

# The Rainbow Connection

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## Upcoming Events

### **Emmaus Monthly Gathering**

#### **Family Christmas Party**

December 5, 2010, 3:00pm

First UMC

New Lexington

### **Satellite Emmaus Gatherings**

Logan Gathering

None in December

December 14, 2010, 7:00pm

Lancaster Gathering

6<sup>th</sup> Avenue UMC

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Keep this handy in case you would like to contact a board member.

#### 2010 Fee Schedule

##### Weekend Fees

Pilgrim Fee .....	\$125
Team Member .....	\$120
Logistics & Agape .....	\$75
Extra Meals: .....	breakfast - \$6.00
.....	lunch - \$7.00
.....	dinner - \$8.50

Mailed Newsletter .....	\$7.50/year
Emailed Newsletter .....	Free

## **From the Community Lay Director**

### **GOD'S RENEWAL FOR ALL**

Recently, my daughter-in-law, Sherrie, gave me a scrapbook kit with a "nature" theme; she knows me well as I love plants, gardening and photography. I was reminded of this gift as Jack and I were outside during this beautiful fall weather cleaning out the gardens. There was so much to do with pruning back those shrubs, small trees and perennial plants, raking and blowing the many leaves—I'm getting tired just writing about it!! But I turned to the scriptures for guidance about God's renewal for us in the planting of the seed, the watering and care of that seed and the harvest of the fruits of our labor in behalf of our Emmaus community. I found the verses I was seeking in 1st Corinthians 3:6-9. Here we find Paul writing to the people of Corinth: *"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers, you are God's field, God's building."* In Gardening 101, planting of seeds can be simple or complex depending on the type of seed. I can remember some seeds that I planted one summer and they never made it out of the ground. Later I learned that those seeds need to be scarred or kept in the refrigerator for a period of time before planting. Likewise, when we approach someone about "going on an Emmaus Walk", perhaps the time isn't right. We must not get discouraged because things aren't going our way; patience, persistent contact with the pilgrim and prayers for God's will are important assets that will serve us well. My seeds when planted under the right conditions came through for me the next summer and they were beautiful examples of God's creation. And our pilgrims will also bloom when the time is right!

At the last meeting of our SOE board, start-up plans for our 25th anniversary celebration were presented by Larry Money Penny, our treasurer. Yes, in 2011 the Southern Ohio Emmaus community will be starting our 25th year of service to the folk who reside within our boundaries, and ... (continued on page 2)



(continued from page 1).... even outside the area. God knows no boundaries! As a part of the celebration next year, and under the advisement of our treasurer, the Board members decided unanimously to decrease the fee for pilgrims to \$100, that will be a twenty-five dollar reduction. Hopefully, this will be an incentive for more people to make the choice to attend a Walk, and it will be most helpful for those experiencing financial issues. We do appreciate those persons in the past who have given generously so no one needs say, "I don't have the money to go on a Walk". So, we look forward to 2011 and Walks #50 and all of the pilgrims who will attend and have life changing experiences. Then we too can say," look at the seeds we have planted, and look at how they are blooming because we have put into place Patience, Persistence and Prayer."

In 2011, for the Women's Walk # 50, Penny Canter has accepted the challenge of Lay Director for the walk which will be March 10th thru March 13th. For Men's Walk #50, Greg Rush will be Lay Director and the dates are: March 24th thru March 27th. Both lay directors are currently seeking God's advice in forming their respective teams. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they seek His guidance.

Don't forget, we have no Gathering in November, but remember to come for our December Gathering on Sunday, December 5th, which will also be our Christmas party. The Board meeting will be at 2 p.m., with the Gathering at 3 p.m. and the Social to follow. And always, when Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! Hope you all can make it!

DeColores,  
Barb Shiplett, Vice-Chairperson

### **Dear Friends of the Emmaus Community:**

Have you ever said to yourself? Why is it that I am going through what I am going through right now? It is easy to ask ourselves that

question when we are going through tough times, but, it is also important to ask that question in good times as well. What is God trying to say to us in our mountaintop experiences as well as our valleys? In this regard, God has brought across my path a book that is blessing my heart: 66 Love Letters by Larry Crabb. The main idea of the book is that we need to look at each of the books of the Bible as God's love letter to us. In the book, Dr. Crabb gives a short summary of the book in the format of God speaking to us through that book, along with his struggles (and increased understanding) of each book.

He says this in the beginning: "Your life is part of a larger story. Everything you do, from ordinary activities like waiting in long checkout lines to serious responsibilities like handling a family crisis, is part of that story. Everything that happens to you - wonderful things, terrible things, and everything in between - advances the plot.

Friends, sometimes we get so caught up in the "smaller story" of our lives that we do not see life from the perspective of the "Larger Story" of God's love and activity on our behalf. That's what the Bible is all about. As I am reading this book, I am reminded of Romans 8:28: "*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His Purpose.*" In our fourth days, it is easy to either forget about God in the good times, or, to move away from Him in the bad times. No matter what it is you are going through right now, God has a purpose for it. It is easy to say those things - it is harder to believe it and live it. Ask God for strength. And while you are at it, who in the Body of Christ can help you through it? Is there one person?

