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Read this!

- Get in the GATHERING habit!
- We need women for the Feb Men's Walk!

BARB'S LITTLE BITS

Recently, I heard a sermon about Gratitude. I visited another church where a friend was preaching. The sermon was about the ten lepers Jesus healed in Luke 17:11-19. After all ten were healed, only one came back to thank Jesus. Luke 17:15 reads, "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself to Jesus' feet and thanked Him". Where were the other nine who were healed? Why didn't they go and thank Jesus for healing them? No reasons are given but one or two I can think of are, one, Jesus surely knows I am thankful and, two, I must hurry and tell others, not taking time to tell Jesus or, three, I will do it later. I have thought about my own ungratefulness at times.

A simple note of thanks to a friend. It sounds easy! Why don't I do it? My reasons are much like the lepers must

have been. I say I will get to it but days and weeks go by and I often have many names written down and good intentions but it doesn't get done.

I often have reasons to praise as I see God at work in lives. A few weeks ago, I met a new friend. As God was at work, I was aware my granddaughter was in need of a car. She is a single mom with two small children. We had been praying for a car for her. Something we could get as reasonable as possible, God. It was like a bolt as God spoke to me. My new friend had a car parked in front of his house. He said he had not decided yet but would sell or give it to someone in need. A long story short, I called him and told him about my granddaughter's need. I said I would buy it from him. He called back and said he wanted to give it to her. He came by on a Sunday afternoon and gave the car to her. Grateful is the word – thankful

for my new friend's love for someone he had never met. This is truly a praise and God orchestrated the whole thing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

November 11 is Veterans Day. My brother-in-law served in the Vietnam War. I call him and thank him for keeping me safe and serving our country. He always thanks me for calling. November 28 is a day we call Thanksgiving Day. That day does make us take time to count our blessings, for the family next door or across the country or across the world. It's a time to reflect on good – not bad.

I am thankful that 21 years ago I experienced my walk to Emmaus and my life was forever changed because of that walk. It was there that God's grace was made real to me and that is where I truly began my relationship with my Lord and Savior. Praise God for THE Walk to Emmaus!!!

I pray I don't wait until a Thanksgiving Day on my calendar comes to be thankful for life, for God's forgiveness, His love and grace for this imperfect earthen vessel.

Live, Love, Laugh
and be GRATEFUL!

De Colores,

Barb

MAURICE'S MUSINGS

Its harvest time and the farmers are busy gathering in their crops. This year many of the crops in our area look good, but I haven't heard any yield report. Did you know that farmers are very rarely atheists? Because they have faith in the seasons God has established, they will be back in the fields next year. [In fact, some are already plant-

ing winter wheat.] Farmers put faith in God as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:7, "Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

This understanding was formalized in ancient Israel, and it was celebrated in her annual feasts and regular Sabbaths. The purpose of (continued on page 2)

MUSINGS FROM MAURICE (continued)

Emmaus Walks for the Rest of 2013

these rituals was to remind the people not to be proud, but to acknowledge God's hand in providing for their needs.

Another reason was to help them, and us, remember God's mercy in spite of our human sinfulness and arrogance, both personal and national. The significance of this was not missed by President Lincoln when he declared the last Thursday of November as a day of national thanksgiving [since then the date has changed to the fourth Thursday of November]. Let me quote an excerpt from his declaration made in the midst of the pain and suffering of the Civil War.

"This year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthy skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the Source from which they come,... No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, Who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people."

As we give thanks for God's provision this harvest season, let's not forget to confess our sin of personal and national pride. As a contemporary praise song states:

*"Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus
Christ His Son.
Give thanks!"*

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We have a great deal for which we should be thankful. Are we? How do we express our thanks? Do you? Give thanks, this day, this month and every day.

Maurice Mitchell

Below is a chart showing Emmaus Walks for the remainder of 2013. The Upper Room web site has a section for Emmaus and there lists walks from around the world. As many folks prayed for YOUR Emmaus weekend, please use this chart to pray for pilgrims on Emmaus Walks coming up. If you will be traveling, you can also check locations of Emmaus communities and when Gatherings are held. What fun to visit another community's Gathering!

