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TALES FROM THE OLE WEST

Summer time is here, as soon we start into the three prime warm months of the year. For those still in school, this is the best time of the year. For those working families, it is the time to plan what we call vacation, to spend some of that hard-earned money that we have been working for all year. For those with kids, a trip to the Magic Kingdom is always a big wish or maybe a trip to Gatlinburg and the Smokey Mountains. Many just like to stay around home and take in the sights close to home with less hassle and expense.

Vacation is a time to strengthen family relationships, assuming everything goes as planned. It is a time when families have time to be together, to bond as a family. It is a time away from routine and the stress of school and work. A time of not having to get up early, a time for breakfast together without running out of the house with a Pop-Tart in hand.

Looking for something different; a slower pace, better climate, prettier scenery by looking at what God has provided, in the mountains, rivers, oceans and so many different surroundings which take us away from the everyday routines. You can wake up when you want, go to bed when you want and eat what you want... Have fun without worrying about any consequences of work back home. At least that's what we should strive for.

Many vacationers say that vacations are vital to their family's physical and mental well being. I'm not too sure about the physical part, unless we hike a lot and do a lot of activities, as we tend to eat more and gain some unwanted pounds while on vacation. As for the mental side, it should be a time to put aside our daily stresses and hit the refresh button. A time to refresh, renew the mind, the body, and the soul. A time to recapture your childhood, go out and play.

Occasionally, vacations are used for knowledge, experiencing different cultures,

languages, gourmet foods, spiritual beliefs and spiritual history in foreign lands. Sometimes vacations are used to celebrate in our lives, special occasions, anniversaries, birthdays, weddings and rekindling old memories and reminisces.

For many of us, vacation is the time for getting away from the everyday routines. The one routine that should not take a vacation is the worship of our Lord. Our daily devotions, our prayer time and our Sunday worship should not fall to the wayside during vacation times. Actually it should be used as a time of thanksgiving for the blessing of a time to relax and a time for renewal. It is a time to find peace in your mind, body and soul as it says in Philippians 4:7— *"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Through this peace in God, we can find relaxation at all times, not just vacation time. So we need to keep it going as our daily routines.

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Tales (continued)

And what about going to church on Sunday? It is a great experience to attend a "foreign" church, one that you are not familiar with that can be up-lifting. Different style of worship, different music, and in most cases a warm and friendly welcome from fellow Christians make for a new and greater appreciation of church and of worship. They meet you and greet you in the name of the Lord and you, in turn, can spread God's love by accepting that greeting. And let's not forget about our church back home with our prayers, support and tithes. The Lord's work does not take a vacation, and the work of the church continues.

As we vacation or as we go through our daily lives, we can find relief for our stress and worry, our daily care by remembering 1 Peter 5:7-
"Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

Happy Trails,
Jim



MAURICE'S MUSINGS

Read 2 samuel 18 (especially verse 33)

What memories or impressions do you have of your father? It's no secret that how we view our own earthly father often shapes our view of our Heavenly Father. Had Absalom looked closely enough, he would have seen in his father, not just the fallible man of flesh he knew so well, but also the noble man of God he never fully appreciated. Human that they are, fathers are a mix of good and bad, the admirable and the disappointing. Then again that goes for sons as well, including Absalom, as well as daughters, and every man, woman, and child. Quite amazingly (perhaps because he was all too aware of his own moral shortcomings) David was willing to look tenderly upon a rebellious son who had conspired to steal his throne, tried to kill him, and openly sleep with his

concubines!

Most fathers have never had a son that rebellious and evil. Yet countless fathers can relate to David's anguish at the loss of a son - especially one who is still living. Note that line about the forest claiming more victims than the sword in 2 Samuel 18:8. Most lost sons don't die by violence, but like Absalom, simply get caught up in the snares of this world. Unable to free themselves, they are as lost as if dead. When David cried, that if possible, he would gladly have taken Absalom's place, he expressed the anguished pain of many a grieving father. Beyond even that, he foreshadowed yet another Son who would come from his lineage - an altogether different, obedient Son who, with the same loving grief in His heart as the Father, willingly died in our place.

Maurice Mitchell

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Due to WUMC vacation Bible School, the BOARD MEETING will be held in the PARLOR!

Fellowship Time following the gathering will be held in the PARLOR!

Please bring less messy snacks for this gathering as we won't have kitchen access.

