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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

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## COMMUNITY CHAIR *from 20 years ago*, JON SILVEOUS

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!!

Thanksgiving Day is set aside as one day of the year for thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings that come our way. But if He is blessing us every day then shouldn't we be thanking Him every day?

Read each of the following items and take a few seconds to think about each. Then thank God for it. Many times, whether it affects you personally or not, it may affect one of more of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### THANK YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR:

Rain—Air—Trees—Sight—Food—Each breath you take—Gardens—Flowers—Dirt—Smells—Mountains—The Sky—Water—Heat—Grass—Stars—Skin—The Sun Fish

(that's my Dad's favorite) - Light—The Wind

#### GOD LOVES US AND WE SHOULD GIVE HIM THANKS FOR:

Schools—Our Country—Sports—Indoor plumbing—Dogs—Children—Pencils and paper—Summer—Our forefathers—Babies—Colors—Books—Old pickup trucks (that's a personal one of mine) - History—Soft beds—Shelter—Communication—Vehicles—Winter—Tables and chairs—Fall—Laughter—Joy—Spring—Memories—Pictures—Tools—Crayons—Clocks—Garages—Bargains—Potluck dinners.

#### WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE YOU, FATHER for:

Family—Work—Parents—Vacations—Friends—Wives—Husbands—Hugs—Bosses—

Employees—Fathers—Sons—Daughters—Mothers.

#### THE GLORY IS YOURS, FATHER, MOST ESPECIALLY for:

Christian brothers and sisters—YOUR COVENANT WITH U S — F e l l o w s h i p — COMMUNION—Emmaus Walks—Our local churches—SALVATION—Yes, even for tribulation—Music—Pastors—GRACE—Quiet times—YOUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE—Christian missionaries and ministries—YOUR HOLY LORD—Angels—Miracles—AGAPE—Share groups—Roosters—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—Cards—Parables—Sunday School—Rainbows—Vacation Bible School.

#### SINCERE THANKS SHOULD BE ON OUR LIPS CONTINUALLY for:

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## THE MINISTRY OF SILLY WALKS

## Editorial

Anyone who remembers Monty Python's Flying Circus should certainly remember the crazy, often irreverent bits, amongst these, the Ministry of Silly Walks. Why do I bring this up? It's the fun of silliness that occurs on a walk weekend juxtaposed with the very serious subjects that are discussed which gives the balance of content and a well rounded program. Just as the old adage of "all work and no

play makes Jack a dull boy", so the walk weekend without times of fun and, yes, silliness, would make of a slow-moving and somewhat boring weekend.

We follow the "model" which is set as the official skeleton or chassis on which the weekend is built. "Free times", such as those after meals during the weekend provide the opportunities for skits and other silliness.

Often these skits have a serious side, or an underlying theme which bolsters and supports the nature of the weekend, such as THE CROSS-EYED BEAR. Other times, they are pure silliness. Either way, the message of the weekend is supported, the "heavy times" are given a respite and a jolly time is had by all!

*John Glaze*

*Men's Walk  
needs Pilgrims!  
With whom can  
you share Em-  
maus?*

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## DEVOTION

*“Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge other.”  
Romans 2:1*

I hear this all the time from students at the university where I work. “The Bible says ‘Don’t judge,’ so people can’t say anything about what I’m doing.”

On the one hand, this is true. Judging whether someone’s actions are righteous or wicked is God’s job. Whenever we do it, we’re likely to get it wrong. And even if we get it right, we’re likely to do more harm than good in point out the wrong. How we speak truth to one another is just as important as what that truth is. Screaming that someone is going to hell for what they’ve done is only

giving in to anger and self-righteousness, not saving them from sin.

On the other hand, folks use this passage to justify their own desires. “The Bible says ‘Don’t judge,’ so I can do whatever I want.” True, we all have the freedom to make decisions, but not true because that’s not what Paul is saying. Again, how we speak up is important. Taking a friend aside and telling them that the behavior you see seems unhealthy can be the beginning of a transformative conversation, for you and for them.

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## COMMUNITY CHAIR

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**THE MANGER  
THE CROSS  
HOPE & LIFE  
OUR SAVIOR  
YOUR SON JESUS**

Many of these items are common and everyday types. Many are eternal. All come from God and we should thank Him and praise Him every day and all through the day for these and all other blessings.

I bet you could think of lots more!!!!

*Jon Silveous*

## DAVE’S DISPENSES

In the 1995 epic film “Braveheart”, Mel Gibson portrays the 13<sup>th</sup> century Scottish warrior William Wallace. In one of the most memorable moments in the movie, William Wallace is being torturously executed in front of a vast crowd of onlookers, including a number of his disguised comrades. To receive a more compassionate, quick death he simply needed to request “mercy” from the executioner. Instead, he self-sacrificially thundered the proclamation “FREEDOM!” to all within earshot of him, including the dying King. This iconic declaration has become a symbol of passion and patriotism.

Freedom: the mainstay of our nation, celebrated annually on Independence Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This is the day when, in 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, thereby proclaiming independence from

Great Britain. And the rest is history.

On an even larger scale than this, have you ever considered the freedom declared by Jesus when He said “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36)? Really? Free indeed? Free from what?