DATES	COMMUNITY	CITY	WALK
Oct 31-Nov 3	Coastal Carolina	Wilmington NC	Women's #92
Oct 31-Nov 3	Darke County	Greenville OH	Women's #45
Oct 31-Nov 3	Heart of Florida	Bartow FL	Women's #28
Oct 31-Nov 3	Nashville	Nashville TN	Women's #184
Oct 31-Nov 3	Owensboro	Owensboro KY	Men's #111
Oct 31-Nov 3	Southern New England	Wakefield MA	Women's #74
Oct 31-Nov 3	Three Rivers	Washington PA	Men's #87
Oct 31-Nov 3	Western New York	Attica NY	Women's #45
Nov 7-Nov 10	Blue Ridge	Asheville NC	Women's #70
Nov 7-Nov 10	Ceske Emauske Spolecenstvi	Brno, Czech Rep	Men's #12
Nov 7-Nov 10	Chesapeake	Maryland	Men's #41
Nov 7-Nov 10	Cross Country	Seymour TX	Women's #201
Nov 7-Nov 10	Dallas	Rockwall TX	Women's #250
Nov 7-Nov 10	Emmaus of Southeast MI	Michigan	Women's #164
Nov 7-Nov 10	Golden Spread	Pampa TX	Men's #236
Nov 7-Nov 10	Grace Emmaus-Silicon Valley	San Jose CA	Men's #29
Nov 7-Nov 10	Great Smoky Mountain	Knoxville TN	Women's #96
Nov 7-Nov 10	Greater Findlay	Findlay OH	Men's #69
Nov 7-Nov 10	Greater Sidney	Sidney OH	Men's #57
Nov 7-Nov 10	Heart of Carolina	Raleigh NC	Women's #127
Nov 7-Nov 10	La Mesa De Dios	Lamesa TX	Women's #54
Nov 7-Nov 10	Mountain Top	Hayesville NC	Women's #170
Nov 7-Nov 10	Northeast Louisiana	Louisiana	Men's #31
Nov 7-Nov 10	Oregon Trails	Portland OR	Women's #74
Nov 7-Nov 10	Owensboro	Owensboro KY	Women's #112
Nov 7-Nov 10	Red River	Wichita Falls TX	Men's #114
Nov 7-Nov 10	Skylands	Wantage NJ	Women's #40
Nov 7-Nov 10	Three Rivers	Washington PA	Women's #88
Nov 14-Nov 17	Big Country	Abilene TX	Women's #192
Nov 14-Nov 17	Blue Lake	Pace FL	Women's #232
Nov 14-Nov 17	Central Illinois	Springfield IL	Women's #251
Nov 14-Nov 17	Grace Emmaus-Silicon Valley	San Jose CA	Women's #30
Nov 14-Nov 17	Greater Cincinnati	Cincinnati OH	Women's #111
Nov 14-Nov 17	Reynoldsburg	Reynoldsburg OH	Women's #94
Nov 14-Nov 17	Sun Coast	Palmetto FL	Women's #71
Dec 5-Dec 8	Delmarva	Centreville DE	Women's #59

Welcome to the Women from Walk #91

Debbie Allen	Hillsboro	OH 45133
Lynne Barbiero	Washington CH	OH 43160
Betsy Brooks	Wilmington	OH 45177
Cathy Crowe	London	OH 43140
Lana Daniels	Hillsboro	OH 45133
Valerie Huff	Hillsboro	OH 45133
Judy Kammer	Kettering	OH 45429
Shelby King	Wilmington	OH 45177
Kim Knisley	Washington CH	OH 43160
Samantha Massie	Wilmington	OH 45177
Dorelle Noggle	New Vienna	OH 45159
Mandy Pelfrey	Leesburg	OH 45135
Darlene Pitzer	Wilmington	OH 45177
Lisa Pitzer	Greenfield	OH 45123
Beth Puckett	Lynchburg	OH 45142
Holly Requardt	Greenfield	OH 45123
Valerie Smart	Wilmington	OH 45177
Melissa Stoffel	Mt. Orab	OH 45154
Brittany Totten	Wilmington	OH 45177
Geidy Uria	Blue Ash	OH 45242
Joy Valentine	Washington CH	OH 43160
Connie Wilcox	Xenia	OH 45385
Carolyn Young	Lynchburg	OH 45142

PRAYER LIST

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

Derrick Adkins
Austin
Jim Bailey
Lynne Barbiero
Rita Blankenship
Kathy Bright
Family losses
Gage
Janell
Jerry
Roger Maines
Christy Mitchell
Nailey
Luke Quigley
Terry Riedel
Dylan Starr
Norma Turner
Unspoken
Mark Wolfe

The Choreography of a Walk!

