



September 2009

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Sharing Your Walk

Adapted from Chapter 3, "Sponsorship" *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*

If someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15b-16a

Do you remember that day when your sponsor, and maybe a dozen others, asked you to go on a "Walk to Emmaus" and you accepted? The Emmaus experience passes from person to person reflecting the relational nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through people. Some Emmaus pilgrims want to share the wonderful gift of the Emmaus experience that they just had with others. However, sponsorship is more than just "signing up" people. The aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians and the aim of the Walk to Emmaus is the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.

God's gift of grace continues to be passed on through sponsorship. It is the first act of agape before the 72-hour walk ever begins. Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Acts of agape include prayer, agape letters, and presence at Candlelight & Closing as well as follow-up.

We should sponsor active Christians and members of churches so they can have new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake. Some examples of who to sponsor would be church leaders (both pastors and laypersons), dependable church members, less active church members, Christians who are hungry for "something more" and members of diverse congregations, denominations and ethnic groups.

Sounds like you should invite everyone! Not exactly. Some questionable sponsorships would be non-Christians (This would be like giving pizza to an infant, they are not ready), persons undergoing an emotional crisis, persons who decide not to make a walk after being presented the opportunity (I have a long story about this) and "church hoppers"

So, you ask, what are the steps for sponsoring? Wise sponsorship is purposeful and prayerful. The first step is to pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship. Second, set a special time when both of you can discuss participation in the Walk to Emmaus. If this person is married, it is a good idea to discuss it with both of them. There are eight other steps outlined in the resource book, Sponsorship. Feel free to check it out from our Emmaus library when you come to gathering on Thursday.

My direction for you this coming month, is to pray for a specific person in your life who is an active Christian and their renewal will mean new life and vision to the work of the church congregation, home, workplace, and community AND building up the body of Christ. Some upcoming walks are available in October of this year and in the first two months of 2010. Be in prayerful consideration.

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Gordon Leeks



AUGUST
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 9/17
6:30 @
ST PHILLIP'S UMC

SEPTEMBER
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 10/15
6:30 @
ST PHILLIP'S UMC



WHAT'S NEW

OUR NEW RR EMMAUS E-MAIL IS: RR4THDAYGROUP "AT" [GMAIL.COM](mailto:RR4THDAYGROUP@GMAIL.COM)

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT: [HTTP://TWITTER.COM/RR4THDAYGROUP](http://twitter.com/RR4THDAYGROUP)



Be joyful always;
pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

TREASURER REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:

Balance as of 8/16/2009 is: \$1,444.68.

Respectfully submitted by
Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
Treasurers

AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...**AGAPE PROJECT -**

(Glue a copy of the following on a brown paper bag, no bigger than a lunch sack.)

GOD'S Little Paper Bag

Steps to take in case of crisis:

1. Create a crisis. (If you already have one, skip #1.)
2. Write it down.
3. Open bag.
4. Insert crisis.
5. Close bag.
6. Pray
7. Let go ... Let God!

WARNING: The Disciple General has determined that "taking things back" is hazardous to your spiritual health.

Matthew 6:34 - "So don't be anxious about tomorrow.
God will take care of your tomorrow, too.
Live one day at a time."



**A happy heart makes
the face cheerful...**

Proverbs 15:13

UPCOMING WALKS JANUARY – OCTOBER 2009

334	Jan 8-11	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
335	Jan 22-25	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
336	Feb 5-8	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
337	Feb 19-22	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
338	Feb 26-29	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
339	Mar 26-29	Women	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
340	Apr 16-19	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
341	Apr 30-May3	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose
342	Jul 8-11	Women	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
343	Jul 15-18	Men	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
FL 75	Jul 23-25	Boys	Midlothian United Methodist Church
344	Sep 10-13	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
345	Sep 24-27	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
346	Oct 8-11	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
347	Oct 22-25	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose

THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walks 344 & 345
Our military
Peace in our world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to chilitamaria@yahoo.com.
Names will appear on this list for 1 month and then will be removed.

Please resubmit if prayers are still needed.
Only first names will be used for privacy reasons.

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Round Rock Community Web Site

EMMAUS 2009 GATHERING DATES

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 15	First UMC-RR
February 26*	First UMC-RR
March 19	First UMC-RR
April 16	First UMC-RR
May 21	Journey of Faith UMC – RR
June 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
July 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
August 20	St. Philips UMC – RR
September 17	St. Philips UMC – RR
October 15	St. Philips UMC – RR
November 19	St. Philips UMC – RR
December 17	St. Philips UMC – RR

We will meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**
 We will begin with our Agape feast at **6:30 PM**
 with our business meeting and worship to follow at 7:00.

*February gathering date changed due to
 Walk 337 begins February 19th

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GREETINGS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Happy Fourth Day to All Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to this newsletter. Any submissions to the newsletter (articles, announcements, etc) are always welcome. The newsletter submission deadline for October will be Saturday, October 10th. Please feel free to email any submissions, questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

The newsletter is posted on the www.roundrockemmaus.org website (no password required). We'll still be maintaining the email archive in the private area, since the messages contain individual email addresses. You can always login and check for any emails that have been sent out.

May God's grace and peace be with you in the coming month.

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