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"Bring  
them  
in"

## QUICK MESSAGES

Let's FILL  
the Men's  
Walk in  
September!

Pilgrims  
Needed for  
October

## Blossoms from Bloom

**B**eloved,  
There has been a song on my heart all week. It is an old hymn written in 1885 by composer, William Ogden; the lyrics were written by Alex-cenah Thomas. The chorus may be familiar to you too, The title: "Bring Them In." The song speaks to our hearts and woos the Spirit into action as the music swells these words:  
*"Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring them in from the fields of sin;  
Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring the wandering ones to Jesus."*

The upcoming Men's Walk in September and the Women's Walk in October will be here before we know it! It is a precious time for us to be seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance as we come into this time of spiritual harvest. :o)

Every day we have the opportunity to witness to those around us with our lives. We speak to them with our every action and deed. Seldom are our opportunities to work together collectively toward a specific spiritual goal! The upcoming Walks provide us a beautiful opportunity to work the field of

souls together! In these present moments prior to the walks, the Father speaks to *all of our hearts* and *beacons us to "Bring Them In"*

I have been enjoying a study of the book of Acts. In the fourth chapter of the book Peter and John are openly witnessing to the people about Jesus. Having been blessed by Christ their boldness of faith was unleashed and the people were receiving the goodness of the Lord without limit! Unfortunately, not everyone hearing the "good news of Christ alive" was receptive! Peter and John were imprisoned that day because of their witness...but it didn't matter...many who heard the message of Christ believed and the number of believers grew to five thousand.

Sharing the gospel of our faith when asking others to say "Yes" to experience **The Walk to Emmaus** for themselves can run a risk for us! The fear of rejection is a tool the adversary holds over us every time we are prompted to bring others nearer to the cross of Christ. Whatever the risks may be that might keep you from speaking about the love of Jesus...remember the story in Acts 4. *Do not be afraid to speak of Him...be bold* like Peter and John. Let the light of

God's love shine through you and the goodness of the Shepherd direct you as you seek to find His sheep who need this Emmaus journey. Those whose hearts are ready, will respond gladly. Those whose hearts are not receptive...*do not lose heart!* There is a time for everything. The Father has a plan. Just be thankful for the opportunity to sow seeds of grace into the lives of others. There will be others, sent by the Father, who will water those seeds you planted and when the time is right for them...they will come.

Hummm....So Beloved, *whose life* has crossed your path that the Father desires to lovingly embrace? Might there be someone *you know* whose spiritual candle is flickering low? Listen...to the whispered tune of the Shepherd softly singing...

*"Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring them in from the fields of sin;  
Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring the wandering ones to Jesus."*

Blessed to be working the field of souls with you, :o)

De Colores!

Cindy

## PILGRIM LIST—MEN'S WALK #53 22-25 SEP

# MEN'S WALK #53

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSOR
Charles Adkins	Germantown	Bob Erwin
Donald Garren	Washington CH	Denny Beis
Robert Kelsey	Lebanon	Cliff Klutts
David Maines	Hillsboro	Lorine Harner-Jarrell
Earl Roberts	New Vienna	Dale & Carmen Speaks

LIVE-IN TEAM	POSITION	TALK
Jerry McWhorter	Lay Director	Perseverance
Dean Hall	Assistant Lay Director	Fourth Day
Bob Brown	Assistant Lay Director	Grow Through Study
Mike Harris	Assistant Lay Director	Priority
Phil Brewer	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Mark Henize	Table Leader	Christian Action
Greg Scott	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Jerry Haines	Table Leader	Discipleship
Wallace Campbell	Table Leader	Priesthood of All B.
Richard Zindorf	Table Leader	Life In Piety
David Barber	Assistant Table Leader	
Charlie Weaver	Assistant Table Leader	
James Hart	Assistant Table Leader	
Anthony Hahn	Assistant Table Leader	
Mike Daye	Assistant Table Leader	
Denny Beis	Assistant Table Leader	
Morris Mitchell	Spiritual Director	
John Glaze	Music Director	
Rusty Staten	Assistant Music Director	
Mike Daugherty	Audio Visual Tech	
Jim West	Board Rep	

*Pray for the Pilgrims and the Team!*

Mack, the loudmouth mechanic, was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car when he spotted a famous heart surgeon who was standing off to the side, waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his Mercedes.

