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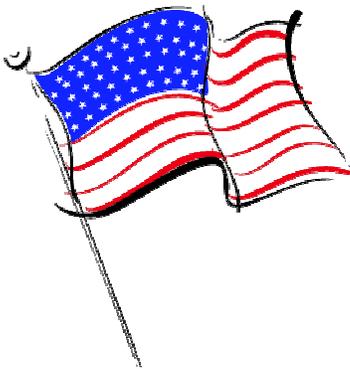
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Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

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Read this!

- Get in the GATHERING habit!
- We need MEN for the September Walk!

BARB'S LITTLE BITS

Hello, my friends! When did or do you think you are old? As my journey speeds along, I think about age from time to time. Did I say that I thought about it ALL the time? No, I didn't. I have never let my age dictate what I can or cannot do. I think you are as old as you think in your mind.

I recall many years ago, I went to visit a friend. As she opened the door, she looked so sad. I asked her what was wrong. She said, "I am 30 today." Thirty??? Wow!

My daughter reacted to the number 30 in the same way. Then, on the other

hand, I have a long-time friend who just turned 93. Her view of her journey has always been very positive and she has always had the thinking of a much younger person. God has made us all so different but all so special.

I guess we all have a number we hit when we realize time is going on – ready or not! God has plans for all of us no matter our age. God says a lot about plans for each of us but I especially love Jeremiah 29:11-13. "For I (God) know the plans I (God) have for you (Barb and each of you). Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a

hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

The next time we feel old, turn to Jeremiah 29:11. His Holy Spirit abides in us and He has plans for all of us to grow closer to Him and be more like Him. Will we ever get old enough to have it perfect?? NO but we can strive and when we see Jesus face to face, we will be like Him.

Live, Love, Laugh and enjoy each day, young or old, He has plans for us!!

De Colores,
Barb

Barb Little

JOY FROM JOY

I heard the story this morning of a young lad who was delivering newspapers, trying to take care of himself. It was cold and raining and he was awfully tired. He asked a policeman if he knew where he could get in out of the cold for awhile. The policeman told him to go down the street two blocks to the big white house on his right. The policeman then told the young lad to knock on the door and who ever answered the door to say "John 3 16". The young lad

took his advice and knocked on the door. A gentle man answered the door and the young lad said "John 3 16". The man smiled and with open arms welcomed him into the home. The man asked the lad if he was cold. When he confirmed that he was, the man took him into a room with a big fireplace, and invited him to sit by the fire and get warm. The lad thought, "I don't know much about this John 3 16, but it sure does give warmth to a cold boy." In a little while the man asked the lad

if he was hungry. When the lad admitted to him that he was very hungry, the man provided him with a nice hot meal. The lad thought, "I don't know much about this John 3 16 but is sure does fill up the empty belly of a hungry boy." After the young lad had eaten, the man asked him if he would like a bath. The young lad shared it had been a long time since he had had an opportunity to take a bath. The man ran a warm bath for the lad and washed his clothes for him (continued on page 2)

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JOY FROM JOY (continued)

while the boy soaked. The lad thought, “I don’t know much about this John 3:16 but it sure does clean up a dirty boy.” After the lad had taken his bath, the man asked him if he was tired. The boy admitted it had been a long time since he’d had a good night’s rest. The gentleman ushered the young lad into another room and encouraged the lad to climb upon the nice feather mattress, under the fluffy quilts and to sleep as long as he wanted. The lad thought, “I sure don’t know much about this John 3:16 but it sure does give rest to a tired boy.” The next morning when the young lad awakened the missionary prepared him a nice breakfast and explained John 3:16 to him. The young lad accepted not only the warmth of the fire, the food for his hunger, the water to clean him, and the feather bed for rest, but that morning he accepted Christ as his Savior.

As I heard this illustration, I thought

about how, through John 3:16, God has provided all of those provisions for us. He warms us, feeds us, cleans us, and gives us rest when we, too, accept John 3:16. I also wondered how many opportunities I have missed? How many times throughout my life have I had the opportunity to share John 3:16 in such a simple, practical, loving manner? My hunch is, we can all look back with shame. Let’s do better! God gave his best to all of us in John 3:16. Let’s give back by not only accepting him personally, but also sharing his love. It’s more than lip service – it has to be lived out! What an example! Let’s do it! I can’t wait to hear from you how God has used you as the vessel to share John 3:16. I’m listening! More importantly, so is God!

De Colores!

Joy Stanforth

MOVING? CHANGING PHONE NUMBERS? DROPPING YOUR LAND LINE IN FAVOR OF A CELL NUMBER ONLY? CHANGING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? Please remember to let Randy Riley know! Email: rriley@cinci.rr.com or phone: 937-382-6204. Advise Walk # & name!

