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## COMMUNITY CHAIR *from 20 years ago*, Jon Silveous

The young lad loved to be around the kitchen as his mother prepared the meals for their large family of eleven children. The aroma of fresh bread baking was one of his favorite smells and he could not contain himself as he thought of a large steaming hot piece of and melting butter soaking around the plump strawberries in the jam that was made from their garden the previous year. Then it dawned on him the same time his mother's voice saying, "Jonnie, would you fetch me a jar of strawberry jam from the root cellar?"

As much as he loved the taste of his mother bread with butter and jam, he also thoroughly disliked going into the root cellar. It was dark.

Not pitch black, of course, but just enough to play tricks on your eyes and make you see things that aren't really there, maybe? Then there was the smell. Not cold, but maybe chilling. Damp, musty. It almost seemed like the room wanted to steal your breath. He had been there a few times before with one of his sisters, but only once by himself. It was a similar situation. Mother had sent him for a jar of strawberry jam. As he entered the cellar through the old wooden door, he thought he saw something move, but dismissed it. As he neared the shelves which held the jam, he reached out and a hand came our of the dark corner and grabbed his wrist. Of course, he couldn't

move fast enough to get out of there. It seems his older brother thought it would be a good trick to play. As it was, Jonnie could care less if he ever had to face going into that place again.

All this was passing through Jonnie's head while his mother was watching him. She knew of his fear of the cellar, but also knew that he must learn to conquer that fear and many others before his life would be over. She said, "Jonnie, do you hear me? We need some jam for supper." Jonnie came back with the reply, "I'll get Gerty to get it." His mother said, "No Jonnie, I said you. Gerty's busy with the dusting." Then she reached over and touch-  
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*Men's Walk  
still needs  
Pilgrims!  
With whom can  
you share  
Emmaus?*

### EMMAUS 101

With the September Men's and October Women's Walks coming up, various forms of Agape are being prepared and collected by both sponsor and community members. Agape gifts are given to pilgrims by community members over the course of the walk weekend as signs of God's loving presence. Much of this article will be a repeat of information previously provided, however, some recent events brought to our

attention the need for a repeat!

What types of Agape are handled by the Agape people during a weekend? **TABLE & BEDTIME AGAPE** are the little gifts that appear at meal times or on the beds in the evening. This AGAPE comes from community members as individuals, or as share groups. Enough pieces should be provided not only for the pilgrims, but also for team members. The count will

### AGAPE

probably be between 50 and 60. If you provide 60, you can always pick up the leftovers to be used on the next walk. Agape is usually put out to have pieces which compliment each other. However, if your AGAPE is made to tie into a specific talk or weekend activity, be sure to provide a written note with the AGAPE that you would like it presented at a certain meal or evening. An example would be  
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## DEVOTION

### COMMUNITY CHAIR

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ed him on the shoulder and said, "Don't worry, son, Jesus is there."

Well, Jonnie had heard all about Jesus and how he helped people with all of their needs. So he started out the door and again heard his mother say that Jesus was in the root cellar and would help him.

As he approached the cellar, he looked around the yard and counted all of his brothers and sisters with the exception of Gerty who was in the house dusting. He opened the door ever so slightly seeing nothing but gloom inside. He took a

deep breath and said, "Jesus, since you're already in there, would you minding handing me a jar of jam?"

How many situations or circumstances do we experience that we fear or dislike, wondering if God and Jesus are there to help us? Many times we just turn away because it's uncomfortable for us.

But you know, He is there. He always has been and always will be. Is there an area you fear to go into? Ask God for help and you will feel His divine power work to aid you through whatever situation.

Jesus said, in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and you shall receive."

You know, I wouldn't be surprised to hear that loving hand, rough from years of working

with wood and bearing an ugly scar in the palm, came through that root cellar door and handed Jonnie a jar of strawberry jam.

Love Ya,  
*Jon Silveous*



**PRAY FOR STUDENTS!**

## JOY FROM JOY

*"God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."* Genesis 1:27

Recently, I have been assisting a family very close to me with the genealogy research of their family. A little girl had been adopted at the age of four to five years of age and spent her life searching for her family. She knew her birth name, but did not know where she came from. She only remembered one older brother. She so wanted to find her birth family she hired an attorney to find her roots. She passed away before ever finding her family. Her children recently contacted us searching for her family. I had the distinct privilege of introducing her children to her niece, their first cousin. The niece knew that her father had spent his life looking for his little sister. He

had several brothers that had been sent to an orphanage as well. He was able to get all of his brothers out of the orphanage, but his little sister had been adopted. Nobody would give him any information as to where she was. The brother and sister passed away within one year of each other, never finding each other on this earth. The first cousins, however, have now met and oh, what a wonderful day. There was great peace for them in piecing together the threads of their heritage. They believe that the little girl and her big brother are now together. Not every adopted child is interested in his or her birth family but most are curious about their heritage.

