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PRAY FOR WOMEN'S WALK #84

QUICK MESSAGE

**JUNE WOMEN'S
WALK STILL
NEEDS
PILGRIMS!!!
SEPTEMBER
MEN'S WALK
NEEDS
PILGRIMS**

Jazz from Jim

My Dad was the ultimate Mr. Fix-it. I remember as a child sitting at the kitchen table, watching him tinker. He'd open the cover on an old radio that refused to work, get out his electrical tester and soldering gun, and have it playing WLW, loud and clear, before I went to bed. I've seen him fix just about every type of appliance, bicycles, transmissions, rocking chairs, the church bus (*is there such a thing as a church bus that doesn't need fixing?*) and yes, even the kitchen sink. I too enjoy fixing things that don't work. Unlike my Dad, I occasionally get in over my head. I keep working to revive something that just needs to die. Like an old Pontiac I once owned. It served me well for 280,000 miles. I finally laid it to rest. Just couldn't fix it anymore.

Situations in life sometimes need fixing. We hurt someone by saying something we shouldn't have, a child of ours rebels or we unexpectedly lose a source of income. Even if we're not inclined to be a *Mr. Fix-it* when it comes to hardware, we might think we're a Mr. Fix-it when it comes to life's trials. We mentally replay the event

over in our minds, searching for a solution. What went wrong? Who's at fault (certainly not me!)? How does this get fixed? Usually we agonize over the right solution. What to say and how to approach the situation. We might even attempt several solutions before we realize, we just can't fix this one on our own. As a last resort, we pray.

More often than not, the source of the problem is a spiritual issue. Someone's dealing with pride, greed, envy, or lust. The Lord reminds us in 1 Peter 5:8, "... *your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*" Consider this scripture along with Ephesians 6:12, "*we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principal-*

ties, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The quickest *fix* will always be found on our knees, armed with truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, we can begin to repair or restore whatever's broken.

As the time of this printing, the number of Pilgrims confirmed for the Women's Walk this month is ten. This is a great concern. With the walk only weeks away, I would much rather see the number at thirty. We really need each one of you to consider sponsoring someone. I've found it difficult to propose a *fix* to the low number of applicants. I believe through prayer, the number can and will increase. This is not a "flesh and blood" battle but spiritual one. Please make this concern part of your daily prayers. God honors the prayers of the righteous and we need the entire Community bringing this request before the Throne of God. Also, remember to pray for the Team and check the Community website for updates. See you at the Gathering!

De Colores, Jim



Tabor Talk

"Everybody
is watching
you now,
so keep
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focused on
Jesus and
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of Him!"

Hebrews 11

Miss an issue of the
Wilmington Emmaus
Newsletter? Extra
copies can be found in
the entry hall of the
church with other
Emmaus materials and
applications.

If anyone has been following the news lately, you know that our family has gone through some very difficult times. With the disappearance of our daughter on April 17, our fears were that we had lost a daughter to some maniacal serial killer or worse, and that all we would discover, if anything, would be a body. With the discovery of her safe and sound...well, safe... in Miami, Florida, our fears were still that we had lost our daughter to another maniacal serial killer, although this time, the killer was not a human one, but a spiritual one. One of the questions that many people have asked us in the days since our daughter has returned to Ohio is, simply, how are you making it? Or, perhaps, more succinctly, how are you coping?

My friends, that question really is a question that any one of us could and should be asking ourselves on a daily basis. How indeed ARE you coping? In a world gone awry, where right seems wrong, and wrong seems right, where rights are more important than what's right, how are you making any sense at all of it all? I have become more and more convinced that more and more people, whether they claim to be Christ-followers or not, are asking those same sorts of questions.

The author of the letter to the Hebrew Christians of the first century was, after a fashion, dealing with the same sort of questions. His readers were attempting to live for Christ in a hostile world. Their very lives were being threatened. The unstable and fiery-tempered Nero was the emperor in Rome at the time the letter was written. He was blaming everything wrong with the world on the religious extremists to the right, those characters that everyone was beginning to call "Christians." And those people were experiencing a lot of discriminatory practices. It was very tempting, especially for these Jewish followers of Jesus in that day and time to just simply lay low until the heat of the persecution died down. And, I suppose, they thought they could do that legitimately, since they were also Jews. The Jews were not being bothered by Rome. So the temptation to do and be more Jewish and less Christian was strong for these individuals.

The author of this letter though gives them some words of warning and suggests they not do what they were thinking. He challenges them to keep their focus, and to "[fix their] eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2). Having just gone through a litany of the heroes of the faith, and demonstrating how, though tempted to do otherwise, each of the individuals mentioned in that great "Bible Hall of Fame" chapter (Hebrews 11), he now gives one simple instruction. He says, "Everybody is watching you now, So keep your eyes focused on Jesus and don't lose sight of Him!"