In the depth of our hearts, at the very core of our being, there once existed a malevolent bond with the wickedness of sin. Sin is a plague imbedded within us from conception. Just like a substance addiction, sin will drive us into behaviors contrary to our wellbeing. We’re trapped; shackled; ensnared with a sinful nature that stands in stark resistance to God’s will in our lives. As we recognize this evil we experience shame and remorse, yet are unable to break loose of it. We may try to compensate for it, or masquerade it, or simply deny it. But ultimately we remain fettered with the encumbrance of sin

## “FREEDOM”

bound tightly to us.

Aren’t you grateful that Jesus set you free from this? Seriously, where would we be without the substitutionary death Jesus submitted to on our behalf? We have been rescued; permanently paroled from the prison of our carnality. Though we will continue to periodically experience some measure of sin in our lives, it doesn’t define who we are. Thanks to Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin, but have become servants of Christ’s righteousness (Romans 6:18).

As we celebrate Independence Day this year, let’s be sure to offer thanks for all those who gave their lives to provide the freedoms we enjoy in our nation. Let’s also remember Jesus, whose obedience unto death paid the ransom required for our liberation from sin. We’ve been set free indeed.

*Dave Hinman*

## WELCOME THE WOMEN FROM WALK #92!

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Sharon Cornette		Wilmington	OH	45177	
Desiree Garrison		Wilmington	OH	45177	
Marianne Gilbert		New Holland	OH	43145	
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Cheri Honnerlaw		Wilmington	OH	45177	
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*Please join in praying for Bob Brown, Lay Director for the September Men's Walk. Pray for willing servants to answer the calls to be on the team, Pray for pilgrims to say "Yes" when invited to be on the walk.*

## PRAYER LIST

Prayer was requested for these people at our June Gathering. Please join us in intercession for return to health, overcoming adversities of life, recovery from loss

Cody Blocker  
 Dave Blocker  
 Dave & Dinah Bond  
 Barry Boone  
 Family of Jim Bowman  
 Burns Family

Leonard Butcher  
 Joyce Call  
 Family of Linda Clay  
 Philip Crawford  
 Barb Derrick  
 Chad Fornash  
 Martha Haddix  
 Ruth Henderson  
 Ron Keim  
 Jim Kocher  
 Janet L.  
 Luke Lapine,

Lapine & Jones Families  
 Tom & Shelby Lapine  
 Matt Magee  
 Ella Porter  
 Holly Requardt  
 Ken Shull  
 Pastor Dillon Staas  
 Unspoken  
 Greg Walls  
 WCC Haiti Team for 2015  
 Heather Whiting  
 Iris Wilkinson

## 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:  
July 8  
Singing starts at  
6:45pm  
Wear your nametag!  
Bring a snack to share!

LADIES #92  
WALK REUNION  
AUGUST 12 at 6PM

## Get Involved!

Making the most of your Emmaus experience is harder than you think. You get off your walk and what do you do?

1. Go back home and resume the life of a grump?
2. Go back home and twist everyone's arm to go on a walk?
3. Tell everyone you know they just "HAVE" to go on a walk?
4. Go home and think about your weekend, relive the wonderful events, but keep quiet about it?

Well, I hope your choice is "NONE OF THE ABOVE". Why? Choice 1: Resuming the life of a grump surely doesn't speak well of the Emmaus experience. Perhaps you slept thru the weekend?

Choice 2: Forcing or pressuring friends and family to go on the walk may get people on the walk, but their general feeling is that they are doing it as a favor to you and not as a favor to themselves.

Choice 3: Actually, there are billions of people on the planet who will never go on an Emmaus Walk and still will have a jim-dandy relationship with Christ. There is no 11th Commandment which says, "Thou shalt go on a Walk to Emmaus, AND love it."

Choice 4: Yes, remember your weekend experience, relive the wonderful events and the love you experienced. Take those letters of agape out and re-read them whenever you need a lift. Don't keep quiet about your experience. Never shy away from mentioning your experience to others. Be sure, though, to watch for the response to what you say. If you see any interest, simply say, "I'd really like to meet with you and tell you more

about my weekend. It may be something you'd enjoy doing too, but I'll never pressure you." Then, be sure to follow up and set a time to meet. Be very personal when you share—tell your friend how the weekend affected you, how you felt, how it changed you. There are no Emmaus "secrets" - you can tell about everything that occurs during the weekend, but I compare it to Christmas presents. "Just like Christmas, I can tell you everything that wrapped up under that tree, but don't you think that might spoil some surprises?"

You undoubtedly remember feeling waited on during your weekend. When future Emmaus Walks come up, it's your turn to experience showing God's AGAPE love through service to your fellow man. Sign up to serve in the kitchen or perform logistic duties, even, or ESPECIALLY, if you aren't sponsoring a pilgrim. Did you know that "Fourth Day" people are to have only minimal contact with the pilgrims? Your sponsor may have worked in the dining hall when you were on your walk, but probably didn't serve your table. Did you notice? Why? This might bring you to ask something about the "outside world" such as how your family is surviving without you, and that tends to take your mind away from the walk.

You can sign a VOLUNTEER card at most every Gathering. This is a great way to get involved. For example, it's not a secret that our Music Chairperson, Sandie, doesn't have ESP! She wasn't born knowing that you can play an instrument and would like to serve in that capacity! Believe it, or not! GET INVOLVED!