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EXTREME MAKEOVER!

QUICK MESSAGE

**OCTOBER
WOMEN'S WALK
NEEDS
PILGRIMS!**

**SHARE SPECIAL
MUSIC AT THE
DECEMBER
GATHERING
SEE BACK PAGE!**

Jazz from Jim

To the dissatisfaction of my loving wife, there's an old popup camper sitting in our garage. We've had it many years and quite honestly it's a little worse for wear. I've been working on it during the summer. The years of neglect were a little harder on it than I had first suspected. What started as a weekend fix-it project has turned into an all summer "extreme makeover." At this point, I've got a lot of hours invested in it. I sometimes wondered if I should have just said *good-bye* and given it a proper burial. I have to admit there's a part of me that hates to see it go. Maybe I just have a sentimental attachment to it. A lot of really good family memories are tied to that old camper. If you own one, you'll understand what I mean.

In my opinion, the old camper still has potential. I made a decision to give it a second chance. Regardless of its less-than-perfect appearance, it's sturdy and I know it would still make a great camper for deer hunting. Deer hunting because I really don't think anyone else would actually risk sleeping in it.

I'm so grateful God sees potential in each of us, regardless of our condition. He's always willing to give us a second chance. As Christians, each of us disappoints God at one time or another. While living in a fallen

world, we will experience setbacks and failures. In spite of the depth of our sin and rebellion, our Heavenly Father still loves and pursues each of us. He still sees great potential in you and me. He's willing to lovingly forgive and, through the redeeming blood of Jesus, transform us into effective witnesses for Him.

The Emmaus Walk often becomes a second chance for those experiencing a mediocre relationship with the Lord. Through a new awareness of His love and grace, their hearts and spirits experience extreme makeovers and they are forever changed.

A hearty "*Welcome!*" to the newest members of our Community from Men's Walk #51. We are thrilled to have you as part of our family. Please make it a habit to attend Gatherings and get involved. We would really

love to see you again and get to know each of you better.

Please keep the applications coming. We need to see an increase in the number confirmed pilgrims for the upcoming Women's Walk. Please pray daily for the Walk as it is quickly approaching. As always, loving volunteers are needed for the kitchen, prayer vigil and logistics. Signup sheets will be available at the October Gathering. We look forward to what the Lord is going to do!

Please note, we have several Board positions needing to be filled for 2011. I encourage you to consider serving on the Board. A separate article is included in this month's Newsletter addressing the issue. May God bless each one of you!

De Colores,
Jim



Musings from Maurice

LOL! IT'S MO!

Check us out on

facebook

I sent an email to a friend who responded: *Thanks, BTW, I'm still trying to find it.* As you know my initials are not BTW. My friend had obviously made an error. I thought about pointing it out, but then realized that perhaps it was I who was slightly ignorant. So, I thought I would try to find what it meant.

Possibilities are endless on the Internet. *Big Time Wrestling* was my favorite, but maybe what my friend had meant was the *Brothers of the Third Wheel*. Nah. He is a sports fan, but I doubt that he's really all that interested in wrestling, or in an international triker organization.

Maybe it was from some foreign language (ask Christy – Hebrew has no vowels, maybe she knows).

I know! Maybe he was in the middle of reading a biography and accidentally typed in Booker T. Washington's initials by mistake!

All kinds of acronyms and jargons are out there. They're handy. If we have to, we will slowly figure out the code. Pretty soon, we're using it ourselves. (If you don't think so, ask a teenager or young adult about their BFF).

Christians have our own jargon, our own language. But to be effective in our witnessing, we need to be clear when we talk about our faith with non-Christians. A person shouldn't have to go to Christian-language school to figure out the gospel message. Or to guess that the *Trinity* means: "three Persons in one God." Or that *repentance* means: "to turn your back on a former way of life." Or that *sin* means: "to disobey God."

A good verse to use in telling others about Jesus is John 3:16. It's been called the "gospel in a nutshell," because it gives succinct information on how to be saved. *Saved*. There's another one! Instead of asking, "Would you like to be saved?" why not ask, "Would you like to make sure you go to heaven when you die?" We are showing respect to others when we care enough to communicate our message clearly.

Oh ... by the way ... BTW? It means: "by the way."

So ... BTW ... have a great day!

SD Maurice Mitchell

Several friends have asked for Christy's addresses. So it is: Christy Mitchell, 1044 Alta Vista Rd, Louisville KY 40205.

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Editor

Ah, yes, the words of that famous philosopher, Tina Turner! But really, bottom line, love has a lot to do with it. God first loved us—before our parents, before our grandparents. Before Jesus hung on the cross—before, before, before, to the point where our feeble minds cannot begin to comprehend. "Why me?" Even when we don't like ourselves very much. Even when we don't like each other very much. Even when we don't do the things we should do and do those things we ought not to do.

What's love got to do with Emmaus? Did you come to help carry luggage on a Thursday evening? Did you crawl out of bed at an early hour just to spend an hour praying for the pilgrims on the last men's walk? Did you show up and travel in the shadows to clean restrooms during the weekend? Did you help prepare and serve a meal? Did you drive to Wilmington just to spend 3 to 4 minutes singing for the pilgrims or holding a candle and expressing love to them? Why? Certainly not for any monetary reward, nor personal glory. Because of love!

