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

The Chairman's Corner

The Wilmington Area Emmaus Women's Walk #82 will be June 25-28. I am blessed to have been asked to serve as the Lay Director. You may wonder how you can become a lay director for a men's or women's walk or how you can serve on an Emmaus Team.

Well here's how!

The following describes the steps necessary to serve in any position in the community and on an Emmaus Walk.

1. A person becomes a member of the Wilmington Area Emmaus Community by taking a Walk in Wilmington or any other Emmaus Community: this includes Chrysalis, etc.
2. Pilgrims are encouraged to volunteer in the community immediately after they take their walk.
3. One year following a person's Pilgrim Walk they are eligible to serve in the community as a board member or as a team member on a walk.
4. It is required that people serving the community on the Emmaus Board or as a team member be active in their home church and be a member of a Share Group.
5. People who have volunteered in the community on previous walks and during Gatherings will be given first considerations as a team member.
6. The first position to be held on a team is that of Assistant Table Leader (ATL).
7. One year after serving as ATL a person is eligible to serve as a Table Leader (TL).
8. One year after serving as 1st time TL a person is eligible to serve as an experienced Table Leader.
9. One year after serving as an experienced Table Leader a person is eligible to serve as a 1st time Assistant Lay Director (ALD).
10. One year after serving as a 1st time ALD a person is eligible to serve as an experienced Assistant Lay Director.
11. One year after serving as experienced ALD a person is eligible to

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Tabors Talk

Is God Enough?

Is God enough? That may sound like a strange question to ask of a bunch of people who claim to be followers of Christ, but the question stands: Is God actually, and in reality, enough?

You say, sure He is! Well, that is great.

But if He really is enough, then why do we worry? We worry about everything. We worry about the economy. We worry about our retirement plans. We worry about our medical care. We worry about our jobs. We worry about the price of gasoline. We worry about our kids. We worry about our grandkids – oh, that’s a good worry! (Not really!) We worry about the future. We worry about the past. We worry about the present. We even worry about who is going to win the latest reality television show!

If God is enough, why do we worry? My Bible tells me that I should not be worrying about anything but rather I should be praying about everything. If you and I believe – truly believe – that God is enough, then I assume you accept His Word as enough as well. That means it’s true! So when it commands me NOT to worry and I do, then that means I have committed a sin. While God

is a forgiving and cleansing God, He still tells me not to go on sinning when I know that what I am doing is sin.

Is God enough? Romans 8:28-29 do me a world of good in this regard. God tells me there that “all things work together for good.” That verse does not say “all good things work together for good,” but rather ALL things, good and bad alike. It also says that all things work “together for good.” You cannot take an individual “thing” and grade its effectiveness for bringing good into your life.

And who is God enough for? He tells us here: For those “who love God and are the called according to His purpose” God is working everything that happens in our lives together for good for those who love Him!

So why does He let those “bad things” happen to us? He allows those things we would classify as “bad” (great philosophy question: What is “good”?) to come into our lives so that He can work them together with the good things in our life, using all things to “conform [us] to the image of His Son” (check out verse 29).

In other words, the good things, the bad things, and the indifferent things that happen in our lives all happen in order that God can put them all into a great

big mixing bowl and stir up something that looks like, smells like, tastes like, acts like Jesus Christ! That is what He is doing in your life and my life right now!

So again I ask: Is God enough? In light of Romans 8:28-29, any one of us would have to say without a doubt, “YES!” And therefore, every one of us would have to immediately drop to our knees to confess the sin of worry, simply because we don’t really believe that God can or will work ALL things together for good. Then we get up from our knees and start living a worry-free life, knowing that whatever comes our way, whatever happens to us in life, is there because God is working it out for our good and for His glory!

Praise God that God is enough!

2009 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #82: **June 25-28**

Men's Walk #49: **Sept 24-27**

Women's Walk #83: **Oct 22-25**

Scholarships Available

The cost of sponsoring a pilgrim is \$75.00. The cost helps cover program expenses for food and supplies. If you have not sponsored a someone because it was cost prohibited we have great

news! The Wilmington Area Emmaus Community has a scholarship fund. This fund was made possible through gifts from previous pilgrims. If you need a scholarship for your pilgrim(s)

please contact Mary Jane West or Randy Riley. The 2009 women’s walks are June 25-28 and October 22-25 and the men’s walk is September 24-27.

