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TALES FROM THE OLE WEST

I am a big music fan. I can't read music or play an instrument, but I like to listen. You have heard the term "Lost in The 50s"—well, that would be me. I like the music from the 50s, and where we can find this from Dinah Shore to El-

vis. I love all of the other music in which you stand sometimes listening to the music and not the words. I might hear the first line or two and then drift away.

The same thing is true with gospel music. I like the old standards. The old hymns that we sang in church are still my favorites. Again I find myself listening to just a few lines or verses, listening to the music and missing the intent or the message of the song.

There are great sages and truths in the lyrics of these songs. The first one I learned that I

"Jesus Loves Me." The words tell us that "Jesus of sins. We can find joy and peace and He will be with us to the end. So when we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and My favorite song, "Softly and Tenderly," which you can understand the lyrics. But sometimes I find myself listening to the music and not the words. I might hear the first line or two and then drift away.

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Calling, O sinner come home" It goes on to say why should we tarry, The old hymns that we sang in church are still my favorites. Again I find myself listening to just a few lines or verses, listening to the music and missing the intent or the message of the song.

So we are "Standing on the Promises that can not fail, When the storms of doubt and fear at assail, by the living word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God." That's how we (continued on page 2)

Sing out
loud!
Sing out
strong!

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Tales (continued)

should live and how we can prevail through our daily lives in this world. If we do so "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing, this is the promise of love. There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Savior above." So "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." What a great devotional book a hymnal can be. A hymn a day can keep the devil away.

We need to carry these and all of God's messages whether in song or just by spreading His message. We can be "Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before."

DeColores

I think we all know that song!

Jim

Community Chair

As C. S. Lewis said, regarding one of his conjectures about the next life, "If this is not true, something better will be."

THANKS!

I would like to say thank you to all who took the time to attend the ALD/LD training session on Saturday, April 21. It was an informing session on how the Emmaus Walk is put together and how the weekend is to function, as designed by The Upper Room, along with the "why." There were lots of good questions, suggestions and conversation. At the end of the day, all who attended were a little more informed and a little more connected to the Emmaus experience as well as to each other.

Special thanks to Joy, Chuck and Maurice for their presentations on the ALD/LD responsibilities, the roles, the concerns and keeping the walk on schedule during a walk weekend.

Very special thanks goes out to Cindy Bloom for the snacks (meal!) that she so generously provided. When Emmaus meets Emmaus eats and thanks to Cindy, we did. Thank you Cindy!

Another quick note: we need more pilgrims for the up-coming Women's Walk # 88 in June. If you know a lady who might be a candidate please consider sponsoring her. The same goes for the men's walk in September. And remember that we do have scholarships available.

Thanks again to all!

Jim

PRAYERS

The following prayers are by Anselm (c 1033-1109), the 36th archbishop of Canterbury.

- My prayer is a cold little thing, Lord, because it burns with so faint a flame. But you are rich in mercy. As your kindness is above all human love, so let your eagerness to hear be greater than what I feel when I pray.

- Lord, I am not trying to reach your height, for my poor mind could not even approach it. But I do want to understand the little of your truth which my heart already believes and loves. I do not seek to understand so that I may believe, but I believe so that I may understand; and further, I believe that unless I believe I shall never understand.

- I have found a fullness of joy that is more than full. This joy fills the whole heart, mind, and soul; it fills the entire person, yet there remains more joy that is beyond measuring. God of truth, I ask that I may receive so that my joy may be full. Meanwhile, may my mind meditate on it, my tongue speak of it, my heart love it, my mouth proclaim it, my soul hunger for it, my flesh thirst for it, and my whole being desire it, until I enter into the joy of my Lord, who is God, triune unity, blessed forever.

A Word from Spiritual Director, Kathy Reiff

(Reprinted from August 1993)

In 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8, Paul writes to his friends about pleasing God. "...we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed - God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

There is quite a lot of power in those few verses. They remind me of a story written by Mouzon Biggs.

Mouzon was a college student serving a small church as a student pastor. He had been there nine days when Mrs.

Emma died. Mouzon knew nothing about doing funerals but with help from fellow ministers he got through it. The next Sunday night after the funeral, Mouzon was on his way to the evening service when he saw a car parked at the cemetery gate. Mouzon saw one lonely figure standing next to the newest grave; it was Mr. Ben, Mrs. Emma's husband. Mouzon walked over beside him and asked, "Mr. Ben, can I help you?" Mr. Ben nodded, "Would you stand here with me a minute?" Mouzon did. Mr. Ben cried for a few minutes then asked Mouzon if he would pray. Then they wiped their eyes and walked together to the evening service. The next Sunday evening the same thing happened, as did the Sunday after that, and the next. Every Sunday evening they met together at the grave, stood beside each other, cried and prayed.

Several months later, Mouzon stood

at Mr. Ben's grave crying and praying with Mr. Ben's son. Mr. Ben's son thanked Mouzon for all he had done for Mr. Ben. Mouzon replied, "If only this could have been seven years later after college and seminary then I would have known what to say and do." Mr. Ben's son replied, "My dad didn't need fancy words or elaborate explanations. He believed in God and God's actions on our behalf. Mostly he just needed someone to stand close."

Many times that's all we need to do to convey our love and God's word to people. We all think we need to "say something" to someone to let them know we care when all we need to do is "just be there!" Allow people to see Christ through your actions; and make sure your actions are for Christ.

Peace and Love,

Kathy

MAKE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND BRING YOUR FRIEND TO CHRIST BE A SPONSOR!

What a wonderful feeling it is to know that you had a part to play in bringing someone closer to our Lord.

To find out how you can become a sponsor, contact either Men's Sponsorship Chair, Mike Daugherty, or Women's Sponsorship Chair, Kendra Young. These servants will guide you through the process from how to approach a prospective pilgrim to your duties before, during and after the walk weekend.

If you enjoyed BEING a pilgrim, just wait until you experience SPONSORING a pilgrim!!!

24 THINGS EMMAUS FOLKS CAN DO TO RENEW THEIR LOCAL CHURCH

1. Share your Walk experience with your pastor.
2. Be the friendliest person at a church event.
3. Teach a Sunday School class.
4. Start a prayer group.
5. Sponsor a congregational leader on the next walk.
6. Start a Bible study group.
7. Volunteer to help with the youth group and introduce them to Chrysalis.
8. Sponsor your pastor and his spouse for the next available Walk.
9. Help the church secretary with the newsletter.
10. Write an article about the Walk to Emmaus for the church newsletter.
11. Visit the homebound for prayer and fellowship.
12. Make hospital calls for your church.
13. Join the church men's or women's organization.
14. Be an usher at worship.
15. Volunteer to serve in the worship work area.
16. Volunteer to serve in the mission work area.
17. Volunteer to work in the evangelism area.
18. Volunteer to serve in the (fill in the blank) work area.
19. Help with the church library.
20. Serve as a trustee and open your church to the larger community.
21. Tithe.
22. Send "agape" to church members in crisis.
23. Start a program to feed the hungry.
24. Start a program to shelter the homeless.



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC
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SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
May 8
Singing starts at 6:45PM!
 Bring a snack to share after the Gathering
 Wear your name tag!

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
May	Jerry Stanley	Mary Brown-Turner	Jennie Harner
Jun	Cindy Bloom	Judy Laycock	Julie Combs
Jul	Christy Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Bronwyn Jones
Aug	Nancymae Ogden	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.