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Read this!

- Get in the GATHERING habit!
- We need MEN for the February Men's Walk!
- Have you filled out a VOLUNTEER SHEET?

BARB'S LITTLE BITS

Hello. My name is Barb Little, Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus Walk 24, Table of Elizabeth.

Many of you often hear me say, "It's my journey" or "... a part of the journey". Well, this year begins a new journey for me. During the June Walk 2012, I was approached by Jim West and asked if I would consider being Community Chair for 2013. I was asked to pray about it and I did begin to pray and on many occasions, God woke me in the night reminding me to pray about it. I began to come up with all kinds of excuses (you know what we do). Send so and so, they are better – just like Moses when he said "Choose Aaron. He is more eloquent with words than I." As time went on, God continued to work. One day I was driving across town and

a local church bulletin board spoke loud and clear—

"God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called."

Ok God! I get it! It is I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night and now the answer is "YES!" I will serve You.

This year I have become a part of a team to serve the Emmaus community. It's not about me but how we all can serve our Lord together. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We all remember hearing how we are the hands and feet of Jesus. It takes all of us to serve wherever and whenever we are asked. Right? You, too, are on a journey. Maybe it's a new one or the same old one, family discord, loss of a loved one, sickness: yours or a loved one, loss of a job or a cut-

back at work or no job at all. Sometimes I have to be reminded that this world is not my home. I'm just traveling through and no matter what our journey may be – Heaven is our destination.

A scripture just popped out to me as I was finishing this article.

Psalm 125: 1 & 2 *"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains around Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people (that's us) both now and forever."*

Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

DeColores,
Barb

JUST SAY YES!

Beloved, Happy New Year! :o) 2012 was an amazing year for the Wilmington Emmaus Community, was it not! Walks were strong, full and vibrant! Our pilgrims are returning to work the "fields of souls" and the harvest continues to be sweet! To God be the glory!

2013 holds the promise of *continued* growth as the vine of believers expands their knowledge and spiritual growth brings a desire to serve Christ in new and exciting ways! Do we need to be actively seeking for those new ministries? No, not really! The cool thing about new opportunities of service for God is... **He'll bring them**

Guest Editorial

right to you! And the only thing you will need to say is **YES!**

I'll never forget what God did when he was preparing me to serve as Emmaus Community Chair. I was going through a very difficult time in my church. I was being pressured by worldly standards, but was hanging (continued on page 2)

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onto the Word of God, praying for guidance and trusting the Lord with all of my heart. But, I was also feeling very defeated. Sound familiar? We know how Satan works his plan, don't we?

Well, one Sunday, a dear friend of mine from share group asked if I'd like to go visit Joy Stanforth's church for

"What service does 2013
hold for you?"

worship. I gladly accepted, relieved to be away from the disconnected feeling at my own church. When we arrived, Joy immediately asked me to sing! I looked at her like she was a looney-tune

TABOR TALK

Ever have an experience where your whole life flashed before your eyes, where you felt you were "going to buy the farm"? I was talking not too long ago with a friend who felt that way as a deer jumped out in front of his car. He hit the deer and it rolled up onto the hood of the car, scaring him and his family to the point where they thought they were going to meet the Lord much sooner than they had expected! Some years ago, on a New Year's Day back when the Ohio State Buckeyes were playing in bowl games (wait till next year!), something happened to me where I felt that perhaps, this was the moment when I would be meeting my Maker face to face.

I was given the opportunity to fly to Orlando, Florida, for the express purpose of watching the Citrus Bowl football game there. That year, the Buckeyes, with Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George, and the University of Tennessee Volunteers, were doing battle in that Citrus Bowl game on New Year's Day. My cousin, a Nashville dentist and an avid Tennessee fan, had made arrangements for us to get seats on a small 6-passenger plane, leaving from Nashville New Years Day morning and coming back to Nashville that same evening after the Gator and Citrus Bowls were complete. Being an avid Buckeye football fan, I could hardly

and said, "No way, Hosea! I am here to rest, relax, and take in some spiritual nourishment! Joy shrugged her shoulders and said, "Okay!" You'll never guess what the sermon title was for the day... "When God asks you to do something, just say YES!"

I wanted to crawl under the pew. I could have sung anything! God has given me the gift of song. But, as always I was hung up on perfection. Anything worth doing is worth doing well, don't 'cha know! Spur-of-the-moment performer? Not me baby! But, that day I learned a valuable lesson and it prepared me to say "Yes" when the Holy Spirit wooed Jim Wingo to call and ask me to serve.

So, what service does 2013 hold for you? Serving in the kitchen on an Em-

pass up the opportunity. Having other relatives and family members who were attending the game, this also had the makings of a mini-family reunion!