My friends, things have not changed much. After more than two thousand years the challenge is still the same. No matter what happens in your life, no matter where you find yourselves, keep your eyes focused on Jesus. He not only began the work of salvation and sanctification in you, He will also finish it in you.

As we faced the reality of our daughter being gone, of making her own decision to disappear, and then to come back, but not necessarily to walk with God; as we faced the storm of her life decisions and their impact upon her husband, daughter, parents, siblings and friends, the challenge is still the same. Peter and the disciples saw it firsthand, in the boat out in the middle of the Sea of Galilee and in the midst of that violent storm: Fix your eyes on Jesus and you will not sink. Start looking at the storm - at the waves, and the wind, and the stuff that life is made of - and you will drop like a lead weight on a fishing line.

The truth of the matter is that Jesus can handle it. He is our Maker, who gives us life. He is our Model, who shows us how to live. He is our Mentor, who helps us grow. And he is our Master who shows us just how to survive when the storms seem to be taking over our lives. Fix your eyes upon Him, and He will not let you sink.

God bless... *Chuck Tabor*

Pilgrims for Women's Walk #84

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ashton Adkins	Wilmington	Josh Adkins
Charlotte Back	Pleasant Plain	Barbara Ross
Leoni Blaney	Cincinnati	O. Gene Wells
Sherri Bolton	Bellbrook	Becky Kersey
Jody Dillow	Clarksville	Nichole Avery
Cindy Hart	Lynchburg	Judi Wiley
Kathy Holbrook	Lynchburg	Cindy Bloom
Debbie Lynch	Port William	Jim & Sandie Wingo
Marie Pelfrey	Bethel	Frank & Teresa Pelfrey
Judy Roberts	Pleasant Plain	Mary Brose

Live-In Team for Women's Walk #84

Betty Starkey, Lay Director	Rebecca Fessler, Assistant table leader
Debbie Ellison, Assistant Lay Director	Kim Lay, Assistant table leader
Karen O'Rourke, Assistant Lay Director	Wendy Evans, Assistant table leader
Jancy Tissandier, Assistant Lay Director	Rebecca Oglesby, Assistant table leader
Anna Ritter, Table Leader	Cathy Zindorf, Assistant table leader
Carla Martin, Table Leader	Donna Potts, Assistant table leader
Gloria Tissandier, Table Leader	Brenda Armstrong, Music Director
Nichole Avery, Table Leader	Susan Thompson, Assistant Music Director
Val Stuckey, Table Leader	Maurice Mitchell, Spiritual Director
Cathy Deakyne, Table Leader	Christy Mitchell, Audio Visual
Debbie Mitchell, Board Rep	

"A group of scientists approached God with the instructions that He was no longer needed in the process of human creation since they had recently uncovered His secret code to life. God graciously accepted their proposal, but requested that they demonstrate to Him their new found technology. Then, just as the lead scientist bent down to pick up some dirt, God said, 'Oh, no! Get your own dirt!'"

-Unknown

"The use of music for spiritual attainment and healing of the soul, which was prevalent in ancient times, is not found to the same extent now. Music has been made a pastime, the means of forgetting God instead of realizing God."

-Hazrat Inayat Khan

Food for thought: Gardening and Praying are two activities best done on the knees.

-Ciao Italia



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus
Wilmington United Methodist Church
PO Box 191
Wilmington, OH 45177

SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING! June 8
Singing starts at 6:45pm
WOMEN'S WALK #82 REUNION!!!
6PM in the Youth Lounge
Bring a snack to share afterwards—
when Emmaus meets, EMMAUS EATS!
Don't forget to wear your NAME TAG!
This helps everyone to learn your
name much more quickly!

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>
JUNE	Cindy Bloom	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin
JULY	Christy Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Christy Mitchell
AUGUST	Peggy Larkin	John Glaze	open
SEPTEMBER	John G & Jennie H	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey
OCTOBER	Ed Ramey	open	Brenda Armstrong
NOVEMBER	Brenda Armstrong	open	open
DECEMBER	*see below*	Lynn Lowell	open

Planning ahead! Do you have musical talent you would be willing to share with the Emmaus Community? As you can see, the months are filling up. We typically have two music specials at a Gathering and need a song leader and an accompanist. Although "piano" is listed, we can have guitar accompaniment...or any other instrument able to lead group singing.

The **December Gathering** is a musical celebration of the coming birth of Jesus. We sing several Christmas carols, share a short meditation and communion. However the rest is all music. With regard to specials, to avoid duplication, it's "first come, first served." In other words, the first person who registers their song is the person who will present it.

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering or for the December Christmas Gathering, contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or harnersewing@yahoo.com.