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What's  
on  
YOUR  
"bucket  
list?"

**QUICK  
MESSAGE**

**SEPTEMBER  
MEN'S WALK  
NEEDS  
PILGRIMS**

**OCTOBER  
WOMEN'S WALK  
NEEDS  
PILGRIMS**

**SHARE SPECIAL  
MUSIC AT THE  
DECEMBER  
GATHERING**

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## Jazz from Jim

It's always such a tremendous blessing to see the spiritual impact the Emmaus Walk has upon the Pilgrims. There are few things we'll experience in this life that will impress upon us the fullness of God's love and grace in the way the Walk does. If you're reading this article, chances are you've experienced the Walk to Emmaus and understand what I'm describing. If you haven't experienced the Walk, you need to. It's one of those items that belong on a Christian's *bucket list*.

The term, "bucket list" was made popular in 2007 by a movie with the same name. It's about two men with terminal cancer who decide to hit the road and do all the things they've always wanted to before they die. They make a list of those things and refer to it as the "bucket list". Even if you haven't published your own bucket list, you probably have some things in the

back of your mind you'd like to accomplish before you pass on. I still haven't been to Alaska, Yellowstone or the Grand Canyon but have good intentions of making it there before I kick-the-bucket. There are certain things you have to experience to really appreciate them.

The Walk to Emmaus is that way. You have to experience it to really appreciate it. If the Emmaus Walk impacted you in the same way it did me, you'd probably agree, every Christian should add it to their personal bucket list. Every Believer should have the opportunity. I believe the Emmaus Walk is one of the best gifts you can give another Christian to strengthen their walk with the Lord. If you know someone who has not been on the Walk,

please consider sponsoring them. With back-to-back walks coming up in September and October, our Community needs applications.

In the June Newsletter, the number of confirmed Pilgrims for the Women's Walk was reported as eight. Through prayer, faith and God's grace, He heard our request and provided. As His Word says, "He honors the prayers of the righteous" ... THANK YOU for praying. The Women's June Walk was wonderful. Now we need to quickly replenish our registrations. Please continue to pray and keep an open mind to who the Holy Spirit might be leading you to sponsor. Also, please remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness during the June Walk. Too many times we are like the ten lepers who were healed and only one returned to say "thank you."

De Colores,  
Jim



## Musings from Maurice

As  
Christians  
in America,  
we should  
be grateful  
for the  
freedom  
we have to  
worship.

Miss an issue of the  
Wilmington Emmaus  
Newsletter? Extra  
copies can be found in  
the entry hall of the  
church with other  
Emmaus materials and  
applications.

Paul David Tripp, writing in *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*, recalls a scene he had witnessed more than once on his various travels to India. But this time the Lord struck him with the gravity of it all at a deeper level than he'd ever experienced before.

Passing through New Delhi, in one of the most horrible slums in the world, he stood mesmerized before a three-year-old boy leaning against the cot of his ailing, perhaps dying, mother. The boy's eyes were hollow, his stomach distended, his face fly-infested – the very picture of massive, helpless poverty.

The tears that streamed down Paul's cheeks in observing this tragedy were indeed evidence of his compassion. He longed to sweep this boy and his mother into his arms, away from these dreaded depths of sorry and endless need.

But it was more than mere compassion he felt. It was an awareness that neither he nor this little boy had chosen their circumstances in life.

"Standing there in that slum," he wrote, "I felt all the complaints I had ever spoken as if they were a weight on my shoulders. I was filled with deeper gratitude than I think I have ever felt in my life."

Not long after he arrived back home, Paul was visiting with a church leader from India who had come to the States to study. He asked the man what he thought of Americans, to which his guest responded – in polite, Asian style – "Do you want me to be honest?"

"Yes, I do," Paul answered.

But who could really be ready for this: "You have no idea how much you have," the man said, "and yet, you always complain."

We'd have to agree, wouldn't we? On many levels, Americans can be accused of gross ingratitude. But can the church and the Christians in America be accused of the same thing? Can you? Can I?

As Americans, we should be grateful for our freedom – to travel this nation freely, to choose where we live, and to worship as we please.

As Christians in America, we should be grateful for the freedom we have to worship.

Most of the people of the world can't even imagine the freedoms and blessings we enjoy. Now would be a good time to speak to the Lord about it. How do you, how will you, show your gratitude?

*Pastor Maurice Mitchell*

# *Pilgrim Roster for Women's Walk #84* Cut out and add to your roster.

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## *JESUS*

*He began his ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life.*

*Jesus ended his earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water.*

*Jesus was weary, yet He is our rest.*

*Jesus paid tribute, yet He is the King.*

*Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet He cast out demons.*

*Jesus wept, yet He wipes away our tears.*

*Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world.*

*Jesus was brought as a lamb to slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd.*

*Jesus died, yet by his death He destroyed the power of death.*

*(Gregory of Nazianzus, AD 381)*



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus  
Wilmington United Methodist Church  
PO Box 191  
Wilmington, OH 45177

SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING! July 13  
Singing starts at 6:45pm

**WOMEN'S WALK #84 REUNION!!!**  
6PM in the Youth Lounge

Bring a snack to share afterwards—  
when Emmaus meets, EMMAUS EATS!  
Don't forget to wear your NAME TAG!  
This helps everyone to learn your  
name much more quickly!

**MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS**

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>
JULY	Christy & Nick Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Christy Mitchell
AUGUST	Peggy Larkin	John Glaze	Cliff Klutts
SEPTEMBER	Cliff Klutts	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey
OCTOBER	Ed Ramey	Jennie Harner	Brenda Armstrong
NOVEMBER	Brenda Armstrong	John Glaze	Chuck Tabor
DECEMBER	*see below*	Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

**Planning ahead!** Do you have musical talent you would be willing to share with the Emmaus Community? As you can see, the months are filling up. We typically have two music specials at a Gathering and need a song leader and an accompanist. Although "piano" is listed, we can have guitar accompaniment...or any other instrument able to lead group singing.

The **December Gathering** is a musical celebration of the coming birth of Jesus. We sing several Christmas carols, share a short meditation and communion. However the rest is **all music**. With regard to specials, to avoid duplication, it's "first come, first served." In other words, the first person who registers their song is the person who will present it.

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering or for the December Christmas Gathering, contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or harnersewing@yahoo.com.