During the whole football game, not only was I sitting in the "wrong section" - the only Buckeye fan in a sea of orange - and not only did I cheer in futility for a losing cause, but also I got soaking wet and totally lost my voice. After the game, we dismissed from the wet confines of the stadium to the warm environment of a restaurant near the airport where we ate dinner and waited for our plane ride to pick us up. Upon his arrival in Orlando, the pilot then began to make his flight plans back to Nashville. The weather was, to say the least, horrendous! There was no good way to get back to Nashville without flying through some pretty stormy weather. But the outlook for the next day was no better - in fact, even worse. So we decided to take the best of the flight plans available to us and try to get back to Nashville Monday night. It rained the whole flight back. At an altitude of 11,000 feet, while we vacillated above and below cloud cover, the rain was constant on the ground. And somewhere over Savannah, Georgia, it seemed as if the bottom dropped out! The turbulence was terrible, some of the worst I have ever experienced. And even with seat belts fas-

maus weekend? Serving on the live-in team? Bringing special music at a Gathering? *Sponsoring pilgrims?* Being a prayer partner/warrior? Serving on the Emmaus board? Being a fourth day speaker? *Sponsoring pilgrims?* Making table agape? Making sure you're at every Walk weekend Candlelight? Writing agape? Helping with Logistics? Have I said, "*Sponsoring pilgrims?*" :o) Whenever the breath of heaven woos you to serve...don't hesitate...just say "YES!" God doesn't ask for perfection, He just needs your willing heart. DeColores!

Cindy Bloom

"You may be the only gospel
your neighbor will ever read."
St. Francis of Assisi

tened, we began to toss and tumble around in that small plane like BB's in a boxcar!

It was during those moments that the important people in my life came to mind. I began to think not of events or things, but of people - of my family whom I had just left behind. I reflected on my relationship with my cousin and how that might not be able to be rekindled. But most of all, I thought of my bride and my children, to me the very most important people on the face of the earth. But you know, as we were being jostled about in that cockpit, - how close to death I came that night, I will never know - I found myself perfectly at peace - simply because of the words of Jesus, for He said: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all *(continued on page 3)*

PRAYER LIST

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DEVOTION

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 *“And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the week.”*

A newly widowed friend says about her lush backyard gardens: “This is all the church I need.” I have also found spiritual profundity in the elegance of nature. But still I drive many miles to worship in a bricks-and-mortar building. Jesus waits for me there—along with my cherished Christian friends.

Sharing the Body of Christ is not all about friendly smiles and passing the peace. Jesus was pretty clear that we, like him, are to expect suffering. He teaches us to take our minds off human things and reach for the divine. We try. But, in pain, it’s a long, lonely reach.

Last month our prayer chain alerted us to dreadful news. Susan, a new parishioner, had breast cancer. The next Sunday at cof-

fee hour I observed a group of women. As if heeding a silent call, they moved their chairs into a circle, enfolding Susan in their midst. A longtime member whispered to me: “Every one of those women is a cancer survivor. From now on, Susan will never be alone.”

“To endure the cross is not tragedy; it is the suffering which is the fruit of an exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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HELP!

The following community members’ newsletters were returned for the reasons shown after their names. If you know where these folks may be, please contact John Glaze (jglaze@hcf.com or 937-393-3997).

GLENNA CROSS, 1583 Coronet Dr, Columbus OH 43224 “ATTEMPTED-NOT KNOWN—UNABLE TO FORWARD”

JENNY EUBANKS, 610 Crestview Dr, Lebanon OH 45036 “NOT DELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED-UNABLE TO FORWARD”

Thanks for your help!

Remember! If you are moving, be sure to notify us to update your address!

TABOR TALK (continued)

these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33-34)

Our pilot, another Nashville dentist by profession, was a good one, and he was able to pull us through, but I was at peace because I knew that, no matter what the weather was, no matter how good our pilot was, the One who was in control was not the pilot of the airplane, but the Pilot of our souls. And I felt confident in His hands that His best would be done.

What was true in my life on that New

Years night many years ago is true for each of us on a daily basis. The coming year will bring many ups and downs. There will be highlights and lowlights. It will be easy to praise God for the blessings, but for the burdens – well, that’s another matter, isn’t it? Let me, as one who has gone through my share of “rough skies” in life, assure you that no matter what the storm may be, no matter how great the turbulence in our lives, with Jesus at the controls of our lives,

we can be confidently assured and peaceful that His will for us will be accomplished. The only question we must ask ourselves then is, “Who is at the controls of my life? Is it I, or is it Jesus?” Let me tell you, Jesus is a better Pilot than either you or I. With Him at the controls during this new year, we are assured of a safe landing, no matter how rough the flight is!

Chuck Tabor

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We're on the web:
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See you at the Gathering!
January 8
Singing starts at 6:45 pm

Wear your nametag!
Bring a snack to share!

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