What's love got to do with it? EVERYTHING, it would seem! Someone—a friend, a spouse, a parent—loved you enough to want you to experience the Walk to Emmaus. Is there a friend, a relative, a spouse whom you love enough to want him or her to have the Emmaus experience? There's still plenty of spots open on the October Women's Walk. For help in knowing what's involved in sponsoring, you can contact the person who sponsored you or the Women's Registrar, Debbie Mitchell, 937-393-4051, heaven.bound56yahoo.com or Women's Sponsorship chair, Betty Starkey, 937-685-5002, bns9@verizon.net.

Women's Walk #85—Pilgrim List *(as of 9/29)*

Pilgrim Name	Hometown	Sponsor
Mary Ellis	Wilmington	Rob & Martha Scott/Maggie Copley
Kay McGinty	Lebanon	Mike McGinty
Deanne Miller	Wilmington	Bill & Toni Jenkins
Jenny Passarge	Wilmington	Bill & Toni Jenkins
Mildred "Midge" Rose	New Vienna	Mary Cyrus
Pauline Williams	Washington CH	Roger & Arlene Thompson

Live-In Team	Position
Toni Jenkins	Lay Director
Robyn Hinman	Ass't Lay Director
Ida Jo Allison	Ass't Lay Director
Barb Ross	Ass't Lay Director
Joy Stanforth	Spiritual Director
Janette Post	Ass't Spiritual Dir.
Judy Bracht	Board Representative
Cindy Bloom	Music Director
Jennie Harner	Ass't Music Director
Mary Brose	A/V Tech
Jennifer Brown	Table Leader
Pat Meranda	Table Leader
Soundra Weaver	Table Leader
Ramona Smith	Table Leader
Chandra Bills	Table Leader
Fran Unger	Table Leader
Pam Clayborn	Ass't Table Leader
Robin Smalley	Ass't Table Leader
Tiffany Walls	Ass't Table Leader
Karen Merkle	Ass't Table Leader
Tanya West	Ass't Table Leader
Tina Harper	Ass't Table Leader

Welcome to the Wilmington Community! *(add to your community roster!)*

Denny Beis	442 E East St	Washington CH, OH 43160	740-333-7664
Tim Durham	3991 Gardner Ln	Cincinnati, OH 45245	513-528-1712
Jeremy Griffin	1152 E Pain St	Washington CH, OH 43160	740-606-0548
Vince Guidone	769 Oleander Ct	Lebanon, OH 45036	513-313-4082
James Hart	3631 Sharpsville Rd	Lynchburg, OH 45142	937-218-1716
Bob Kelly	8721 Brannen Rd	Hillsboro, OH 45133	937-764-0301
Royce Lowe	273 S SR 72	Sabina, OH 45169	937-402-0431
Anthony Macaluso	254 Virginia Cir	Wilmington, OH 45177	937-382-5331
Bob McGinty	430 Mayfair Pl	Lebanon, OH 45036	513-228-1486
Jeff Meyer	6614 Carper Ln	Hillsboro, OH 45133	937-840-0300
Stew Morr	251 Truro Ct	Lebanon, OH 45036	513-228-2815
Derreck Wagner	1817 Columbine Cir	Lebanon, OH 45036	513-933-8090
Mark W Williams	146 Sweet Briar Dr	Batavia, OH 45103	513-843-6583
W Allen Williams	513 Lorelei Dr	Fayetteville, OH 45188	513-875-2024
Phil Wilson	595 Timber Ln	Wilmington OH 45177	937-728-9346
Daniel Young	175 Stocking Ave	Sabina, OH 45169	937-584-9773

Serving on the Emmaus Board

You may not realize it but members of the Emmaus Board agree to serve in their position for three years. Every year, several members reach the end of their three year term. They have the option to continue in

that position for one more, three year term or resign. For a number of reasons, we have several positions being vacated in 2011. We sincerely appreciate all the hard work each of the outgoing members has contributed. The Board openings provide an opportunity to serve, in most cases, behind the scenes. The Board meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month for one hour. Following the Board Meeting, we join the rest of the Community in the sanctuary for Gathering.

The positions opening up for 2011 include: Purchasing, Women's Sponsorship, Worship & Outreach and Men's Good Shepherd. We have position descriptions available for each one. Please consider what position the Lord may be calling you to. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jim Wingo (937) 486-3694.

Words to Ponder

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The mere act of teaching implies that one wishes the world well." Roger Rosenblatt

"When you come upon a difficult task, start!" Yogi Bajan

"Adversity makes men and prosperity makes monsters." Victor Hugo

"Education is what you get from reading the small print. Experience is what you get from not reading it." US Congressman Carl Albert

"Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." Satchel Page



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!
October 12

Singing starts at 6:45pm

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!

**REUNION! MEN'S WALK #51 will be having a reunion at 6:00pm on
October 12 in the Youth Lounge prior to the Gathering.**

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>
OCTOBER	Ed Ramey	Jennie Harner	Brenda Armstrong
NOVEMBER	Brenda Armstrong	John Glaze	Chuck Tabor
DECEMBER	*see below*	Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones
JANUARY	OPEN	Susan Thompson	Denise Gregory
FEBRUARY	Ed Ramey &/or Carl Guenther	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey
MARCH	Kyle & Sydney Parker	Amy Sexton	Sandie Wingo
APRIL	Sandie Wingo	John Glaze	Kathy Holbrook
MAY	Dulcimer Trio	Jennie Harner	OPEN
JUNE	Kathy Holbrook	OPEN	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 harn-ersewing@yahoo.com.