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FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

AFTER DEATH, NEW LIFE BEGINS

I love to garden, both vegetable and flower. Since I have retired, I have truly enjoyed working in my garden and with my flowers. Just this week I picked a final picking of beans, pulled the plants, cut down the corn, and tilled all of it into the ground, already preparing for spring.

The flowers are all dying down and I am preparing to plant bulbs in anticipation of beautiful flowers at winter's end. The trees are starting to take on less water and we see the leaves starting to turn different colors and tumble to the ground.

As I think of how God has designed our plant life, I am reminded of our spiritual lives, also. In our lives before salvation, we feel we are okay. Why would we want to change our lives? After all, we have our families, our jobs, all the entertainment that we want, friends galore, plenty of food, and an ample amount of money. What can God do for us?

The grace of God is so amazing. His prevenient grace watches over us as we live in our little egotistical world of sin. Then something brings us to our knees, and just as if we had never sinned before, God's justifying grace abounds. Just like the beans, corn, flowers and leaves, our sins die out. God takes them and tills them under His great love, never to remember them again. Then what happens? Just as those tulips spring forth in radiant beauty each spring, our lives as Christians bloom and flourish with God's grace and love.

After the death of our sins, new life begins with Jesus Christ. Because of His death we can now live a life of righteousness.

What a mighty God we serve.



FROM DARRELL

During the Emmaus Walks we talk a lot to the Pilgrims about discipleship. We share with them the theology of Peter when in his first letter he reminds us that through and only through God's grace we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

What has struck me as I have been thinking about what it means to be a disciple is that throughout the Old and the New Testament: the prophets, Christ and His apostles always talked about discipleship in terms of relationships. First and foremost, they understood discipleship can only within a solid relationship with the Lord. A relationship with the Lord that is personal, vulnerable, and intimate. They understood that then and only then could one serve as a disciple to others. A disciple who was enabled to hurt when others hurt, rejoice when others were rejoicing, and most important share God's word of

grace with others who needed to hear of His grace in their lives.

At each team meeting, the Team Canon is read to remind each member of the team that they are there to serve others and not for themselves. That Canon helps each member of the team to get out of the way and let God's Spirit work.

A member of my church shared with me the litany printed in this newsletter which he received off the Internet. After reading it, I think you will agree with me that this is a Disciple's Canon. A Canon, not unlike the Team Canon, which helps each one of us maintain our relationship with the Lord so we too can be effective disciples for him.

A Disciple's Canon

I cannot say Our, if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say Father, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say Who art in heaven, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say Hallowed be thy name, if I who is called by His name, am not accepting His gift of holiness and righteousness.

WOMEN'S WALK TO EMMAUS

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October 26-29, 1995

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THE LIVE-IN TEAM

TS - Betty Chow - I.D. - *Perseverance*
Lois Hall - ALD - *Christian Action*
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Barb Shoemaker - ATL
S - Jing Chow - SD - *Means of Grace*
ST - Mark Cow - ASD - *Obstacles to Grace*
Margaret Mallory - ASD - *Sanctifying Grace*
Patricia Davis - ASD - *Justifying Grace*
Georgiana Salyers - ASD - *Prevenient Grace*

OCTOBER REUNIONS

Women's #2 and #32

Men's #3 and #18

Reunions are held at 6:00 P.M.,
one hour prior to the gathering,
Tuesday, October 10th.

WALK CALENDAR

Greater Dayton

Men - October 26-29 (to be held at
Greene Street U.M., Piqua)

Greater Cincinnati

Women #59 - October 19-22

Springfield

Women #15 - October 19-22

Greater Columbus

Women #36 - October 26-29

Reynoldsburg

Men #19 - October 19-22

Greater Scioto Valley (Chillicothe)

Women #2 - October 5-8

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE ACADE!

SIGN UP FOR WEEKEND JOB!

SIGN THE PRAYER VIGIL!

COME TO CANDLELIGHT!

COME TO CLOSING!

SPONSOR A PILGRIM!

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

After Death, New Life Begins (continued from page 1)

The first set of weekends is being planned for Ghana in January, 1996. If you would like to financially assist in this venture, please send contributions to The Upper Room Emmaus office and designate them for Ghana. If you want to send agape, please send 125 pieces by December 30th to: Norm Galloway, 3265 Maddenhurst Ct., Lexington, KY 40517. We have new information from England. The first set of 12-15 and Nov. 9-12, 1995. Hong Kong are tentatively set community will be an English hopes of beginning a Chinese. The first set of weekends for an Santa Cruz, Bolivia has been



weekends will be held on Oct. The first set of weekends for for spring, 1996. The first language community with the language community soon. English language community in postponed indefinitely.

Praise His name!

Romans 6:1-2 - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

De Colores,
Betty Bishop

CRITERIA FOR TEAM SELECTION

When a team is selected, the chairperson of the community, the leadership chairperson (who is also the past chairperson), and the spiritual director meet with the lay director selected for the next walk. The lay director has previously been given a list of people who have served as ald's, table leaders, assistant table leaders, etc. The lay director is instructed to select a tentative team and several alternates prior to the meeting. The lay director is also instructed that for people to be considered for a team, the following criteria are reviewed: regular attendance in a sharing group, involvement in the Emmaus Community by volunteering and attendance at functions, and active in a church as well as showing evidence of a close walk with Christ. These criteria will become increasingly important because of the many willing and qualified members of the community who want to serve on a team.

New *Northern Lights* Community

Northern Lights is a new community serving the Northern Cincinnati and Butler County areas which include Hamilton, Fairfield, West Chester, etc. Walks #1 and #2 will be held on the weekends of March 10 and March 24, 1996, at the Parks United Methodist Church in Hamilton. Walks #3 and #4 will be held in the fall of 1996 at Camp Swoneky, a Salvation Army facility off I-71, north of Kings Island.

"From Darrell" (continued from page 1)

I cannot say Thy Kingdom come, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say Thy will be done, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say On earth as it is in heaven, unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say Give us this day our daily bread, without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellowmen.

I cannot say Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say Lead us not into temptation, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say Deliver us from evil, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say Thine is the power, if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.

I cannot say Thine is the glory, if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say, Forever, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say Amen, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

De Colores

Darrell Holmes

