

Inside this  
issue:

Tales from the Ole West	1
Tales (cont)	2
Joy from Joy	2
Now What?	2
Welcome Ladies of #89	3
Joy (cont)	3
Pilgrims for Women's	3
Now What? (cont)	3
Christmas Gathering!	4
Newsletter subscription	4
Prayer	4
Music for Gatherings	4

## TALES FROM THE OLE WEST

**I**t is November already, and we always hear that time flies, but I didn't think it would be on a jet plane. It is the beginning of what many call the Holiday Season to be thankful and to celebrate our Savior's birth. But shouldn't this be done on a daily basis and not just in November and December? This is the time of year that the world has set aside to be thankful and to count our blessings. We also know that it is motivated by the commercial and the economic values gained by sales and the Christmas spirit of wanting to give and to share our blessings.

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to our Lord, and should not be limited to one day in November but should come every day, hour and minute of our lives. This should be part of our daily worship and should be done in an attitude of a willing and joyful servant and not just going through the motions. Thankfulness comes out of the heart as we read in Psalm 100:4 "Enter his

*gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name"* We are to be truly thankful with a thankfulness that comes from the heart, and when a person is not truly thankful, their heart is not right. Psalm 50: 14-15 "*Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High; and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."*

Thankfulness is an expression of humbleness; "*to destroy the power of independence."* We are dependent upon the Lord, and what greater way to humble yourself before the Lord, than to thank Him for sustaining and acknowledge that He is

responsible for your well being. All of our worth comes from God. James 4:10 says "*Humble yourself before the Lord and He will lift you up."*

We should always thank God for what we have no matter how small we think it might be, He will bless with more abundance. Remember the feeding of the 5000? By man's standard, Jesus didn't have enough food to feed them. But instead of focusing on what He didn't have, Jesus thanked God for what He did have, and was able to feed the 5000. We need to spend our time thanking God for what we have and less time sulking over what we don't have.

You have heard the expression "the devil made me do it"—that's how the devil distracts us from serving God. When we find ourselves sad thinking about the things we don't have, we should walk around the house and thank God for what we do have. The bottom line is that the five loaves and the two fish did not increase until after Jesus gave thanks. There-  
*(continued on page 2)*

THANKFULNESS

**QUICK  
MESSAGE**

**Think  
about  
MEN'S  
WALK  
PILGRIMS**



## Tales (continued)

fore, our situation will not increase or improve until we thank God for what He has already given us. Status in this world or material things don't matter; the only thing that matters in eternity is "Do You Know Jesus" and when that answer is "yes," you are rich and nothing else really matters. God is in the know and He is working all things together for our good. We need to be thankful for all things He's done in the past and thankfulness for listening to future requests.

There are many different ways to give thanks to God. When you are thankful and you appreciate someone, you do things for them. When you are thankful and you appreciate God, you do things for Him. You can support Him with the giving of money, time, your witness, and seeking ways to glorify His name. Keep God's commandments and tell somebody about Jesus Christ. Be His hands and feet, reaching out to others and being a witness. Being thankful is to become a servant of the Lord.

Thanking Him is part of our remembrance of Him. When we forget to thank God, we forget that He is in control. Through Him is where all of our blessings fall and that includes eternal salvation. When you are truly appreciative, you become a servant of the Lord, seeking His guidance to do His Will,

and by doing so, we can enjoy a peace that the world might not understand. As we read in Philippians 4:6-7 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

The bottom line is that if we are thankful for all things we will be rewarded on earth as well as in heaven. Obey God and be thankful.

Happy Trails!

*Jim*

## NOW WHAT?

**O**K, you just finished your walk. Now what? What do you do to keep that fire alive? It is easy to drift right back into your old habits! You get back with the old crowd who look negatively at life, at church. You struggled before to keep the faith and stay strong. Now, you've been home for several days and you feel like the piece of wood which falls away from the bonfire. Without the proximity to the strength of the fire, you begin to dim and grow cold!

Now it's time to get *(continued on page 3)*

## JOY FROM JOY

**D**oes music minister to you? It does me! As Thanksgiving time rolls around each year I find myself singing songs of Thanksgiving. One of my personal favorites is "Thank You For Giving To The Lord". There are so many who have mentored and disciplined me: my mom, my Sunday School teachers, my pastors, missionaries, many lay people in the church . . . . . I have been so blessed! But even if—even if—I had not been blessed with those individuals, still I have so much to be thankful for in my personal relationship with God.

Truly, we all have much for which to be thankful. Although this is a time when many things in our world is unsure, and many things may not be like we would like them to be (in our world, careers, finances, families, relationships, etc.), we are still a very blessed people with much for which to be grateful. You cannot help but be grateful when you take the time to read Psalm 103:

### A psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup> Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

<sup>3</sup> He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

<sup>4</sup> He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

<sup>5</sup> He fills my life with good things.

My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

<sup>6</sup> The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

<sup>7</sup> He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

<sup>11</sup> For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

<sup>12</sup> He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

<sup>15</sup> Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die.

<sup>16</sup> The wind blows, and we are gone—as though we had never been here.

