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

The Chairman's Corner

2 Corinthians 4:18 Fix your eyes on the unseen not the seen. For the seen will fade away but the unseen will be eternal.

Do you read the newspaper, watch the TV, or just overhear conversations around you? Some of the things you may read, see or hear about are the downturn in the stock market, unemployment, health care reform, war, high taxes, oil prices, child abuse, cancer, addictions, swine flu, foreclosures, homeless, crime, identify thief, terrorist, mental illness, homicide, burglary and depression. I think

you have the idea. I have just experienced the opposite.

Jimmy and I just spend ten days in Montana on vacation. Webster says vacation is: rest, recreation from regular work, study, holiday.

Our vacation reminded me of candlelight on an Emmaus Weekend. What I mean by that is a piece of heaven. We stayed with some friends at the base of the mountains. The mountains were beautiful. Montana is getting a lot of rain this year and everything is very green. Each day we would get a shower, and the thunder would bounce off the mountains and

the sound would go on forever - the lighting was like a brilliant light show from God.

Unlike Ohio, in Montana (Big Sky Country) you can see forever.

One day after a rain shower we saw a double rainbow from end to end. I was reminded of God's promise to Noah. One day we floated down the Yellowstone River on a raft. The water was so clear with massive boulders in the river, and it was so beautiful and relaxing. We took a day trip. The waterfalls and the snow-capped mountains were breath taking. Yes, I did say snow-capped mountains. There is

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

What is the Bible to you?

Some people treat the Bible as an appetizer. If you go to a buffet you pick and choose what looks good, and what you know you like.

Many people pick and choose Bible passages based on what suits their taste: "I really like the part in Romans 8 about how much God loves me, and I really like that verse in 2 Corinthians 12 about how 'God's grace is sufficient,' but I'll skip the parts about forgiveness or repentance or hell."

The Bible is not your authority as long as you're picking and choosing the parts you accept.

Some people treat the Bible like rental car insurance. I would guess that most people

waive the extra rental car insurance. The cost is plenty already. "I haven't had an accident in ten years. What are the chances that I'm going to have an accident today? Slim. No, I don't need the insurance."

A lot of people treat the Bible like that. In an emergency I need the Bible, but I doubt I'll have a crisis today, so I think I'll pass. Instead of reading and studying the Bible, you grab a cup of coffee and rush out the door. "I'll be okay today without it."

Some people treat the Bible like a seat belt. Of course you wear a seat belt, but only because it's the law. And that crazy buzzer won't quit ringing until you do. If you

could get behind the dashboard and rip that buzzer out, many of us would.

Some people treat the Bible like that. "Yeah, I read the Bible because it's the law. And because, if I don't, I feel guilty." So... to silence your conscience, you spend a few minutes reading a few verses every day.

How do you really treat the Bible? If one of these reflects your attitude, I'm praying for you. God's Word should be the ultimate authority in your life and mine. Read Hebrews 4:12 - then begin a sincere Bible reading plan. Need a suggestion? Join our summer Bible Study or ask me where to begin!

Welcome June Women's Walk #82 !!!

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| • Letty Allen | • Pam Folenius | • Vanessa Rice |
| • Ashley Brinegar | • Linda Harvey | • Kristin Rodgers |
| • Amy Broglin | • Jeanne Leydig | • Robin Smalley |
| • Jenny Cameron | • Tina Lytle | • Sonya Smith |
| • Shirla Coil | • Eva Martin | • Roxanne Turner |
| • Kaci Curtis | • Rhonda Michael | • Judi Wiley |
| • Bonnie DeBold | • Nora Phillips | • Cathy Zindorf |
| • Patricia Fields | | |

2009 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #49: Sept 24-27

Women's Walk #83: Oct 22-25

Community Board Members

Area or Responsibility	Name	Phone Number
Chairperson	Mary Jane West	513-646-9250
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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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still snow in Montana in August, and for some of you that may be a piece of heaven. Each evening we would watch a doe and her twin fawns graze in the front yard. The jackrabbits and owls would also come around each evening. It was so amazing watching God's creatures. I would set on the porch swing and thank God for his wonderful creation and all the blessings that is has given me. I also had the opportunity to

relax and read. One of the books I read was "Fireproof". It was a great book. I would recommend it to everyone. Coming home I looked out the window of the plane and saw another piece of heaven - the blue sky and the white fluffy clouds. I just wanted to go and take a walk on them. Jimmy told me it would be a short walk. So I decided to stay in the plane and enjoy it through the window.

When our daughter and three-year-old grandson picked us

up at the airport, he ran to meet us with arms stretched open and a big smile. You know, I think that is just the way God will meet us when we get to heaven. So just when you are going through difficult times and troubles, keep your eyes upon Jesus and look for those pieces of heaven. Just like our trip to Montana, God puts pieces of heaven there each day. Some days we just need to look for them. May God continue to bless you as he is blessing me each day.

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 cincinnati.chrysalis.com. Or contact Adam and Jancy Tissandier

Please Come and . . .

Men's Walk # 49 September 24-27, 2009

Pilgrim	Sponsor	Pilgrim	Sponsor
Larry Addington	Judi Wiley	Charles C. Paul	James Tissandier
David Barber	Susan Voss	Colin Root	Lisa Haines
Jeff Broglin	Amy Broglin	Colin Root	Lisa Haines
Dave Davenport	Mike Davenport	Johnnie Wass	Randy Durham
Harold Kahl	Jim and Mary Jane West	Larry Wiley	John Glaze
Greg Kottman	Diane & Kent Holland	Tom Edmond White	Vic Tissandier
Mel Kruse	Dan Hieronimus	Dwayne Woodward	Gail Woodward
Tyler Nicely	Ken and Ramona Smith	Joseph Wooton	Karen Kemper
Tim Parry	David M. Parry		

. . . Let Your Light Shine!!!