Community Board Members

Area or Responsibility	Name	Phone Number
Chairperson	Mary Jane West	513-646-9250
Leadership	Randy Riley	937-382-6204
Secretary	Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Treasurer	Susan Thompson	937-584-2139
Agape	Chandra Bills / Jennifer Brown	937-289-2480 / 937-783-3048
Chrysalis	Adam and Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Kitchen	Jerry Quigley	937-685-9163
Logistics	Ken Ogelsbee	937-302-8080
Men's Good Shepherd	Jim Wingo	937-486-3694
Men's Registrar	Bob Brown	937-783-3048
Men's Sponsorship	Michael Cook	937-218-1229
Music	Jenny Harner	937-987-2518
Newsletter	Laura Parker	937-289-4042
Newsletter Subscription	Pat Meranda	937-393-3373
Purchaser	Dean and Joy Hall	937-382-1576
Social	Mary Brose / Ida Jo Allison	513-875-3533 / 937-783-5519
Women's Good Shepherd	Sue Ellis	937-725-8187
Women's Registrar	Debbie Mitchell	937-393-4051
Women's Sponsorship	Betty Starkey	937-685-5002
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serve as the Lay Director (LD) for a walk.

12. One year after serving as LD a person is eligible to serve on a team as the Table Leader who is responsible for delivering the *Changing Our World* talk on Sunday Morning. This is usually the last team a person serves on except as a music person, audio visual logistics person or board representative.

13. There should be a one-year time period between serving on Emmaus teams. There are

exceptions if someone is serving on a team as :

- The Board Representative
- Music Director or Assistant Music Director
- Spiritual Director or Assistant Spiritual Director
- The Audio Visual Logistics Team Member

It is always expected that the community volunteers and team members willingly serve in answer to God's call and hold true to the model of the Emmaus Walk as provided by the Upper Room in Nashville, TN. All of these

positions need to be experienced so you can understand the whole Emmaus experience. The team is built on 1/3 rookies, 1/3 serving for the second time and 1/3 experienced people. It is important to maintain the model to keep new members serving on a team. Don't tell yourself this job is not for me. Let go and let God you will surprise yourself. Remember this is God's Walk and every Lay Director started as that Assistant Table Leader with butterflies and knocking knees. May God continue to bless each of you as you serve Him and **Let Your Light Shine.**

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

Maurice's Musings

The only "holiday" in June is Father's Day, and it gets less "air time" than Mother's Day. (Well, there is Flag Day, but it is ignored by most). "Fathers" have a bad name in our country, when you consider that nearly half of the children in the United States live in a home where there is no male resident, let alone their own father. Men also get a bad rap because we are known for not stopping and asking for directions. It may not be a big deal, except wasting a little time (Hey, you also get to take in new scenery!).

Going blindly through life, though, is not a good thing. Much like we have instruction manuals for our automobiles, we also have one for living. We can ignore the vehicle manual and put water in the gas tank instead of gasoline. That's our prerogative. We could even argue that water is better than gas because it costs less, smells better, and is more environmentally friendly. But it won't be long before we find out that the manufacturer knew which of the two would give the best performance.

The Bible is God's 'roadmap for life'. If we study God's 'roadmap', we can be prepared for the twists, turns, and mountains of life. He created us, and He gave us instructions for life: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, read verses 14-17).

God knows how humanity functions best. He created us. We can argue against His Word and demand our right to choose, but the jury is already in on the result of sinful living. God gave us His Word because it has everything we need to live at our highest potential and for our ultimate best interest. For example, though it runs contrary to society's prevailing attitudes, the Bible tells us not to have sexual relationship outside the safety and commitment of marriage. God isn't trying to ruin our fun or hinder our freedom. He's letting us know that we were designed for monogamous relationships built on trust and caring. Anything less will have disastrous results. This is just one instruction from our Creator, but the principle is that God's Word applies to every aspect of life so we can live life to the fullest.

So right now, pickup your Bible (life's roadmap) and find out if you are headed in the direction you want to go.