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FOURTH DAYS

One of the most moving parts of a Walk to Emmaus weekend is the testimony at closing of those that have completed the Walk. Here is a testimony from Tim Messersmith on his Fourth Days:

When I went on my Walk to Emmaus there was one thing that I did not realize. I thought I was in a pretty good place with God and it was on the Walk that I realized I had room to grow in my faith walk. People who have been on the walk will understand it was an amazing experience!! I found out I had only just begun my walk and there is lots of room to grow. As time has passed I have found the deeper I dig in my relationship with the Lord the more I uncover and I realized I am only scratching the surface. There is so much more to uncover! I feel the need to learn. I realized previously my faith was a simple faith, not an intellectual faith, and I am ok with that. God will open me up to what I need to know.

My relationships have greatly improved as a whole. God seeks a relationship and we are to as well. I have learned to show God's love to the least of these. My marriage, my work life, and my spiritual life have all grown and flourished in my fourth days. I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to experience the Walk to Emmaus and will continue to serve in whatever capacity the Lord may call me to fulfill.

One thing that had a profound effect on me on the weekend was when one of the older gentlemen was speaking he introduced the book table. Next he held up his bible and said something that really impacted me – however, this is the only book you need to read. I have really held on to that and have been reading my bible and now see it more as a story and it makes sense. I enjoy reading my bible. I find early morning is my quiet time with the Lord and I need to stay disciplined in that. I also found I really need my Christian brothers. I miss being with them. Staying in touch is important.

I want to become more involved in my church and in other areas. I still have a way to go but the Holy Spirit has me lit up!!

THE NEXT GATHERING—JULY 25

The next Gathering will be a combined Hoot (for Chrysalis) and Gathering (for Emmaus) on July 25th at Christ United Methodist Church on the South Side. The address is 8540 US 31, Indianapolis, IN 46227, a mile north of Greenwood Park Mall on US 31. See directions at www.indyemmaus.org.

The Community starts gathering at 6:30 PM to fellowship and the program will begin around 7pm. Please wear your name tag. There will be singing, praise and worship. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share. If you need babysitting, please contact Katie Tupper at tupperkt@yahoo.com or 317-362-2922.



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SEPTEMBER EMMAUS WALKS

The Men's Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for September 10-13, 2015, with Joel Wesley as the Lay Direction and the Women's Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for September 24-27, 2015, with Cherie Wesley as the Women's Lay Director. Both teams are forming now! Cha's and Kitchen are always needed in addition to others! .

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Pray for team formation and pilgrims
- Volunteer to serve on an upcoming team by contacting Carla Robinson, grobin7024@aol.com. Team sheets are available at www.Indyemmaus.org.
- Sponsor a pilgrim. No pilgrims are signed up as of the publishing of this newsletter.
- Make Agape

WHAT IS EXPECTED WHEN I SPONSOR A PILGRIM?

When you are considering sponsoring a pilgrim here are a few things to be aware of from the Upper Room's responsibilities of sponsorship. The GIAEC asks each sponsor to:

1. Speak with your pilgrim in advance and explain the events of the 72 hour experience. Nothing is considered 'secret', but you may want to just briefly describe 'dying moments' and 'candlelight' as going to chapel for examination of conscience.
2. Fill out a Pilgrim Application form with the help of your pilgrim and send it to the Community Registrar, John Burnell. He will then notify you and your pilgrim all the specifics you will need to know concerning the weekend.
4. Gather Agape letters for your pilgrim. They should be dropped off anytime prior to or at Candlelight.
3. Pick-up your pilgrim and bring them to the site of the Walk by 7:00 P.M. on Thursday of the Walk (Some people will take their pilgrim out to dinner before the Walk on Thursday evening. That is up to you and your pilgrim.) You will also need to stay for the Sponsor's Hour that takes place immediately after the Pilgrims are called away into the conference room on Thursday. Sponsor's Hour consists of praying for your pilgrim while holding their Cross, and receiving Communion.
4. While your pilgrim is on their Walk, you will also check in with their family during the weekend to see if they have any needs.
5. Attend Candlelight on Saturday of the Walk. Candlelight starts at 8:00 P.M. sharp. Most people start arriving by 7:30. You will have the opportunity to again pray for your pilgrim while holding their Cross. Please sit on an aisle seat so you can see your pilgrim when they come into the room at 9:00 P.M.
6. Attend the Closing at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday afternoon of the Walk. After Closing you will take your pilgrim home.
7. Encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to Emmaus "gatherings" after the Walk weekend is over.

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PRAYER!

Prayer is a very important part of Walk to Emmaus both before and after the Walk. Prayer starts months before the Walk. God knows who is going to be on team and who the pilgrims will be. Also, there are multiple other opportunities to pray. You can sign up on the prayer vigils during the Walk. They are posted on www.indyemmaus.org for our community or you can go to <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml> to sign up for other communities' prayer vigils. If you watch the Emmaus Facebook sites, we get posts to pray for walks going on in prison.



Throughout the year the community gets Agape Letters from other communities and requests for our community to send them Agape Letters. Do you remember when you were on your walk and the letters from all of the other communities were displayed? Remember how powerful it was to know that we had people praying for us all over the globe, even from prisons? Our Agape Letter coordinator is Greg Bright. He is wondering if anyone has it laid on their heart to join him in praying over these letters for other Walks and Chrysalis events that are occurring? If you are, please contact him via email at biomonitor@att.net.

AGAPE

Agape is a very important part of the Walk to Emmaus. Agape is unconditional love. We show God's unconditional love in many different ways during the Walk to Emmaus. It can be cooking baked goods such as pies, brownies or cakes as dessert for the weekend. It can be serving as a CHA (Christ's Hands in Action) or kitchen or on team. It can be attending candlelight or closing or being a server for the Agape dinner.

Another form of agape are the gifts that are given out all weekend. If you would like to make agape, please make 85 for the whole team, 65 for table agape, or 45 for the conference room. Churches and reunion groups may have their name on the agape; however, individuals should give their agape anonymously, in love. If you are looking for agape ideas you can find them by going to pin-terest or by searching on the internet for "Agape for Emmaus". There are hundreds of ideas.

Another form of Agape are letters for a pilgrim. Letters are usually collected by the sponsor and express feelings for the person on the walk. They are presented at a special time during the walk.

Make sure to show God's love through your gifts!

AGAPE COORDINATOR

My name is Donna Magnabosco (Walk #165, table of Abigail) and I am the new Agape Coordinator for Emmaus. You can reach me at either donna_magnabosco@yahoo.com or 514-4619. DeColores!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The GIAEMC Board of directors meetings are every other month. They are open to any members of the community. The next meeting is on July 20th at 7pm at Tuxedo Park Baptist Church. Directions are available on the indyemmaus.org website.

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