

Wilmington Emmaus



Wilmington Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

KEEP ON PEDALING

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:11-13*

As you are reading this, Tom and I are in the process of moving! We are packing up memories, leaving close, wonderful friends, the fondness we have for our home and the people of Highland County where we were born and raised.

The last four years the Horst family members have experienced major changes in their journeys through life. The last major change was June '99 when Tom resigned his position as Sheriff of Highland County and took a job with the Attorney General's Office/Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification. God does answer prayer. It was just five years earlier than we prayed for, but it was in God's time. At the time of Tom's job change, our daughter Brandi thought we would move immediately closer to her. Wrong, we are staying in comfortable

Highland County. But, we did promise Brandi that if and when she would go back to college and work on her Master's Degree we would move within a 45 minute commute to her. Guess what? She's been accepted as a Graduate Administrative Assistant at The Ohio State University and will begin her graduate studies in Public Administration this fall.

Please keep Brandi and her family in your prayers, and us as we make the move to Washington Court House. No, it is not far from Hillsboro, (cont. page 2, "Pedal")



MUSINGS FROM DARRELL Have you shalomed someone lately?

There is a very intriguing verse in John 14:27.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Most of us who read that verse think to ourselves, "That would be wonderful, no strife." But the English word, "peace" leads us astray. Peace in Hebrew means Shalom, and it can be both a noun and a verb. Shalom isn't just the absence of strife, but a feeling of soundness, contentment, a feeling of spiritual well-being where one is in harmony or concord with oneself and the world. Shalom isn't something that you and I can produce or attain! Shalom is a gift from God!!! And it cannot exist when (cont. page 2, "Shalom")

SHALOM *(cont. from page 1)*

you are not at peace with yourself. And He is not only giving us His peace, but expects us to actively bring it into the lives of others, just as he has offered to bring it into our lives. In other words, a CHRISTIAN is in every area of his or her life expected to be the deliverer of peace (SHALOM) and here are four things we have to avoid to be that shalom deliverer.

First, keep your tongue free from evil, making sure your words don't bring strife into another's life. See 1 Peter 3:10-11.

Second, we have to turn away from wickedness. See Psalm 1:1-4. Christians just don't sit passively in the way of those who we know are just concerned with themselves and bringing strife into another's life. This may mean altering friendships; not sitting in the middle of the break room gossip and not agreeing with what you don't know is the truth.

Third, it's one thing not to do wrong, but it's really something else to replace it with what you know is right even though on the surface it may cost you dearly. See Ephesians 4:25,28. Saying the truth in love, doing what is right no matter what the personal cost to you, calling for justice in a situation is hard, but it will bring Shalom into the situation.

The Fourth sums up all the others: Be at peace with yourself. Most of us aren't, you know. We find it very hard to like, much less accept ourselves because we see ourselves in the way we think others see us! We react to others in certain situations almost automatically because of what has happened to us in the past. God's gift of SHALOM can only come into your life after you have stopped rejecting yourself and understand there is a difference between who you are and what you have done. See 1 Peter 1:18-21, 2 Corinthians 12:9.

It's not your DO that matters to

God, it's your WHO. You have tremendous worth and value to God. You are very special to Him.

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you."

John 15:4

Remember, God leaves imperfections in even the choicest of His saints to assure they will always need to lean on Him.

Now ask yourself, "Am I bringing peace or strife into people's lives?"

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but it is where we feel God wants us. You can bloom where you are planted as long as the seeds are sown by God and watered with the word of life. Our new home will be within 45 minutes of Brandi, Chris and that wonderful gift from God, our granddaughter Margaret Elizabeth. Tom will be 30 minutes from work and we will be 20 minutes from the Wilmington Emmaus Community. What my job will be and where, I'll leave up to God.

Our Emmaus Walks in 1991 made Tom and I realize the absolute power in prayer and trusting our daily lives to Christ. Since that time we have slowly relinquished our ability to handle our daily journey and have given that responsibility to God. He is our pilot and we are the co-pilots. We have not always stayed on course. Sometimes we have doubted and wondered where He was with the answer but He has never, never failed us. The answer has not always been what we desired, but it has been the plan He has for us.

During this relocation process and giving it all to God, there have been some days that I have felt totally overwhelmed and even worried about the whole idea of selling our home, the new house, the new job, the new church family and the move itself. But God

saw my anguish and when Tom and I sat

down to do our Devotions for Couples by Bob and Emilie Barnes, our devotion was entitled "Keep on Pedaling." Change a few words and add Tom and Margaret and it becomes very appropriate.

At first, before Emmaus, Tom and Margaret saw God as their observer, their judge, keeping things they did wrong, so as to know whether they merited heaven or hell when they died. God was out there. Tom and Margaret knew He was out there, but they didn't really know Him.

Later on, when Tom and Margaret recognized God, it seemed as though life was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. But when God took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, through rocky places, and at breakneck speeds! It was all Tom and Margaret could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, God said, "Pedal!"

