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## Quintessential Quigley!

I have always loved the Christmas season: the singing, kids' programs and the decorations. It seems like the whole nation is celebrating Christ's birth. I've seen a lot of articles on Facebook, in newspapers and in the broadcast news about Christ and that he is the reason for the season.

I cannot disagree with the statement that he is the reason for the season. Jesus' birth was the greatest gift each of us can receive: the freedom from sin and eternal life. He came to take that burden of sin and offer eternal life for each and every one of us (John 3:16). God loved us so much that he would send his only son. Wow, what a Christmas gift!

But like most things, this celebration of Christ's birthday is short-lived. It starts in early November and goes until Christmas is over. Why is that? That is what disappoints me the most. Christ is remembered for his birth. Now all of the discussions, articles and comments fade away until nearly next November.

Christ is with us each and every day of the year, not just during Christmas. Yes, we should celebrate his birth, but we should also celebrate his life which goes on through each and every season of the year. He is the very reason for every season and every day.

I saw a sign this fall season that said,

**“Fall on Christ,  
He never  
Leaves.”**

How true that is! He is with us more than we can imagine.

So, let's celebrate Christ all of the year.

De Colores,

*Jerry*



## AND SO BEGINS A NEW YEAR

**A** new year, a fresh start, the slate of the past year wiped clean to begin writing a new chapter of our lives. As I write this, Christmas programs are being broadcast on telly, church programs abound and so much is based on and supports the family. So many though have no family

and it is at this time we remember them in various ways—inviting them to share a meal, presenting them with a gift or a holiday visit complete with a plate of cookies. But now that the new year has arrived, are we back to attending only to our own thoughts and needs? Let us always remember all year round those less

fortunate or those who are alone.

What sweeter gift can we bring than the gift of the Walk to Emmaus? Emmaus isn't just for your inner circle of friends! Be aware of those who serves in your church and could benefit from this leadership building experience!

Share the love of Emmaus!



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Ago  
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## SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DEVOTION (from 20 Years ago)

**God said, "Let there be Light."**

Everyone loves to drive throughout the many housing developments during the Christmas season to "look at the lights." It seems as though some neighbors have a contest to see which one of them can display the most lights and perhaps, in the most unusual way. "LIGHTS" just seem to be a very important part of the Christmas season: the lights on the Christmas tree, the lights in the yard and on the trees and bushes, the lights in each window, and the lights on the house.

And now that Christmas is

over, the lights are taken down and stored away until next season.

And God said, "Let there be Light." *And there was Light!*

Another "light" that was so evident this Christmas season was the "Light of Christ." That very special light that glows and grows in each person. One of my prayers is that this light will continue to be in each of us throughout this coming year and that we may reflect His light in all that we do!

My thanks to those of our 1993 Emmaus Board who have reflected Christ's light in their service, and a special "Thank

**You"** to those whose terms expire: Beulah Carnahan, Nora Kirkpatrick, Gail Satterthwaite, Betty Stevenson, Joel Beegle, John Foster and Tom Jenkins. I also want to welcome the new board members for 1994: Arlafaye Carnahan, Betty Cline, Nancy Colvin, Yvonne Ferris, Molly Silveous, Ed Hiestand and David Swindler.

**God said, "Let there be Light."** May we all reflect HIS Light!

Peace, Love and Joy,

*Kathy Reiff*

## News from 10 and 20 Years ago this month

There were 40 ladies scheduled to be on Women's Walk #29 which would be held Jan 27-30. Cyndi Amen was Lay Director and ALDs serving were Fran Unger, Terry Crozier and Sharon Nagle.

Jon Silveous served as the Community Chair, with these other board members: Lorry Swindler, Rachel Brown, David

Swindler, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Ed Hiestand, Dick Hooks, Helen Hiestand, Yvonne Ferris, Betty Bishop, Joe Curtin, Alicia Lockard, Joan Brandenburg, Ken & Nancy Colvin, Pat Zeller, Arlafaye Carnahan, Betty Cline, Scott Amen, Elaine Tewksbury, Molly Silveous, Kathy Reiff and Larry Stewart.

Ten years ago, there were

33 pilgrims listed in the newsletter for Women's Walk #70. Catherine Meade was the Lay Director. The community chair was Jeff Curry. Spiritual Directors for the community were Maurice Mitchell, Darrell Holmes, Chuck Tabor and Tom Brunner.

Ah, memories!

## DEVOTION—ON GROWING OLDER

*Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. -Matthew 20:26, 28*

I admit it. This reflection is a tribute, a tribute to older women in their seventies and eighties who are often the backbone of church life.

I think of Rose, a woman in Boston who made St. Paul's

Cathedral smell like Thanksgiving Day every Monday with her ever-expanding soup kitchen.