Pilgrim List—Women's Walk 88

June 21-24, 2012

Teri Cragwall	94 Fawn Lane	Blanchester	OH	45107	Chuck and Susie Tabor
Glenna Cross	1583 Coronet Dr.	Columbus	OH	43224	Annetta Baker
Pennie Crosswhite-Scott	25 N Church St	Jamestown	OH	45335	Marsha Tomlin
Janece Curry	1796 McKay Road	Wilmington	OH	45177	Mary and Kevin Ellis
Judy Cutter	536 Imperial Ct	Wilmington	OH	45177	Dan Cutter
Jenny Eubanks	610 Crestview Dr.	Lebanon	OH	45036	Lori Burton-Cluxton
Lori Garen	12871 St. Rt. 506	Hillsboro	OH	45133	Anthony Skipworth
Misty Glass	111 Watkins Rd	Blanchester	OH	45107	Joy Barton & Jennifer Kiphart
Rose Glueck	500 Lookout Ridge Dr.	Lebanon	OH	45036	Cliff Klutts
Claudette Golden	8591 Second St.	Pleasant Plain	OH	45162	Chuck Tabor and Chawn Cragwall
Shanna Hahn	3823 St. Rt. 50	Fayetteville	OH	45118	Ray Hahn
Pam Hannah	6118 Greenfield-Sabina Rd.	Washington	CH OH	43160	Tara Garren
Pam Heath	3887 Old US 35 SE	Washington	CH OH	43160	Lana Runnels
Brenda Kalkbrenner	4863 Utica Rd.	Waynesville	OH	45068	Joe Blackmore
Denean Lamphear	4911 North Fork Rd.	Hillsboro	OH	45133	Sandie and Jim Wingo
Cheryl Lewis	262 Todds Fork Rd	Wilmington	OH	45177	Robin & Jim Spragg
Lisa McDonald	41 Nelson St.	Jamestown	OH	45335	Donald Scott
Janice Morabeto	172 Seatrain Dr.	Delaware	OH	43015	Michelle Bruce
Ginger Pendell	118 Stockton Ave.	Sabina	OH	45169	Josh and Ashton Adkins
Jaclyn Reinholz	12469 St. Rt. 124	Hillsboro	OH	45133	Steven Barber
Katie Rowland	46 York Ct	Washington	CH OH	43160	Tracey Harper
Heidi Salyers	2953 Prairie Rd	Washington	CH OH	43160	Dawn Dawson
Marisha Skipworth	205 Park Ave.	Hillsboro	OH	45133	Anthony Skipworth
Kimmy Smith	126 S. Broadway	Midland	OH	45148	Mary Brose
Tosha Sylvester	2259 Tucker Rd	Blanchester	OH	45107	Joy Barton & Jennifer Kiphart
Paula Walter	7852 Farmers Rd	New Vienna	OH	45159	Don & Jo Slocum
Katie Wells	207 N Broadway Apt 4	Blanchester	OH	45107	Joy Barton & Jennifer Kiphart
Sarah West	61 Hale St.	Wilmington	OH	45177	Barb and Pete Little

Walk #88 Team

NAME	POS	TALK			
Debbie Ellison	LD	Perseverance	Chuck Tabor	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace
Brenda Armstrong	ALD	Fourth Day	Rebecca King	TL	Body of Christ
Barb Ross	ALD	Priority	Barbara Bailey	TL	Discipleship
Rebecca Haines	ALD	Grow Thru Study	Debbie Henize	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Jean Ann Cloud	BR		Glenna Leeth	TL	Changing Our World
Mary Brose	AV		Pat Reynolds	TL	Christian Action
Jennie Harner	MD		Martha Scott	TL	Life of Piety
Susan Thompson	AMD		Sharon Fulkerson	ATL	
Maurice Mitchell	SD	Means of Grace	Debbie Lynch	ATL	
Calvin Martin	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Melissa Moore-Maine	ATL	
Chuck Shonkwiler	Clergy	Justifying Grace	Pat Sewell	ATL	
Debbie Ketchem	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace	Robyn Spragg	ATL	
			Judith Sturgeon	ATL	



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC
 PO Box 191
 Wilmington, OH 45177

SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
June 12
Singing starts at 6:45PM!
 All June Gathering activities will be in the
 Sanctuary and Parlor.

Watch your address label! In order to be fair to everyone, you will get one full year of the Emmaus Newsletter. The label clearly states the date of your last issue. To keep the newsletter coming in the mail, when your last issue comes, send \$6.00 to the address above, adding "Attention: Newsletter."

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MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER
Jun	Adam Hollbrook	Judy Laycock	Julie Combs
Jul	Christy Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Bronwyn Jones
Aug	Cindy Bloom	John Glaze	Christy Mitchell
Sep	Bronwyn Jones	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin
Oct	Peggy Larkin	John Glaze	Cindy Bloom
Nov	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec	Community	John Glaze/Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

Planning ahead! Do you have musical talent you would be willing to share with the Emmaus Community? 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.