When you're on your pilgrim walk, everything seems to flow and happen just when it's supposed to! No one has a watch on their wrist....how in the world does this all happen? Well, glad you asked that question, because, I have answers!

It all starts with a meeting of the community chair with selected board members. They discuss potential walk lay directors. What is the eligibility requirement? This would be a good juncture to discuss how one moves through the positions on a team. Other than music positions, the first team experience is as an Assistant Table Leader (ATL). As far as responsibility goes, being an ATL is just about like going through the walk as a first-time pilgrim again. During team meetings, however, the ATL will be responsible for providing a meditation at the chapel service which begins each team meeting. This gives the ATL what may be his or her first experience of speaking in front of a group of people. During the walk, the ATL is just another member of the table and often goes through the walk without the pilgrims realizing he or she is actually a member of the team. In many communities, the ATL sleeps in the same quarters as the pilgrims, which supports the idea that they are just another pilgrim, but more importantly, puts a team member in a position to handle any problems which could surface.

The next position is the Table Leader (TL). With this position, the team member presents his first talk. Team members serve in this position for two walks. After serving twice as TL, the next position is "inexperienced" and next, "experienced" Assistant Lay Director (ALD). With this position comes additional leadership responsibilities. In addition to assisting the Lay Director with duties of training the team, the three ALDs take turns rotating in the positions of being in charge of the Conference Room, overseeing the dining hall and being in charge of moving the speakers through the chapel on their way to the conference room to present their talks. Some of the other duties include issuing the team manuals, collecting fees, soda and candy, collecting book table suggestions, scripture references, etc. After moving through all of these positions, one is then on the list to become a Lay Director (LD). The LD is in charge of getting qualified community members to serve on the team. The LD also organizes the team meetings and works with the Spiritual Director in setting the schedule of Talk Previews. Once he or she has served as LD, that person will serve on one more walk as a TL.

Serving in a supervisory capacity is the Board Rep, a position filled by the Emmaus Board and will be a person who has served as Lay Director of a walk. This person is charged with the responsibility of "quality control" of the walk and ascertaining
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We're on the web:
www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

See you at the Gathering!
NOVEMBER 12
Singing starts at 6:45 pm
Wear your nametag!
Bring a snack to share!
WOMEN'S WALK #91
REUNION - 6:00

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SERVANTS FOR GATHERINGS

DATE	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER	SPECIAL MUSIC	FOURTH DAY SPEAKER
November 12	John Glaze	Kathy Holbrook	Cindy Bloom & Emily Jackson	Jim Wingo
December 10	John Glaze	Bronwyn Jones	Community-ALL MUSIC!	none

CHOREOGRAPHY (continued) that the walk is true to the “model” as set forth by the Upper Room. The Music and Assistant Music Directors are responsible for providing music for both the team meetings as well as the walk weekend. In addition, they arrange for special music to be presented during the walk. A team member who has a quiet position in the conference room is the Audio/Visual Tech. This member works closely with those presenting talks to fine tune PowerPoint presentations and with the Music Directors to present the words to songs in a smooth flow.

The Lay Director begins his position by meeting with the Community Chair, a Spiritual Director and the Representative of the Emmaus Board who will serve on the walk. This is the “Team Selection Meeting.” At this meeting, the LD is presented with several lists containing the names of members of the Emmaus community who are eligible to serve in each of the team positions. After a year passes after the pilgrim’s walk, he or she is placed on the list as being eligible for the position of ATL. Those who have worked at walks (determined by the sign-up sheets) are given priority. Further lists of those eligible for TL, ALD and MD are provided. As folks work their way thru the walk positions, records are kept of walks served as well as talks presented.

This is the “nutshell” description! There is, of course, much more involved in the Choreography of the Walk!

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