remember 4th Day Books are available for purchase (\$5) at Sponsor’s Hour. They are a great gift for a Pilgrim’s 4th Day!

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2008

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

God whispers in your soul and speaks to your mind. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at you. It's your choice: Listen to the whisper, or wait for the brick.

Author unknown, www.emailministry.org

Reminder! A Change in the Calendar:

January and February, 2008 Gatherings.

The January Gathering will be on
January 9.

The February Gathering will be on
February 13
due to the 6th being Ash Wednesday.

7:30 p.m. in the
Grace Building Sanctuary

Please note that we enclosed an envelope in the last mailing for consideration of a love offering to Emmaus. As always, first priority is to your own home church. But we do ask you to prayerfully consider a donation of any amount to help offset increasing costs of Emmaus walks.

Make checks payable to: The Greater Cincinnati Walk to Emmaus
c/o Howard Sloneker, Treasurer
423 Fox Chapel Run
Maineville, OH 45039

If you would like to be on the Emmaus *email* list to be notified of Gatherings, Walks, Candlelights, Community News, etc, please send an email to **EmmausNews@fuse.net** and request to be added to the list.

It will NOT be used for anything other than Emmaus notifications.

Childcare for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events is available!. It is arranged through the HPCUMC child care staff.



The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Spots must be reserved at least 24 hours before the event.

For reservations, please contact Howard Sloneker at 513-313-0275 or Howard@dmlive.com.

You will need to provide your name, phone number, name and date of the event you need child care for along with the name and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERDS—

We are attempting to compile a list of share groups that are willing to accept new members. If that is you, please send the following information to:
Rongoenssystems@fuse.net or rlg134@one.net.

Contact Name
 Telephone
 What part of town you meet
 Meeting time
 Mens/Womens Share Group

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New Pilgrim Costs in 2008

The cost for a pilgrim to attend the spirit-filled three-day Walk to Emmaus experience will be \$100, effective 1/1/08. A \$25 deposit (non-refundable) needs to accompany the pilgrim registration form, and the remaining \$75 paid at Thursday night registration. This is due to ongoing food and supply cost increases. There has not been an increase in over ten years. The pilgrim fee is still less than many other communities. The Emmaus board will make all attempts in being good stewards in keeping the cost for pilgrims reasonable. Donations to the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community for scholarships are graciously accepted.

From the Community Spiritual Director —

All, I hope your Advent and Christmas was filled with the peace, comfort, and joy of the holy season. More importantly, I hope the Spirit of Christ was again received in your hearts, as a gift of grace, and as a sign of salvation!

Happy New Year Emmaus Friends,

It's the start of the New Year so we all begin thinking towards those resolutions. Resolutions are not for everyone and most are broken within a short period of time. But I do believe changes are important for progress. Matter of fact, I think we can become comfortable with a "status quo" style of spiritual life. So I challenge us all to think about some "proactive or positive" changes that will help us spiritually grow in 2008, especially individually and as an ecumenical Emmaus community of faith.

Before moving forward with your resolutions there are a couple of warnings: Try not to make the "to-do-list" for 2008 so long or unattainable. Be reasonable and make them realistic...keep it simple, but focused. Another caution...do not try and "compete or duplicate" what other people are doing with resolutions. Customize them to your specific need and the best possible way to be faithful to the commitment you make. Make it personal and reap the rewards of being disciplined in a style that works for you.

Resolutions and changes in our Emmaus language is what we define as "priorities." My priorities will be different than your priorities. My walk with God is not lock-step with your walk with God. Isn't it great that we call this ministry the "Walk to Emmaus!" The main thing is we are open to new ways God will work in our lives in the New Year. And along the way we get to walk with God and a diversity of other Christians who travel this road of life.....with love and grace!

It reminds me of an old, old hymn, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee."

***"I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long, as I walk let me walk close to Thee!
 Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to Thee, let it be dear Lord, let it be!"***

My "priority" for the New Year is to walk closer with my Lord. I'll do that by maintaining a personal devotional life of reading scripture, prayer, fasting, and reflection. Finding a variety of worship styles that feed my spirit and being active in a men's sharing group still remain high on my list. Lastly, responding by serving to meet the needs of others will help me balance out my hopes for 2008.

My desire is to walk closer with God in all areas of my life. While doing that, all other relationships including my wife, daughter, family members, friends, the church, and this Emmaus community are made stronger. There is great joy in getting to walk with others in claiming the love and grace of God...who walks with us. Isn't it wonderful!

So, my challenge to you and for us as an Emmaus community is not to make so many resolutions, but to set one main priority for 2008.

***"Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to thee, let it be dear Lord, let it be!"***

"Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you." James 4: 8

May God richly bless us in our personal walk of faith and in this ministry called the "Walk to Emmaus!" I look forward to my own journey this New Year, and walking with you as we serve our Lord faithfully in 2008!

Have a Happy, Healthy, and Holy New Year!
 Dave Weaver
 Spiritual Director

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For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log on at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

**Men's Walk #82
Jan. 10-13**

- Candlelight 1/12, 8:30 p.m.
- Closing 1/13, 4:30 p.m.

Board Retreat: Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Bd. Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6:00 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

2008 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #98: Feb. 7-10

Men's Walk #83: May 15-18

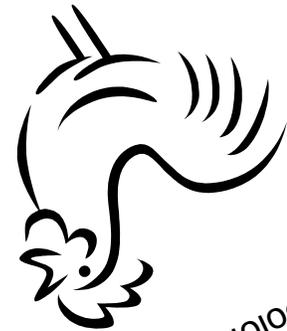
Women's Walk #99: June 19-22

Men's Walk #84: Oct. 16-19

Women's Walk #100: Nov. 13-16

Please make childcare arrangements before attending Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services.

Christ is Counting On You!



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