DEVOTION TO PONDER

“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, ... they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:37-47

Gandhi said, “It’s not that I don’t like your Christ. I like your Christ, but I don’t like your Christians; they are so unlike your Christ.” I also remember a clergy friend’s quip about her experience as one of the first women bishops in the Anglican Communion: “No one knows

how to hate like Christians.”

That’s why this passage has always gripped me. Whether it is hagiography or an accurate description of the early Christian community, there is a quality to it that is at least aspirational. It’s not about a style of government, it’s about manifesting a spiritual transformation. It’s not the only way the church will grow, but it’s the only way the church will follow Jesus. “Glad and generous hearts.”

I would suggest that this is the only gospel way to live, and that when we live this way, the church will grow—more like Jesus.

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DEVOTION

“The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.”

The demoniac who has been healed by Jesus wants to stay close to what has made him well, wants to follow. But Jesus tells him to stay home—that the best way to follow is by remaining where he is known and living out his transformation there.

The conventional version of this might be “Bloom where you’re planted.” After a major life change it can seem so much more appropriate to stay on the mountaintop, but those moments of transforming awareness are actually confirmed in the moment-to-moment choices and habits and practices that draw from that new power, amidst all the neighbors who can really see and notice the change in behavior.

The townspeople in this story ask Jesus to leave because of this healing—too much transformation is a threat to them. Perhaps the most effective tool for their own growth is not the miracle worker, but the man on whom the miracle has been worked.

(also from “Forward Day by Day” as shown at bottom of previous column)

Doesn’t this devotion hit the nail on the head with respect to the Emmaus Walk? At the end of our weekend, we don’t want to go back to the “real world.” We want to stay on that mountaintop where we feel safe. But just as the devotion outlines, we must return so that those “moments of transforming awareness” will be confirmed as we make new and better choices and are observed as new people by those around us who take note of our new behavior.

Remember the line from the old poem, “I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day...”

Welcome to the Women from Walk #90

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Donna Julliard		Maineville	OH	45039	
Bradi Kirk		Xenia	OH	45385	
Cindy Lennon		Xenia	OH	45385	
Brenda Lieurance		Leesburg	OH	45135	
Chelle Mahanes		New Vienna	OH	45159	
Anita McDaniel		Peebles	OH	45660	
Teri Morr		Lebanon	OH	45036	
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Tonya Turner	Hillsboro	OH	45133
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Ginny Webb	Wilmington	OH	45177
Sharon Webb	Hillsboro	OH	45133

Chrysalis Flights - Summer 2013

Young Women's Flight

Friday, June 28-Sunday June 30

Candlelight – Sat., June 29 @ 8:30 pm

Young Men's Flight

Friday, July 26-Sunday, July 28

Candlelight – Sat., July 27 @ 8:30 pm

Flight Application, Prayer Board, Job Board & more:

<http://www.cincinnati.chrysalis.com>

All events take place at Milford First United Methodist Church
(541 Main St. Milford OH 45150)

[Emmaus/Chrysalis Gathering](#)

PRAYER LIST

The following names were raised in prayer at the June Gathering. Please continue to pray for the needs of these folks. (Please excuse any misspellings.)

Austin Bailey
Kathy Bright
Dinah & Dave Bond
Depression Sufferers

Josh & Misty Dixon
GSV Emmaus
Irene Means
Darlene Partin
Praise for Healing
Britney Scott
Sonya
Hahna Tissandier
Jon & Mary Turner
John & Linda Waugh
Bob & Jeane Wood

Saturday, August 10 at 7:00 pm at

**Hyde Park CUMC-Large sanctuary
1345 Grace Ave**

Wilmington Area Walk to
Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church
PO Box 191
Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:
www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

See you at the Gathering!
July 9
Singing starts at 6:45 pm
Wear your nametag!
Bring a snack to share!
WALK #90 MINI-REUNION
@ 6:00 pm

Servants for Gatherings

Month	Instrumentalist	Song Leader	Special Music	Fourth Day Speaker
July 9	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin	Peggy Larkin	Glenn Thompson
August 13	Judy Laycock	Susan Thompson	Susan's Trio	Bronwyn Jones
September 10	Carl Guenther	Chuck Tabor	Kathy Holbrook	Ron Rutherford
October 8	John Glaze	Cliff Klutts	Carl Guenther	Tonya West
November 12	John Glaze	Kathy Holbrook	Cindy Bloom & Emily Jackson	Jim Wingo
December 10	John Glaze	Bronwyn Jones	Community	

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