

# WILMINGTON EMMAUS

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*"He who observes the wind  
will not sow, and he who  
regards the clouds will not  
reap."*

*-Ecclesiastes 11:4*

All Emmaus walks  
and gatherings are  
held at the United  
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## GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY

**CHAIRPERSON: RANDY RILEY - WALK #21**

### Seeing Jesus:

The Sunday Closing ceremony of each Emmaus Walk Weekend often becomes one of the highlights of the entire Emmaus Walk experience. The Pilgrims get to meet the community. The community finally is allowed to get acquainted with the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims share their experience with us in answering the questions, "What has this experience meant to me," and "What am I planning on doing with it?"

What a joy it is to hear of the Holy Spirit at work throughout the weekend; to hear that our prayers have been answered; and, that each Pilgrims has indeed been moved closer to the absolute knowledge and understanding of God's Grace. Sunday Closing is a great Spirit-filled experience for the Pilgrims and Community.

The community receives a gift of musical agape from the Pilgrims and Team when they sing to us a song from their hearts. In past years, one of the highlights of many Sunday Closings has been when Scott and Cindi Amen would sing the duet, "I've Just Seen Jesus."

That song is always poignant and meaningful. Having just experienced the Grace of God, the Love of Jesus and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Pilgrims have indeed 'just seen Jesus.' What an experience!

I was thinking about this recently when I received an interesting email from a friend. The email contained an optical illusion. It's reproduced below.

Follow these instructions:

1. Relax and concentrate on the four small dots in the middle of the picture. Stare at the dots for about 45 seconds.
2. Then, look at a blank wall or stare at a blank sheet of white paper. You will see a circle of light start to develop.
3. Blink several times and you'll see a picture start to develop.

Isn't this great? I know it's an optical illusion, but isn't it wonderful to see Jesus appear where moments ago there was only a blank wall or empty sheet of paper?

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## Joy's Jewels

Several months ago a little girl came up to me and said she wanted to ask me something. She was very shy and was twisting her hair through her small fingers as she waited for my response. However, she looked me straight in the eye. Realizing she was uncomfortable, and sensing that this was major for her, I got up from my seat and knelt down on the floor facing her. I told her she could ask me anything. She asked, "I heard that you are a preacher, is that true?" I was a little taken back, because I had no idea that anybody affiliated with her knew that I was a pastor. I smiled at her and confirmed that yes, it is true. Then she asked me another question, one more important, one that most adults would never have asked. Continuing to look me in the eye she asked, "But are you a Christian?" Wow!!! Talk about powerful!!! I was so thrilled to be able to look back into those beautiful, sincere little eyes and assure her that "Yes, I am a Christian." She smiled then and I watched that little body relax. She had a huge prayer request. A request that would be life altering for her. A request that I knew I, too, would have to trust God with because I couldn't make it happen.

*"Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts."*

*-Psalm 90:12*

This reminded me of what I have heard and said, over and over again at Emmaus. We MUST BE AUTHENTIC!!!! Children, especially, know when we are fakes. We have to be real. I remembered hearing the words "Christ is Counting on You!" I remembered my reply. He is counting on us to be real, to have a real testimony. It is not about a title or position. It doesn't matter, if we pastor, teach Sunday School, Sing, etc... It doesn't matter what the name is over the church we attend. What matters is: "Are you a Christian?"

Recently, that little girl's request was miraculously answered. Not only did she get an answer, but this time the answer was "yes"! She already had faith that would put most of us to shame, but imagine what this did for her faith! It sure increased mine!

So, Are You Real? Are you Authentic? Are you a Christian?

Decolores

Pastor Joy Stanforth

*"But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfectly and fully developed, lacking in nothing."*

*-James 1:2-4*

### Women's Walk #80 (June 26-29th)

Pilgrim	Sponsor	Pilgrim	Sponsor
Tracy Ary	Keith Little	Tandy Mann	Jennifer Allen
Bonnie Barton	Sue Boatman & Sue Hern	Tami Montgomery	Laurie Krakowiak
Allyson Bloom	Cindy and Zach Bloom	Wendy Mullins	Al and Sue Hamann
Mary Brown Turner	John Glaze	Paula Pennington	Al and Sue Hamann
Melissa Brunner	Susan Thompson	Donna Potts	Nichole Avery
Rita Evanshire	Stanly Tucker	Cathy Rigg'in	Elly Wilson
Marilyn Fenner	Wilma F. Hollon	Myrna Rose	Richard D. Brown I
Rebecca Fessler	Christina Parks & Aldon Haines	Nyhla Rothwell	Sharon Hibbs
Trish Fetter	Heath Fetter	Esther Russell	Peggy Larkin & John Glaze
Jennifer Fraysier	Shawnda Duncan	Kenni Jo Scott	Greg Scott
Violeta Gwynn	Brenda Huff	Lani Sollenberger	Ralph and Florine Jackson
Natasha Harner	Eric Marsh	Linda Sprinkle	Ken Oglesbee
Tina Harper	Joy Stanforth & Duane Harper	Tracy Sullivan	Rebecca Oglesby
Kathey James	Tracy Parker	Sandy Tissandier	James Tissandier
Teri Kelley	Laura Parker	Elizabeth Wilkinson	Bud Marsh

## COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

Area or Responsibility	Name	Phone Number
Chairperson	Randy Riley	937-382-6204
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Men's Sponsorship	Bob Brown	937-783-3048
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Women's Good Shepherd	Sue Ellis	937-725-8187
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	Maurice Mitchell	937-393-4051
	Joy Stanforth	740-335-8857
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*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

*-Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

### OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- ⇒ We are planning on converting the gym to the Emmaus room. We will be putting in carpet, blinds, and painting. Volunteers to help are welcome!
- ⇒ Please give your updates (address and phone number) for the Community Roster to Randy Riley or Chuck Tabor. Once updated, we will have them printed and available to the community for a small fee.
- ⇒ Please support the upcoming walks with:

**Agape    Prayer Vigil    Candlelight    Kitchen help    Logistics**

## Gatherings

- \* Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Board meeting 6:00)
- \* When attending a gathering or closing, you may wish to bring food to share during the fellowship time.
- \* *Please come and invite a friend!*

### 2008 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #47	Feb 21-24
Women's Walk #80	June 26-29
Men's Walk #48	Sept 25-28
Women's Walk # 81	Oct 23-26

Don't forget  
Wilmington Emmaus is on  
the web:  
[www.wilmingtonemmaus.org](http://www.wilmingtonemmaus.org)

**Agape**—If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please get your letters out to people early.

- ♥ *Please remember to put the pilgrim's first AND last name on all letters.*

#### Name Badges Are Important!

Don't forget to wear your name badge to all Emmaus events. This includes working in the kitchen, scrubbing bathrooms, gatherings, candlelight's, and closings.

#### Music / Singing

Interested in sharing a musical talent? Volunteers welcome. Please call Loraine Harner-Jarrell at 740-505-8108.

#### Chrysalis

Interested in finding out more about Chrysalis, go to [cincinnati-chrysalis.com](http://cincinnati-chrysalis.com).

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Praise God that Jesus is alive and with us each and every day.



DeColores,

Randy