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Greetings from the Community Chairperson: Mary Jane West—Walk #38

The Chairman's Corner

What a wonderful time of the year and my favorite. Thanksgiving and Christmas!!!

Webster's tells us that to be thankful is to be grateful or appreciative. Well that is how I feel about the last year in the Emmaus Community. Not only am I thankful for the opportunity to have served the community and our Lord as your Community Leader but I was also blessed to have served as the Lay Director for Women's Walk # 82 in June. I want to thank all of you who have supported me with your time and attendance at the Walks and the Gatherings. The new Community Leader for 2010 will be Jim Wingo. He is a wonderful servant of our Lord and the community will be blessed with his leadership.

I pray you all took the time to enjoy your families and our many blessings at Thanksgiving. Christmas is fast approaching and time is running out for shopping, decorating and the many things that we think are so important to have a wonderful Christmas. I recently heard

someone say that a missionary in a third world country had a man in a village see his watch and laugh. When ask why he was laughing the man said "All Americans wear a watch but never have the time." WOW!! Does that hit home.

We worry about schedules, meetings, sports and a thousand other things but never have enough time. There are just not enough hours in the day! But I have found that we find enough time to do what we want to do. We make time to go shopping, take our kids to soccer games and other sporting events, watch our favorite TV show(s), text, and go on face book. But what about time to read our Bible, attend Bible Study, attend Sunday school, attend church or serve on an Emmaus Team? I had a friend tell me I cannot make it to Sunday school it is my only day to sleep in. I had to really think about that because Sunday school is at 9:00 A.M. and she has to be at work at 7:30 A.M. the way I see it you could sleep in and still go to Sunday School. There is that time thing again. We miss Sunday school and Church because

the kids must play sports on Sunday morning. What message are we sending our children about making time for God? If Christian parents would stand together there is a good chance that sports schedules would move to Sunday afternoon. I guess what surprises me most is a lot of Christian parents are the coaches. The most amazing thing that I heard a friend of mine say about Christmas was they could not come to church when Christmas Day fell on Sunday because they had to get things ready for Christmas. I had to bite my tongue and for those of you that know me that was not easy. It is that time thing again. Christians do not even have time to worship Christ on his birthday because they are to busy spending their time on things of this world. Where are you spending your time? Are you spending your time on things of this world or on things that will last into eternity? I pray you had a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Christ filled New Year.

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Mary Jane

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**All Emmaus walks and gatherings are held at the United Methodist Church
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Maurice's Musings

During the last several months one of the hot topics of universal interest is the H1N1 virus or 'swine flu'. Flu epidemics (plagues) have terrorized society since the beginning of recorded history. In 1918, over 20 million people died worldwide from influenza – 548,000 here in the United States. As incredible as that seems, between 1347 and 1351 nearly 40 million died from the Black Death or plague, wiping out somewhere between one-third and one-half of the population of Europe.

Medical research and technology can, to some extent, protect us from such diseases. But another epidemic is taking a tremendous toll on many families today, maybe yours and mine. It's called *affluenza*. It doesn't come from rats or microscopic germs. It comes from the 'rat race' and other invisible influences. And it's not just restricted to wealthy families. The majority of families in America are now at risk.

It attacks in subtle ways. It's characterized by pressure and busyness. Families don't have any downtime, family time, or time to eat a meal together. And it's accompanied by fear. Fear that if we slow down, we will somehow "miss out" and our family will be left behind in the dust.

So ... what's the cure for *affluenza*?

One of the real cures is contentment. But contentment has to be learned. It's learned by kicking comparison, the enemy of contentment, out the door. We need to learn to be content in the will and goodness of God, even when things could be better, because as long as we're on this earth, they could be!

The apostle Paul "**learned to be content whatever the circumstances**" [Philippians 4:11 (read 4:10-13)]. In other words, he could be content in a 5-star hotel or prison – with a new BMW or a '64

Volkswagen Beetle. He had learned that he didn't need more to be content, because he always had the power of Christ at his disposal.

During this season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded that I need to be more thankful, and content. We should not compare ourselves to the Jones, the Smiths, the Mitchells, or anyone else.

Don't let the rat race get to you.

Be thankful for the job you have, if you have one; some people can't find work. Be thankful for the food on your table; some people have very little. Be thankful for your warm home; some people are homeless or soon will be. And then – take time to pray for those who don't have these things.

Maybe part of the cure for *affluenza* is sharing your blessings with one another.

Maurice Mitchell

Welcome Men's Walk # 49!!!

- Amin Abirached
- Larry Addington
- David Barber
- Jeff Broglin
- Dave Davenport
- Danny Gross
- Harold Kahl
- Greg Kottmann
- Mel Kruse
- Tyler Nicely
- Tim Parry
- Chris Paul
- Cuyler Root
- Charles Swagler
- Pat Tegtmeyer
- Johnnie Wass
- Larry Wiley
- Joseph Wooton

Welcome October Women's Walk #83 !!!

- Connie Abirached
- Teresa Adkins
- Susan Barber
- Carolyn Caldwell
- Maggie Copley
- Becky Cramer
- Mandy Craycraft
- Jessica Davenport
- Michelle Durham
- Phyllis Ely
- Becky Fannin
- B.J. Gee
- Cindy Harrison
- Marty James
- Sherry Louderback
- Joy Macaluso
- Norma Morales
- Lillian Schwegler
- Sonja Smith
- Lorna Sullivan
- Sara Tabor
- Dottie Vanscoy
- Tiffany Walls
- Jackie Wass

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THE WAR

Lord, I struggle daily
And strive to be like You.
Thru trials and temptations
Constantly fighting to stay true.

Satan waits around the corner
Hiding in plain sight.
Taking little jabs at me,
In hopes I will not fight.

He's in our prized treasures,
What we hold so dear.
Even using loved ones,
Of this we all should fear.

No matter what he uses,
His tools of deception.
We have the greatest weapon,
He, of the resurrection.

All we ever need to do
To fight the prince of darkness,
Is hit the ground on bended knee
And ask for Christ's forgiveness.

Let us never forget the One,
Who died upon that Cross.
Even Satan knows that
Christ is truly Boss.

Though I may lose some battles,
As I did before,
I will not worry for with Christ,
I will win the war!

Written By: Jeff Bills, January 2006

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!*

We're on the Web:
WilmingtonEmmaus.org

Chrysalis

Interested in finding out more about Chrysalis, go to cincinnatichrysalis.com. Or contact Adam and Jancy Tissandier

Christmas Music Program

Tuesday, December 8th

7:00 pm

-Please come, bring a friend and get into the spirit of Christmas!

Chrysalis News:

- Chrysalis Hoot—December 19th, 7:00 pm at the Milford United Methodist Church
- Girls Chrysalis Weekend—January 16 thru 18th. Candlelight, Sunday at 7:30 pm at the Milford United Methodist Church
- Boys Chrysalis Weekend—February 13 thru 15th. Candlelight, Sunday at 7:30 pm at the Milford United Methodist Church
- **Questions?** Please contact Adam or Jancy Tissandier at 783-4781