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"THANKS!"

QUICK MESSAGE

**Plan now! Who
could you
sponsor on the
February Men's
Walk?**

**SHARE SPECIAL
MUSIC AT THE
DECEMBER
GATHERING
SEE BACK PAGE!**

Jazz from Jim

A warm "*Welcome!*" to the ladies from Women's Walk #85. I speak for the entire Community, when I say we are truly blessed to have you as part of our loving family of believers. Please join us for the monthly Gatherings and try to get involved. We really look forward to getting to know each of you.

When we were children our parents had to remind us to say two things: "please" and "thank you." It's a learned behavior which helps us all get along better. November is the one month out of the year we are probably the most focused on saying "thank you." Thanksgiving and Christmas are probably the two favorite holidays of all. Thanksgiving often seems to be a favorite for many older folks while Christmas seems to be the favorite for the young. It seems as we get older, wiser and more mature, our choice of favorites tends to shift from Christmas to Thanksgiving. The contrast in favorite holidays helps illustrate the difference in values between youth and adults. The younger, self-indulging, sometimes self-centered appreciates Christmas for the gifts. The loving, self-sacrificing mature adult has come to realize the best things in life are free and appreciates being together with family, sharing a special meal and offering thanks to God for His blessings. The older we get,

the more we realize the importance of being grateful and saying, "Thank you." Although only two words, they make all the difference in the world to the giver. A leper healed by Jesus understood the importance. The account in Luke 17 tells us he returned to Jesus and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at Jesus' feet and gave him thanks. As the giver, God expects to hear expressions of gratitude from us. When only one of the ten lepers returned to offer thanks, Jesus was shocked. He replied, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" We tend to spend most of our time in prayer, *asking* rather than *thanking*. In spite of the state of the economy, foreclosures and unemployment, we all have a lot for which to be thankful. Our friends, family, freedom

and salvation are just a few. Each of us has his or her own personal things for which we are grateful. Has your level of gratitude lately been more like the nine who didn't return or the one who did? This Thanksgiving, and throughout the year, don't forget to tell God how much you appreciate what He's done for you.

As a Community, we have a lot for which to be thankful. It's amazing the number of lives impacted by the Wilmington Emmaus Walk. Although nearly 5,000 Christians have attended the Walk, the friends, families and church congregations associated with those Pilgrims have also been impacted. To God be the glory and praise! Please keep the applications coming. We need to begin right now building the roster for the next Men's Walk in February. It may still be months away but the time will slip by quickly with the upcoming holidays. The Lord will accomplish great things in the lives of Christian men and women through the Emmaus Walk if we are faithful to do our part.

As of this writing, we still have several Board positions needing to be filled for 2011. I encourage each of you to consider serving on the Board. You'll be blessed by the experience and learn much about our Community.

De Colores,
Jim



JOY FROM JOY

ARE YOU A ROCK?

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November! Thanksgiving! Oh the delicious, wonderful, fragrance of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has always been an exciting time for me. It is a time when everyone who is willing to appear, from both my family and my husband's family, joins us at our home for Thanksgiving Dinner. I love having the family together. There is something very comforting in everyone joining together for a day of good food, fun, laughter, remembrance and making new memories.

This year is a little different for me. I have been steadily losing the rocks in my life. One by one, those who all my life have prayed for me and been there with wonderful words of wisdom are going Home. I celebrate their home-goings! They have reached the end of the race for them. I miss them, but rejoice for them. However, as my rocks have faded down to a very few I have suddenly been hit hard with a harsh realization. Who are the new rocks? Who are the spiritual giants that my children look up to? My grandchildren? The next generation? If I am not a prayer warrior then who? If I don't stand tall, strong and firm for God, then who? Are there new men and women of integrity filling the shoes of those who have gone on before us? Will the next generation know the Word of God is important? Church Attendance is important? A daily walk, a relationship with Jesus is important?

This last summer I heard a message preached out of Joshua chapter 4. You remember the story. The Israelites safely crossed the Jordan River. Then God directed them to build a monument from 12 stones drawn from the river by 12 men, one from each tribe. The monument of stones was to be a constant reminder of the day the Israelites crossed the Jordan River on dry ground. Their children would see the stones, hear the story, and learn about God.

Where is our monument? What are we doing to teach our children about God's work in our lives? Have our children heard our testimony? Have they heard where God brought us from and what He has done in our lives? Have they heard about, and more importantly, witnessed our daily walk, our relationship with the Lord?

Let's retell our story this year around the Thanksgiving Dinner Table. Retelling the story keeps memories of God's faithfulness alive in our families.

De Colores!

Joy

IF ANY WANT TO BECOME MY FOLLOWERS, LET THEM DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME (Luke 9)

What does it mean to deny one's self?

Picture yourself entering a gathering of people. Family, friends, or strangers—it doesn't matter. You can enter filled with self or empty of self.

If you're filled with self, you think every eye is on you as you enter. You seek like-minded people. You turn conversations to your own interests. You try to impress. You're "on." You're selling. You avoid disclosing any "negative" emotions like fear or anger. Is it working? You can tell by how you feel. Sound familiar?

If you're empty of self, you see the needs of other people. You're available to whoever comes near. You draw out other people. They feel larger in your presence. You affirm. You share. Is it working? You look for clues in the other person's eyes.

The self-emptying scenario sounds better, doesn't it? Why, then, don't we live this way? It's risky. It's often painful. But more than that, it requires intentionality. That's what strikes me about Jesus' own self-emptying. He planned it out in advance. He worked at it. We, too, need to be intentional about our lives, our faith and our self-denial.

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Welcome Women of Walk #85! *(add to your community roster!)*

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What a great song of Thanksgiving!

THANK YOU LORD

I come before You today,
 And there's just one thing that I want to say,
 Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.
 For all You've given to me,
 For all the blessings that I cannot see,
 Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.
 With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
 With an outstretched arm, I'll bless Your Name and
 Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.



For all You've done in my life,
 You took my darkness and gave me Your light.
 Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.
 You took my sin and my shame,
 You took my sickness and healed all my pain.
 Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord.
 With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
 With an outstretched arm, I'll bless Your Name and
 Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.



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!
November 9

Singing starts at 6:45pm

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!



**REUNION! WOMEN'S WALK #85 will be having a REUNION
6:00pm on November 9
in the Youth Lounge prior to the Gathering.**

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>
NOVEMBER	Brenda Armstrong	John Glaze	Chuck Tabor
DECEMBER	*see below*	Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones
JANUARY	OPEN	Susan Thompson	Denise Gregory
FEBRUARY	Ed Ramey &/or Carl Guenther	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey
MARCH	Kyle & Sydney Parker	Amy Sexton	Sandie Wingo
APRIL	Sandie Wingo	John Glaze	Kathy Holbrook
MAY	Dulcimer Trio	Jennie Harner	OPEN
JUNE	Kathy Holbrook	OPEN	OPEN

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 harn-ersewing@yahoo.com.