Mack shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc! Is dat you? Come on ova' here a minute."

The famous surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where Mack the mechanic was working on the car.

Mack straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and asked argumentatively, "So, Mr. Fancy Doctor, look at dis here work. I ALSO open hearts, take valves out, grind 'em, put in new parts, and when I finish dis baby will purr like a kitten. So how come you get da big bucks, when you an' me is doing basically da same work?"

The surgeon leaned over and whispered to Mack the loudmouth mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

What is the difference between an auto mechanic and a heart surgeon? Working on their "projects" with or without the engines running! Auto mechanics and heart surgeons are both people I want to know on a first-name basis. Why? Because when they are working on me or my automobile, I want them to realize they

are working on a friend (or a friend's car). Of course, you could add almost any other personal service profession to that list, from dentists to barbers to... well, yes, to pastors!

In fact, there is not too much difference between a heart surgeon and a pastor.

Now before all you medical types get upset, let me explain. While heart surgeons and other medical personnel work on the physical aspect of our health, pastors spend a great deal of time working on the spiritual aspect of our health.

But it is health just the same. And it also is working on the health issue while the engine is still running!

Just as a sailor needs wind to fill the sails in order for the watercraft to move smoothly through the water, so too for an individual to maintain a healthy spiritual life, he must continue to watch over his spiritual sails and keep them filled. When the world or the flesh or, yes, even the devil get a foothold in his life, the sails begin to flutter in the wind and the spiritual "engine" of his life begins to cough and sputter. That causes the spiritual "craft" to stop and it could make it very difficult to get started again.

Years ago, while on vacation in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York, I experienced what it is like to be "dead in the water" in a sailboat with no

wind in the sails. I was alone in a small sailboat out in the middle of a large lake, and the surface of the lake was like glass, meaning there was no wind at all! Stranded out there for who knows how long it could have been, I was getting ready to just settle in and wait for the wind to fill the sails, when an unknown friend came by in a small motorboat and tossed me a rope to tow me in towards shore. Later on, I was able to get the sailboat back out on the lake with full sails and we had a great time.

So too, when our sails are full "spiritually", we can maneuver with greater ease and go more where the Lord is directing us to go, completing the journey and fulfilling our goals much more effectively than with no wind.

So what is the answer to keeping our engines running, to keeping our sails full of spiritual wind? In the Bible, wind is commonly used as a picture, an illustration of what the Spirit of God looks like. We are told repeatedly that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth, and will lead us where we should be going (Check out John 14:16-17 and John 16:13-14, for starters!). He will also do His best in keeping us on the right track and not letting us go too far astray (John 16:8-11).

Recently, I have gone through my what-should-be

-annual-but-often-isn't physical exam. What going through that exam taught me is that while my health is generally pretty good, there are some things I could and should do better. The doctor asked me two questions: (1) Are you eating the right foods? (He knew the answer was most likely "No!"), and (2) Are you getting enough exercise? (Again, the answer probably should be "NO!") both of those questions need to be answered "Yes!" in order to continue to keep our engines, our physical bodies, running smoothly.

In the same way, those same two questions are necessary to be asked and answered in the affirmative if we are to keep our spiritual engines running smoothly. "How's your spiritual diet?" and "Are you getting enough spiritual exercise?" are questions we should be seriously answering in the affirmative if we wish to keep our spiritual sails filled. Are you and I getting a regular diet of the Word of God every day? And are we doing the things which will give us spiritual exercise, will stretch our spiritual muscles daily or at least on a regular basis? We want to keep our hearts in fine working order, don't we?

God bless...

*Chuck*



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC  
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Wilmington, OH 45177

**SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!**  
**September 13**  
Singing starts at 6:45pm  
Men's Walk #51 Reunion at 6:00 PM  
Bring a snack to share after the Gathering

### Emmaus Choir

Did you know that we have started an EMMAUS CHOIR? We meet for 15-20 minutes after the Gatherings to practice and will sing at an occasional Gathering. JOIN US!

# MEN'S WALK #51 ONE YEAR REUNION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 at 6:00 PM

## MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	PIANO	SONG LEADER
SEPTEMBER	Herma Current	OPEN	OPEN
OCTOBER	Sandie Wingo	Jennie Harner	Judith Sturgeon
NOVEMBER	Justin Tong	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey

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.

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