May God Bless us all as we anticipate the holidays - let us be truly grateful and remember that in the Great Plan of God - that God sent His Son!

DeColores!

Ricci Arthur – Community Asst SD



## October 2010 Emmaus Gathering Praises and Prayer Concerns

**PRAISES:** Samaritan's Purse Ministries, Chris Stone's testimony, 72 Hour Prayer warriors, Cindy Tackett's answered prayer,

**CONCERNS:** Jack & Barb Shiplett, Brandon Shaffer accident, Mike Wells, Ed Smith, Angela Mills & son, Jeff Simpson, Josie Porter, Helen Henzel, Debbie ?, Tom Kitchen, Atheists willing to hear about salvation, Carla Wise, Colleen Smith, Lynda Fink (Girl's Chrysalis), Emmaus Community, Political Elections

## AGAPE

Our walks are over for the year and we have been Blessed! Communities from all over have prayed for our pilgrims and our team members. We were the recipient of true Agape Love. We all have the ability to pass God's Love along to others by including Emmaus in our daily prayers. Nearly every weekend, Emmaus Walks are being held someplace in our world. Let us give of our hearts in prayer to these communities, and Praise God for the opportunity.

Blessings,  
Shirley Jadwin



## (Understanding the Bible – Part 17)

### The Gospel Era

If I may condense Anders' wording a little, he would define the Gospels' message as the story of Jesus' restoration of our link to God, which had been severed by our sin, through the giving of his own life, that we might in turn have eternal life.

The story of Jesus is the story of God incarnate; that is to say, God taking on both human form and human nature, in an event so important that it splits our history. The time before Jesus' birth is B.C. (Before Christ), and the time after is A.D. (Anno Domini, Latin for "the year of our Lord").

Jesus' story is told in the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They are biographical and historical, though not necessarily in the way that we would think of those terms today. Rather than go into great detail about Jesus' personal life, they tend to focus on his ministry, and especially on the last week of his life, when the great work of salvation was accomplished in his passion, death and resurrection.

Anders offers us this storyline summary of the Gospels: "*Jesus comes in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of a savior, and offers salvation and the true Kingdom of God. While some accept Him, most reject Him, and He is crucified, buried, and resurrected.*"

As we have done in other articles in this series, we can divide the Gospel era into four main divisions:

**Early Life: Childhood to baptism:** Jesus is miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem. Under threat of death from King Herod, the family flees to Egypt, but returns to Nazareth, where Jesus lives a fairly normal human life as a carpenter. When he is thirty years old, Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John the Baptist. As he comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove, and God the Father speaks from heaven,



calling Jesus his beloved son. Following this, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days, and is tempted by Satan.

**Early Ministry: Initial acceptance:** Jesus then begins his public ministry, challenging people to understand both that he is the Christ (the Messiah), and that they must live lives of genuine righteousness. As evidence of his power and authority, Jesus performs many miracles, leading the crowds to early acceptance of him. Most of this early activity takes place in or near Jerusalem.

**Later Ministry: Growing rejection:** The religious leaders of the day are not nearly as accepting of Jesus' message as the people are. They are jealous of him, and begin to stir up the people against Jesus, who in turn debates the leaders and challenges the people to count the cost of following him. He also uses this time to prepare the twelve disciples to carry on without him. During this time, Jesus travels around a great deal, but his home base is in Capernaum.

**Death and Resurrection: Final rejection and triumph:** During the festival time of Passover, the leaders are able to stir up enough trouble for Jesus to have him arrested, put through a series of mock trials based on false charges, and turned over to be crucified. He is crucified on Friday, buried that night, and rises from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Next: The Church Era

This article is based on chapter sixteen of Max E. Anders' book *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, available through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com).

This article is part seventeen of a series. Earlier articles in the series can be found in previous editions of The Rainbow Connection beginning in June 2009, available at <http://www.southernohioemmaus.com/documents/newsletter.html> Your comments and questions are welcome, send them to: [pastordavid@newhopelogan.org](mailto:pastordavid@newhopelogan.org).

Pastor David Rohrer

## What's Happening with Chrysalis?

Greetings to the Emmaus Community,

My name is Lynda Fink and I am very excited to be serving as the Lay Director on the Girls Chrysalis Flight coming up in January. The flight will take place over Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend (Jan 15-17, 2010). Our team is almost complete and we will be starting team meetings soon. God has been there preparing the hearts of each team member. Most said yes before I finished asking them to serve . . . what an Awesome God we have.

My prayer is that the community will step forward and sponsor the youth from their churches. I feel that just like God has touched each team member, He is calling you to be a sponsor. We know there are teens (girls and boys) that yearn to have a closer relationship with Jesus or perhaps come to know Christ for the first time. Won't you be the one to sponsor that young person God is putting on your heart? Please look around, who do you see that would be blessed by spending a weekend with other Christians, with out distractions, listening to talks God has just for them, spending time at worship and praise and surrounded with lots of love? You will be blessed by sponsoring that youth! Pray about it, get an application and talk to that young person.

