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## Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

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## BARB'S LITTLE BITS

**A**s June's Women's Walk #90's team has formed and met two weeks and September Men's Walk #57 team is beginning to form and October's Women's Walk #91 will soon form, I began to think more about what a team is in our lives.

When we think of sports, we usually think of a team but if you think about it, we are on teams all of our lives. It begins with our family, a team that God chooses to come together. Then our workplace, our church family and on and on. No job can be done solely alone. We are all working together all of our lives. When self gets in the way, a team can be destroyed. I have seen it and I know you have too.

Self is not of God. It de-

stroys lives, companies, church families and our families. We, who are called Gods' people, are often called the "Family of God". The song goes, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod. For I'm part of the family, the Family of God."

When I took my Walk to Emmaus, I saw another team. The Emmaus team coming together as God's people to be the hands and feet of Jesus. It is on a team you become one serving the Pilgrims and being Jesus to them. It is really the same when we leave the Walk. We are always to be Jesus to those we meet. I've learned I am really an imperfect earthen vessel. Imperfect sticks in

my mind as my selfish ways often get in the way of what and who Jesus called me to be. Praise God for His Grace. His mercy is new every morning. Thank you, Jesus, for your love for all of us.

As we all go to worship this coming Lords' Day, I pray as I look around, I appreciate everyone for who they are. They may not see things exactly as I do but God made us all a special "TEAM"; each serving and using different gifts for our Lord.

De Colores,  
*Barb*

## TABOR TALK

**T**he month of June is the month when we celebrate not only the beginning of summer, but also, that all-important and most significant holiday of the year, known as "Father's Day"! Okay, I'm kidding, but sometimes it seems fathers CAN be forgotten.

A Texas dad (who did

not want to offer his name) had some unexpected excitement on his family vacation. After the man and his family spent the night at a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, they stopped to eat and fill up their gas tank. That's when the trip got really interesting. When the family hit the (continued on page 2)



*Pray without ceasing!*

### Read this!

- Get in the GATHERING habit!
- We need men for the September Men's Walk!
- Wear your name tag so we can get to know you!

## TABOR TALK *(continued)*

road they left dad behind at the gas station.

The father explained what happened: "Somebody had been sleeping all night in the back and they were going to drive and I was going to get in the back and sleep. I went inside to get my change for the gas and they thought I was already loaded up and closed all the doors and took off."

The dad tried to call his own cell phone, which was still in the van, but nobody answered it. He said, "Six different cell phones and nobody answers and my phone is in there because it's on the charger and nobody answers it and then it starts going straight to voicemail. I mean, that's odd."

The father called the police, but it was social media that saved the day. The frantic dad borrowed a computer from a local motel and got in touch with his family through Facebook. The van was about 100 miles away by the time he finally reached his family. The story had a happy ending: the family turned around, picked up dad, and continued their vacation. The dad indicated to reporters that he's confident the entire incident was just a huge mistake.

While that story is unique, the fact is that the media and our culture

seem to minimize the importance of fathers in the family. But even more than that, we are seeing the downplaying of not just earthly fathers, but our heavenly Father as well. In fact, summer is often a time when we take a vacation from not only our work and school, but also from church and our faith as well. We stop going and we stop giving, assuming that others will take up the slack.

May I encourage you to give your fathers a hug this month? If your father is already gone, give another father a hug! Thank him for his taking that responsibility seriously. Let him know he is not forgotten. But even more, let your heavenly Father know He is not forgotten! Don't get so busy planning your summer vacation that you forget about Him. Remember Matthew 6 – which talks about our Father who sees in secret and will reward us, who knows our needs before even ask him for them, and who instructs us to pray those infamous words: "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

Don't forget your Father this summer!

God bless...

*Chuck Tabor*

## DEVOTION TO PONDER

*"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him." from Luke 24:13-35*

The apostles believed the story at the tomb told by Mary Magdalene and the other women to be idle talk. The men had gone to the tomb and seen nothing. Jesus was not there. Two apostles discussed this while walking the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were not fully convinced. It's been three days, they whined, and Israel had not been redeemed. Perhaps they were expecting fireworks and angels, earthquakes and light-

ning, legions of soldiers and clanging weapons.

As the men talked of shattered dreams, a stranger came near and joined them, a softly speaking stranger who did not even know about the events in Jerusalem. They explained their disappointments. The stranger started to walk ahead, but they called him back and asked him to share their meal.

The stranger blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to the men. Now they knew. Their hearts were burning. *(continued next column)*

## PRAYER LIST

*The following names were raised in prayer at the May Gathering. Please continue to pray for the needs of these folks. (Please excuse any misspellings.)*

Harley Barney  
 Dave & Dinah Bond  
 Kathy Bright  
 Madison Chambers  
 Maxine Gatton  
 Nancy Graves  
 Stephanie Hamann  
 Dianna McMullin  
 Saeed  
 A J Paris Smith  
 Lydia Tissandier  
 John Wass Family  
 Lucas Workman

## DEVOTION *(continued)*

He opened the scriptures to us, they told the disciples when they returned home.

We are walking the road to Emmaus and Jesus is a few steps ahead. Are we asking him to walk with us?