I think of Bev, a lifetime altar guild member who knew the Easter drill like her ABCs, but who said to the interim rector, "Whatever you want to do will be just fine." And meant it.

I think of Harriett, age ninety, who attends plays at

various theaters when members of the high school youth group are performing. Once, when told there might be swearing, she said, "Well, I certainly hope so!"

And then there is Nancy, who lost her grandchildren in a plane crash but volunteers hours upon hours in outreach activities.

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## THANKS!

Hello All:

I hope you all are having a wonderful Christmas day. I pray you have a Blessed New Year. I want to thank all of you for walking beside me in 2013. I was truly blessed by all of you. Thank you for helping me and loving me through a difficult part of my journey. I love every one of you. Thank you for your

service to our Lord. My Emmaus walk changed my life and I know it did your too. We are all walking just a little closer to our Lord because of that 72 hours. I know you will be Blessed as Jerry steps into the Community Chair. We are a team.

Thanks also to all board members who will no longer

be on the board. A job well done for our Lord and the Emmaus community. God Bless you for serving and I pray as you take a time off you will one day serve again.

DeColores, Live Love Laugh

*Barb*

A FINAL WORD  
FROM  
OUTGOING  
COMMUNITY  
CHAIR,  
BARB LITTLE

## EMMAUS—CHRYSALIS RELATIONSHIP

Emmaus and Chrysalis are partners in the work of producing servant leaders. Chrysalis is the primary outreach of Emmaus to young people. The partnership “in the field” is matched by the Upper Room staff in charge of each program as they work closely together and share concerns, pray together and support each other.

At the community level, the board which governs the Chrysalis Community signs a Covenant Letter just as the Emmaus board does. This is a statement that the community will maintain the standards set

forth by the Upper Room.

The Emmaus Community which sponsors the Chrysalis Community should have a representative on the Chrysalis Board and vice versa.

While funds of treasuries are maintained separately, at the end of the fiscal year, the Chrysalis treasurer submits a written report of income, expenses and balance to the sponsoring Emmaus board which includes it in the IRS report for the year.

Think of the Emmaus/Chrysalis relationship in the way a large university may have campuses in different

communities—both share the same mission and vision while serving different populations.

Our Emmaus community supported the Chrysalis community in Washington Court House. Unfortunately, it became increasingly more and more difficult in getting teens signed up for flights and the community had to suspend flights.

There are currently active Chrysalis communities in Milford and Portsmouth and each is always in need of Caterpillars. Why not sponsor a youth in this incredible experience?

## DEVOTION *(cont from pg 2)*

Sarah, in biblical times, gave birth to Isaac while in her nineties. She laughed upon hearing the news.

Blessed are those who grow older, stronger, wiser, who bless us with holy laughter and remain servants of Christ.

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## CHRYSALIS

You enjoyed your walk to Emmaus! Now it’s time to pass the experience on to others. One way is to invite a young person to attend a Chrysalis event. With Chrysalis, they have “FLIGHTS” instead of “WALKS”. The talks are geared toward the age group, presenting subjects such as dating, etc. Most youth are greatly influenced by the experience.

The next flights taking place at Milford UMC will be in January for the girls and February for the boys.

To learn more about Chrysalis and how you can sponsor, visit their web site: [www.cincinnati.chrysalis.com](http://www.cincinnati.chrysalis.com).

Some think that once going on Chrysalis, the person is not able to attend Emmaus. This is NOT the case—both can be experienced!

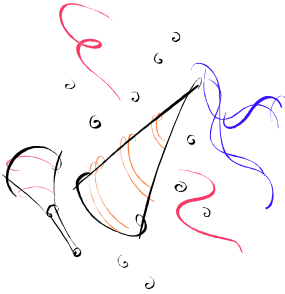


## Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

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:  
JANUARY 14  
Singing starts at  
6:45pm  
Wear your nametag!  
Bring a snack to share!



## A HOMETOWN WITNESS

Desiring to witness,  
I volunteered to preach,  
But Jesus said to me,  
"Go witness on your street."  
"I seek a larger place,"  
I plead in bold self-pity.  
"Then go," he whispered low,  
"Go witness in your city."  
"I mean elsewhere," I begged,  
"Like some far, distant place.  
Lord, here in my hometown,  
They would laugh right in my face."

He wept, "But Judea mocked,  
Galilee turned me down,  
Jerusalem spit on me.  
They laughed in my hometown."  
Deeply touched, I went forth  
To witness to my neighbor  
Who welcomed and made me glad  
I dared to go and labor.  
And I, surprised, soon learned,  
There are no distant places,  
With needs more deeply etched  
Than on familiar faces.

Author unknown

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