The Boys Chrysalis Flight will be in February over President's Holiday Weekend. If you have questions I would be happy to answer them. The Chrysalis Board would be happy to come to your church. Call me at 740-394-2939 or contact Betty Clark, Board Chair, at 740-664-5040 or email to [bwclark@nelsonvilletv.com](mailto:bwclark@nelsonvilletv.com)

DeColores! Fly with Christ!

PS. The prayer vigil is online, please help us by choosing a prayer time on the Southern Ohio Chrysalis prayer vigil:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil>

## CHRYSALIS R.O.C.S – TIPS FOR SPONSORING TEENS

How do I handle **sponsoring a teen to Chrysalis?**..... (From Laurie Kelly)

After the teen expresses interest, I phone the parent.

Typically, the following would be included in the conversation:

- I am calling to introduce myself and to tell you more about the weekend that your teen has expressed interest in attending.
- I want you to have the opportunity to hear directly from me, in case your teen is not the greatest at communication and in case you have any questions!
- I ask if they have ever heard of Emmaus or Chrysalis and explain that this is the teen version of Emmaus. (This helps them to realize that it is a structured Christian event, not just another thing the kid wants to 'run off to'.)
- They will miss school on Monday (if flight is not on a holiday). For many schools it is an excused absence. They will be given a slip for school before they leave Chrysalis if they request it.
- They will be exhausted when they come home on Monday night.
- It is a weekend where they will learn more about God and will deepen their relationship with God in a way they may never have realized was possible.
- It is a 3 day weekend where he/she will be with other teens from all over SE Ohio. (They always seem to like this point, for some reason.)
- It is different from a typical church retreat in many ways.
- They will listen to 10 talks that are both inspirational and fun. Although it sounds boring, it is not! Some talks will be by adults and others by teens. The teen talks are particularly effective because the teens are able to directly relate to their stories often times.
- There are enough different things happening, that your teen will not be bored.
- He/she will come away from the weekend with a deeper sense of God's love and it may in fact be a life changing event for him/her.
- I give them my phone number and tell them to please call anytime they have questions.

In actuality, I am telling the parents all the same things I told the kids, but I am showing the parents respect by including them and allowing them to ask questions, etc. Also, this phone call helps to avoid the kid wavering close to time as the parents understand that there is a commitment to attend made.

Once the acceptance letter comes in, I call the parent when I think the teen won't be home. I congratulate them on their teen being accepted and tell them I'm quite excited that this is working out as planned! Then I explain "the letters". I typically say:

- There are lots of different ways throughout the weekend that your teen will see and feel God's love. There's a certain point of time where we will give cards and letters to them from home that basically say "and all these people love you, too".
- These notes can be anything from a simple card that's signed to a long pouring out of the heart as to your feelings for him/her.
- Many people choose to take advantage of this opportunity and really tell their teen how they feel about them. (It's kind of fun to have an excuse to tell our kids how much they mean to us.)
- No one else will see the notes. They are kept strictly confidential.

- Would you please give me the names and phone numbers of all of your relatives? (Usually I only get a short list, so I push on) Are there any other aunt's or uncles? OK, how about favorite teachers? Coaches? Any other activities he is involved with that we should be considering? I know the kids from church, but are there any friends who don't attend our church that I should make sure not to miss? Anybody from "the past" that would be really cool for him/her to hear from? (This is where you get friends who moved away, etc) This is a cool opportunity, and we just want to make sure that we give all of them the opportunity to be involved in this!
- I DO NOT encourage parents to do the "gathering of letters" themselves for two reasons:
- It's the sponsor's job; 2) I can make sure it's getting done. Ok . . . 3) If not enough letters come in, I can step up my efforts to make sure I get more.

I explain the schedule for picking the teen up from home Saturday morning and answer any questions about what to bring and what not to, etc.

Then, I tell them about closing:

- At the end of the weekend, there will be a closing ceremony and you (the parents) are invited to attend. (Give time, directions, car-pool instructions, and explain carry in dinner.)
- You will want to try your best to be there because there is a time in this closing ceremony where the kids are able to get up and tell about their experience. Even if your teen doesn't talk, you leave with a realization about what the weekend has been like which gives you more to discuss with your teen.
- The ride home is the greatest! Even the quietest kids are usually all wound up and excited! Great one on one time with your teen!
- THANK YOU so much for allowing us the opportunity to spend time with your teen. We really enjoy him/her and we're confident they will get a lot out of the weekend.
- Give phone numbers again, if need be.

**Background:** Laurie Kelly has sponsored many teens (probably close to a couple dozen or more). Some she may know very well and others hardly know. But if a teen shows an interest and desire to attend a Chrysalis Flight she will do what she can to see that they might attend. While on the Chrysalis R.O.C.S. Board Laurie compiled this information at the board's request to help other sponsors. May you be blessed by sponsoring your children, grandchildren, and youth of your church.

## 2010 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

This is the current contact list of our 2010 Board of Directors. Keep this list handy so you can contact the board with needs, concerns, ideas, and information. Please keep the board in your prayers that they may honor Our Lord as they serve Him and our community.

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2011 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

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