Tom and Margaret worried and were anxious and asked, "Where are you taking us?" God laughed and didn't answer. Tom and Margaret started to learn to trust. They forgot their self-controlled lives and entered into the adventure. When Tom and Margaret would say, "We are scared," He'd lean back and touch their hands.

God took Tom and Margaret to people with gifts that they needed--the gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave Tom and Margaret their gifts to take on their journeys. God said, "Give the gifts away." So Tom and Margaret did. They gave to the people they met and they found that in giving they received.

Tom and Margaret did not trust Him in control of their lives at first. They thought He'd wreck it. But God knows bike secrets. He knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages.

Tom and Margaret are learning *(cont. on page 3, "Pedal")*

Pilgrims - Men's Walk #32 September 21-24, 2000

Dave Beckett	Lebanon	Michelle Beckett
Tim Breuer	Wilmington	Missy Breuer
Jim Brown	Washington CH	Larry & Ruth Ann Walker
Dwight Creek	Hillsboro	Larry & Ruth Ann Walker
Roger Damron	Troy	Greg Damron
Rob Dunn	Xenia	Mike Smith
Les Ferguson	Beavercreek	Joyce Ferguson
Paul David Foster	Wilmington	Bob & Margaret Wilson
Jim Frederick	Wilmington	Toni Frederick
Dennis Garlock	Lebanon	Seth Marsh
Jeff Green	Wilmington	Bill Newland
Henry Groves	Washington CH	Clara Sears
David Gunderman	Hillsboro	Dirk Juschka
Bronson Hibbs	Sardinia	Daryl & Sharon Hibbs
Dean Jackson	Blanchester	Shirley Jackson
Chris Jenkins	Hillsboro	Bill & Toni Jenkins
Sam Jimison	Georgetown	Janet Jimison
Dan Jones	Washington CH	Elaine Crutcher
Jeff Luttrell	Sabina	John Luttrell
Gary Martin	Hillsboro	Doug Barker
Andy Mason	Wilmington	John O'Rourke
Joe O'Connor	Hillsboro	Joseph Stuber
John Quist	Greenfield	Steve Hunter
Scott Shaffer	Leesburg	John Duncan
David Steele	Wilmington	Kim Steele
Eric Stegbauer	Washington CH	Rhett Cockerill
Jesse Stevens	Bennington	Gary Smaltz
Kevin Stratton	Sabina	Virgil Workman
David Stricker	New Vienna	Clara Sears
Dave Thomas	Wilmington	Don Inlow
Jack Thompson	Washington CH	Larry Lane
Troy Watson	Sabina	Roy Robinson
Vernon Weller	Jamestown	Keith Little
Steve Wetterhen	Wilmington	Pete & Barb Little

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 Mike Halley - ALD - Priorities
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What's your job on Men's Walk #32? You can work in the kitchen, or clean bathrooms. (Sign up at the September Gathering) You can create some table agape (66 pieces needed), or write individual agape. You can attend candlelight and closing. You can sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil. You can Pray! Please get involved! We need you!

PEDAL *(cont. from p.2)*

to shut up and pedal in the strangest places and they are beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on their faces with their delightful constant companion, God.

When Tom and Margaret are not sure they can handle the changes, struggles, trials, etc., God just smiles and says, "Pedal."

In His Service, *Margaret*

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calendar - september 2000

Emmaus - Wilmington UMC

- 12 Board Meeting - 6:00pm
Gathering - 7:00pm
(Singing starts at 6:45pm)
Copy deadline for October Newsletter
- 21-24 Men's Walk #32
- 26 Holy Land Trip Meeting 7:00pm

When attending a gathering or closing, you may wish to bring food to share during the fellowship time following these two events.



HOLY LAND TRIP MEETING - SEP 26

On Tuesday, Sept 26, 7:00pm, there will be an information meeting in the sanctuary of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. Larry Stewart and Educational Opportunities Representative, Paul Stuckey, will be present to answer all of your questions. All those who are either registered or interested in registering are welcomed to attend. A short video will preview some of the sites on our trip. At last count, 99 people have registered for the June 13-22, 2001 trip. The trip is open to all Christians, so, yes, you can invite friends. Questions? Call Ed Beiter at 937-382-2433.

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Highland UMC to Celebrate 100 Years

In celebration of its 100 years, here is a list of events taking place:

- Oct 11, 7pm** - UM women present a skit of over 100 years of women's missions.
- Oct 12, 7pm** - Singing Disciples from Greenfield to perform
- Oct 13, 7pm** - Christian juggler presents children's program
- Oct 14, 2:30pm** - Tom Thumb Wedding presented by children of the community.
- Oct 14, 7pm** - Talent Night featuring past and present church members.
- Oct 14, all day** - Homecoming, members of families that were a part of this church over the past 100 years will be honored at 4:15pm, reception following