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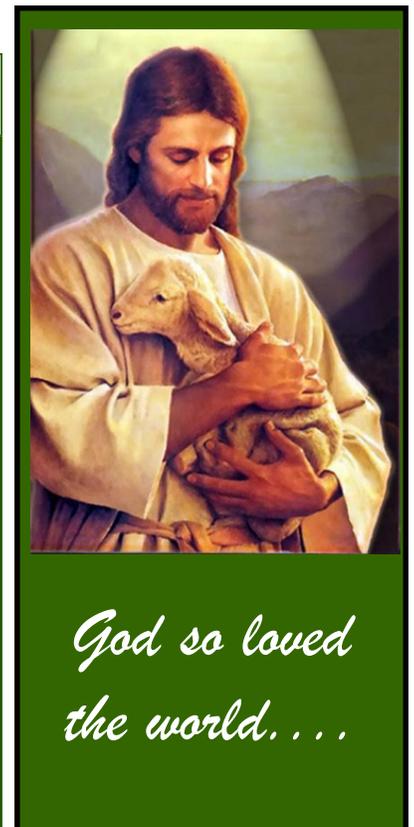
What a perfect devotion for us Emmaus people! How often do we get so wrapped up in being on a team, providing very special special music, finding a friend to sponsor on a walk that we forget to call out to Jesus and ask him to walk with us? How many times have we let some brother or sister in Christ get under our skin, forgetting that all we must do is call out to that stranger who has walked a bit ahead, "Please! Stop and wait for us—we need you to walk with us and listen to our differences and lead us to do what you would have us do! Help us be like you. Help us forgive as you forgive us. Help us love each other and show the world that we are different. Please, come and walk with us and help us heal. Thank you, Father!

## PILGRIMS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #90

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	SPONSOR
Betsy Brooks		Wilmington	OH	45177		Dave and Robyn Hinman
Maureen Clark		Mount Vernon	IL	62864		Christy Mitchell
Liz Feliciano		Wilmington	OH	45177		Robin and Jim Smalley
Sommer Green		Hillsboro	OH	45133		Pamela Blaser
Paula Johnson		New Vienna	OH	45159		Delilah Pritchett
Donna Julliard		Maineville	OH	45039		Josh and Ashton Adkins
Bradi Kirk		Xenia	OH	45385		Ben Kirk
Cindy Lennon		Xenia	OH	45385		John and Jeanette MacMillan
Brenda Lieurance		Leesburg	OH	45135		Sandy Barger
Anita McDaniel		Peebles	OH	45660		Ginger and Larry Pendell
Donna Oppenheimer		Williamsburg	OH	45176		Sue Hamann
Debra Peters		Wilmington	OH	45177		Marsha Tomlin
Mary Peters		Wilmington	OH	45177		Marsha Tomlin
Dawn Steele		Wilmington	OH	45177		Robin Smalley/Ronald Steele
Dawn Thomas		Hillsboro	OH	45133		Susie and Chuck Tabor
Heidi Tite		Greenfield	OH	45123		Holli Ertel
Tonya Turner		Hillsboro	OH	45133		Marsha Tomlin
Kay Walt		Wilmington	OH	45177		Jon Walt
Ginny Webb		Wilmington	OH	45177		John Webb
Sharon Webb		Hillsboro	OH	45133		Susie and Chuck Tabor

### Live-In Team—Women's Walk #90

Brenda Armstrong	LD	Perseverance	Shanna Hahn	ATL	
Rebecca Haines	ALD	Fourth Day	Delilah Pritchett	ATL	
Vera Workman	ALD	Priority	Joyce Smith	ATL	
Kathy Huff	ALD	Grow Through Study	Kimmy Smith	ATL	
Debbie Lynch	TL	Priesthood of All Believers	Susan Thompson	MD	
Suzanne Hopkins	TL	Life of Piety	Janet Workman	AMD	
Joyce Naylor	TL	Christian Action	Maurice Mitchell	SD	Means of Grace
Ashton Adkins	TL	Discipleship	Christy Mitchell	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Cindy Bailey	TL	Changing Our World	Mary Brose	AV	
Debbie Henize	TL	Body of Christ	Dan Pelzel	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Debbie Ellison	BR		Larry Stewart	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Janece Curry	ATL		Jason Moore	ASD	Justifying Grace
Amanda Foster	ATL				



## Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church  
 PO Box 191  
 Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:  
[www.wilmingtonemmaus.org](http://www.wilmingtonemmaus.org)

See you at the Gathering!  
 June 11  
 Singing starts at 6:45 pm  
 Wear your nametag!  
 Bring a snack to share!

## MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

Month	Instrumentalist	Song Leader	Special Music
June	John Glaze	Christy Mitchell	Christy Mitchell
July	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin	Peggy Larkin
August	Judy Laycock	Susan Thompson	Susan's Trio
September	Carl Guenther	Chuck Tabor	Kathy Holbrook
October	John Glaze	Cliff Klutts	Carl Guenther
November	John Glaze	Kathy Holbrook	Cindy Bloom & Emily Jackson
December	John Glaze	Bronwyn Jones	Community

*Schedule subject to change. If you would like to provide special music or accompany the singing, please get in touch with Jennie Harner!*

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