*(see "JOY" on next page)*

*Welcome to the Women of Walk #89 (cut out and add to your directory!)*

Cathy Bock	10081 Harrison Rd.	Mt. Sterling	OH 43143 740-505-0188
Christina Boyd	364 McJunkin Rd.	Blanchester	OH 45107 937-728-6972
Diana Burdick	1262 Frost Circle	Xenia	OH 45385 937-708-0740
Luana Crouse	PO Box 108	Port William	OH 45164 937-486-2704
Carol Greene	58 Lorelei Dr.	Fayetteville	OH 45118 513-383-5341
Marjorie Greene	928 N. West St.	Hillsboro	OH 45133 937-393-2870
Maria Harp	2567 Moler Rd.	Goshen	OH 45122 513-429-8223
Kim Hawk	4689 St. Rt. 207 NE	Washington CH	OH 43160 740-869-9523
Sylvia Hildreth	6030 St. Rt. 753 SE	Washington CH	OH 43160 740-335-1241
Linda Johnson	9120 Mill Trace Dr.	Leesburg	OH 45135 937-403-8083
Kay Mason	13 Lorelei Dr.	Fayetteville	OH 45118 513-479-2574
Patricia Miars	255 Oglesbee Rd.	Wilmington	OH 45177 937-382-8858
Jennifer Moore	7979 St. Rt. 38 NE	Bloomington	OH 43106 302-562-3579
Destini Rhinehimer	PO Box 47	Reesville	OH 45166 937-725-5415
Marie Smith	126 S. Broadway St.	Midland	OH 45148 937-218-2644
Faith Thompson	12878 US Hwy 62	Leesburg	OH 45135 937-780-0028
Jayne Tidwell	3792 Todds Run Foster Rd.	Williamsburg	OH 45176 937-442-3411
Sue Trucksis	381 N. 4th St.	Tipp City	OH 45371 937-667-4504
Angie Truman	6046 US Highway 50	Hillsboro	OH 45133 937-664-9438
Kasie Vilvens	117 Kings Rd.	Milford	OH 45150 513-442-8184
Harley Williams	1908 Prairie Rd.	Wilmington	OH 45177 937-728-8582

*Lord, purge our eyes to see  
 Within the seed a tree,  
 Within the glowing egg a bird,  
 Within the shroud a butterfly,  
 'Til taught by such we see  
 Beyond all creatures, Thee.*

*--Christina Rossetti*



**JOY** *(continued)*

<sup>17</sup> But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children

<sup>18</sup> of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

<sup>19</sup> The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

<sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands.

<sup>21</sup> Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

<sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the LORD.

Now, isn't God just GREAT! I think of songs like "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood", "It is Well With My Soul", "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power", "The Anchor Holds", "It Is No Secret What God Can Do", "Holy of Holies" . . . . . It is then that I want to sing praise songs! What an almighty God we serve!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! Let's take time to remember how blessed we are, be thankful for one another, the great nation in which we live, and, most of all, the mighty God we serve! Maybe some praise songs around that Thanksgiving turkey would be a great way Let Our Light Shine this Thanksgiving! Blessings!

*Joy*

**NOW WHAT?** *(continued from p.2)* that Emmaus TOOL BOX. Get out those letters and read them again! Get those notes and review the PRIORITY talk. Get out the list of your tablemates and give one or two a call just to ask them to pull you back into that fire of strength! Send some notes to encourage others. Plan to be at your mini-reunion. Put the 2nd Tuesday of every month on your calendar so you never miss a GATHERING! Volunteer to work during the February Men's Walk.

Speaking of that MEN'S WALK, have you thought about one of your friends who would enjoy attending that walk? Ask your sponsor to help you sponsor. The first time you sponsor, it can be overwhelming and that extra help will be priceless!

Keep the fire alive! Stay strong!



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC  
 PO Box 191  
 Wilmington, OH 45177

**SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!**

**13 NOV**

**Singing starts at 6:45PM!**

**WOMEN'S WALK #89  
 MINI-REUNION 6:00PM**

**Wear your name tag!  
 Bring a snack to share!**



**NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Watch your address label! When your "last issue" date comes close, if you wish your mailed subscription to continue, be sure to send \$6.00 to our Treasurer, Susan Thompson. You can also see her at the monthly Gathering. Remember, you can also read the newsletter online at our web site:

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING,  
 THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT!**

The Christmas Gathering is coming also! You may have heard our announcements at a Gathering. It's ALL MUSIC and communion. It's time for YOU to contact Jennie Harner to get on the program! Sing, play a special on any instrument, present a Christmas reading, do a chalk drawing—it's up to you! We want you to participate, but we need to hear from you. Call or email Jennie (her contact info is shown below). Remember, we only want one version of a certain song, so the first person who makes that contact will get first choice. Call now!



**D A T A B A S E M A T T E R S !**

It is very challenging to keep the Wilmington Area Emmaus Community database of members current. We use our database to know who is eligible to serve as team members on our Emmaus Walk weekends and to publish the community roster. Randy Riley and Chuck Tabor have maintained the information for several years. Over that time, people have changed addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and even names. We also have Chrysalis members and Emmaus members who did not take their Pilgrim Walk at the Wilmington United Methodist Church who are not included in the database. If you know of changes that need to be made to your information, or if you don't think you are included in our database, please contact Randy at [crriley@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rrriley@cinci.rr.com) or call him at 937-382-6204. If there is no answer, leave a message with the information and Randy will make all the necessary changes or additions. The information needed is: Name, Address, Telephone, Email, Walk # and where and when your walk was taken. DeColores.

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

**MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS**

MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER
Nov	Kathy Hollbrook	John Glaze	Kathy Hollbrook
Dec	Community	John Glaze/Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or [harnersewing@yahoo.com](mailto:harnersewing@yahoo.com).