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For
Everyone
Everywhere



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Mike's Message

Wilmington Emmaus

Ask and Ye Shall Receive!

A few months ago, our greatest challenge as a community was declining registrations. Every board meeting involved a discussion of whether we would have enough pilgrims to hold the next walk. In June we didn't get enough to hold the walk. It hurt. So we prayed.

We prayed, believing that God would bless this ministry. We prayed, keeping a positive attitude about the future of this discipleship outreach. We prayed, and we gave the Lord our concerns, trusting Him to control our community.

In September the Lord answered by filling the Men's Walk with pilgrims, coming to the walk expecting to meet with the Lord, and they found Him at their table. Afterward every one of them testified of a renewed, stronger relationship with the Lord. Our community strengthened. So we pray some more, expecting more blessings.

In October another difficult decision faced our community. WE HAD TOO MANY PILGRIMS! We had to decide how to handle this increased enrollment! How would we feed them all? How would we fit them all on the stage during Candlelight? These are good problems to have! If you attended the closing, you know how powerful the Spirit affected the lives of the 57 women who participated in the walk. We are blessed!

Our challenge now is to CONTINUE this attitude of prayer, positive action, and dependence on the Lord! As we look forward into 2018, we must do so in prayer. Please pray that we will depend more on the Lord and less on ourselves. Please pray that we will step forward to participate in this community, and that we will do so with a spirit of self-surrender. Please pray that we will invest our time and work into our churches, our Emmaus community, and the world around us. If we seek the Lord, we will find Him. De Colores *Mike Daugherty*

Tabor's Tidbits

Getting ready for Thanksgiving

Two men were walking through a field one day when they spotted an enraged bull. Instantly they darted toward the nearest fence. The storming bull followed in hot pursuit, and it was soon apparent they wouldn't make it. Terrified, the one shouted to the other, "Put up a prayer, John. We're in for it!"

John answered, "I can't. I've never made a public prayer in my life."

"But you must!" implored his companion. "The bull is catching up to us."

"All right," panted John, "I'll say the only prayer I know, the one my father used to repeat at the table: 'O Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly grateful.'"

Hopefully, as we prepare for and approach this Thanksgiving Day coming soon, your prayers will not be as unpracticed as John's. But also, hopefully, they will be as thankful.

As we contemplate our blessings this Thanksgiving Day, there may be all sorts of things which are uncertain in our lives, but each of us will no doubt be able to think of something for which to be thankful. Erma Bombeck, in one of her many columns, reported the statement made by an 8-year-old named Christina, who was suffering from cancer of the nervous system. When asked what she wanted for her birthday, Christina thought long and hard and finally said, "I don't know. I have two sticker books and a Cabbage Patch doll. I have everything." Bombeck's commentary on that was simply, "The kid is right!"

The story is told of a father of a wealthy family who took his son on a trip to the country to show his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a poor family. On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad!" the son said.

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Oh, yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek with no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on, and they have fields that go beyond sight. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

With this the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

When I think about what I can honestly be thankful for this Thanksgiving, my mind goes to the traditional things – you know, my wife, my children, my family, my friends, my jobs, my country, the food, and the material blessings we have – all the standard sorts of blessings that we traditionally recognize, but also there are some others we should also note. In Romans 8:35-39 we see a great challenge to be thankful for the things we cannot lose. We may go through all sorts of calamities and problems with difficulties and tragedies in our lives, but these verses affirm that none of those things, as bad as they may be, will "be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

It is comforting and encouraging to realize God's love is unending, unceasing, unchangeable, and unconquerable – no matter what our external circumstances may try to proclaim to the contrary.

As you get ready for Thanksgiving this year, why not try something novel and new like trying to be truly thankful? If you just simply cannot do that, because of unfortunate circumstances, try helping someone more unfortunate than you.

Be thankful to God for all he has given you! God bless...

De Colores!

Chuck Tabor

WOMAN'S WALK # 98

WELCOME to EMMAUS, LADIES

Liz	Adkins	Washington CH	Dale & Karen Everhart
Autumn	Allen	Wilmington	Latasha Ruddle/Ginger Pendell
Ginny	Apple	Baltimore	Julie & /Denny Beis
Megan	Baker	Wilmington	Steven Soale
Renee	Boldman	Wilmington	Kim Ewing/Amanda Foster
Cindy	Eleyet	Hillsboro	Pam Blaser
Kelly	Erwin	Morrow	Terry Erwin
Rana	Evans	Wilmington	Brandon Foster
Melody	Fessler	Washington CH	Joy Stanforth/Greg Fessler
Barb	Fleming	Hillsboro	Cindy Bloom
Macy Jo	Fulton	Wilmington	Mike Wallace
Andrea	Gibbs	Washington CH	Carole Gibbs
Faye	Harris	Wilmington	Peter & Sharon Sams
Debbie	Harter	Washington CH	Jan Reese
Lisa	Haynes	Blanchester	Angela France
Kay	Hill	Hillsboro	Barbara Collins
Beth	Hodge	Wilmington	Angela France
Amanda	Johnson	Blanchester	Nolan Cook
Rebecca	Lewis	Wilmington	Jennie Harner/Nancy Ogden
Marissa	Livingston	Willmington	Pam & Chet Adkins
Pauline	Lyons	Washington CH	Martha & Rob Scott
Mildred	May	Mt. Orab	John Glaze
Teresa	McCann	Wilmington	Dorelle Noggle/Deanne Miller
Judi	Mehl	New Vienna	Janet Peters
Rosalie	O'Dell	Trenton	Toni & Bill Jenkins
Dawn	Richards	Jamestown	Robyn Hinman
Glenna	Rowe	Greenfield	Lori Welling
Linda	Shaw	New Vienna	Andrew & Latasha Ruddle
KC	Stottlemire	Wilmington	Tracy Scalf
Doris	Sturgeon	Washington CH	Nancy Penwell/Jeri Ann Cary
Denise	Teal	Winchester	Peggy Edwards
Robin	Tholen	Lynchburg	Cindy Bloom
Callisa	Waddle	New Vienna	Davd Waddle
Megan	Wilson	Blanchester	Kyle Wilson/Jenny Dobbs
Natalia	Wright	Hillsboro	Mike Labig

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church

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Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:
www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

Come to the Nov. 14 gathering

6 p.m. Reunion Walk # 98
6 p.m. Board meeting
6:45 Music
7 p.m. Gathering
Bring finger foods for social hour

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Travis	Jason Wyckoff
Iris Wilkinson	Janet Workman
Dawna Jo Kiesling	Lasley Wilkinson
Nancy Walker	George Quallen
Pamela Nickell	Janell Smart
Danielle Thompson	Jennifer Hunter
Braxton Henderson	Jerod Policy
JC Bihl	Bill Adae

the Emmaus community
Christy Mitchell's church
relationship with God

Jason, Lorraine, and Clark Tibbetts

The Patty Krebs family

The Patti Reynolds family

NEW EMMAUS PARKING POLICY

Those parking for gatherings or Emmaus events, be aware as of Oct. 1, 2017 the two parking lots south of the Wilmington Methodist Church are not available for church use per request of the owner. The church now has its office in the basement of the church, not across the alley and the parking lots are off limits per owner request. The church has been unsuccessful in negotiating the matter. Pray about this and park elsewhere. Thank you for courtesy.