Our family is preparing for our annual reunion. What a great time we have each year, reminiscing, sharing stories, figuring out how we all fit together.

## Joy Stanforth

It is important to know from where we come. If we don't understand that God created us in His image we have lost a sense of purpose. From God we came and to God we must return. God's creation of us is our very foundation. It gives us purpose and direction. It explains that in His image we were created and in His image we must live. We strive for many things in this life, great families, great careers, great cars (jeeps of course), the best at sports, on and on... Ultimately, we must strive to find God's purpose in our lives that our life might be aligned with His image.

The cousins who just found each other can't get over the family image. The way the family looks alike, and acts alike. Oh, that the world would see the image of God in us.

De Colores!

*Joy*

## PILGRIMS FOR MEN'S WALK

NAME	HOMETOWN	SPONSOR
Denny Allen	Wilmington	Dave Hinman
Soteros Maniatty	Lebanon	Amy Toney
Ken Storer	Hillsboro	Barbara Storer

Each line you see here must be filled for Men's Walk #59 to take place. Please pray about that man God would have you sponsor on this walk! Then go visit your prospective pilgrim and tell him how Emmaus changed your life and ask him to attend this walk. Don't put it off! Deadline for our minimum number of pilgrims is September 13th.

Support the Men's Walk  
with great Agape!

## DEVOTION

*"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." John 6:27*

Remembering Grandmother's biscuits makes me smile to this day. They were best hot out of the oven when you could watch the butter melt the instant it hit the fluffy bread.

As a young child, I only thought about the end product—the delicious biscuits. As I got older, I began to notice what went into making them.

There was a big, wooden sieve for the flour. The dough was prepared in a beige bowl that had flowers painted on the side. There was a rolling pin, the old-fashioned kind with red handles, and Grandmother would sometimes wipe her brow while using it. And she made biscuits almost every day, usually before sunrise.

The older I got, the more I realized that those products of Grandmother's oven were much more than simple nourishment for the body. They came to feed much more in me, as love always does.

I wish now I'd paid more attention to making them so I could share the biscuits with my grandchildren. Maybe the story of them will be enough.

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## PRAYER LIST

Prayer was requested for these people at our August Gathering. Please join us in intercession for return to health, overcoming adversities of life, recovery from loss. Pray for the pilgrims coming on the September Men's Walk and all of those community members who will be providing meals and other services for the walk. Pray for the live-in team.

David Barber

Bertha  
Warren Briggs  
Dave & Dinah Bond  
Janece Curry  
Evelyn Flinn  
Joe Gibson  
Government Leaders  
Charlene Hamann  
Henry Holbrook  
Maria Holbrook  
Ken Houghtaling  
Teresa Kellis

Elizabeth Myers  
Ryder Patrick  
Sherry Paul  
Persecuted Christians in Middle East  
Cliff Purvis  
Ruffner Family  
Ian Smith  
(Unidentified) would like to become the man God wants him to be  
Iris Wilkinson

## Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church  
PO Box 191  
Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:  
[www.wilmingtonemmaus.org](http://www.wilmingtonemmaus.org)

See you at the GATHERING:  
September 9  
Singing starts at  
6:45pm  
Wear your nametag!  
Bring a snack to share!

## Agape!

## Team for Men's #59

a little clown which would tie in with the clown presentation on Friday evening. You might request this to be put on the beds Friday evening.

Now, if you pay attention to nothing else, **READ THIS!** Because these gifts represent God's unconditional love, **the givers' individual names should not appear on the AGAPE.** A share group name or church name, however, may be shown.

**LETTER AGAPE** is the next form of AGAPE. A letter is a letter is a letter, right? Well, no! Per Upper Room guidelines, the letter agape given to the pilgrims on Sunday afternoon is to be **ONLY** the special personal letter agape gathered by the sponsors. There should be letters from family and very close friends marked so that the Agape room knows which letters fit into this category. **WHY?** The pilgrims cannot read more than a dozen or so letters in the time provided and the letters represent God's unconditional love for each pilgrim and there should therefore be no disparity in number of letters received by each pilgrim. The remainder of the letters go home with the pilgrims to be read later.

**GIFTS!** Well, there should not be any! If you want to buy something more special for your pilgrim, leave it in the car on Sunday when you come to closing and give it to him or her on the way home. Remember, AGAPE is representing God's unconditional love for ALL the pilgrims, no one person should be singled out for a special gift. Make sense? Now get busy and create some really unique agape for his upcoming walk!

NAME	POSITION	TALK
Chuck Adkins	TL	Priesthood of all Believers
Terry Alexander	ALD	Grow Through Study
Pete Barbiero	ATL	
Bob Brown	LD	Perseverance
Rod Bryant	ALD	Priority
John Glaze	MD	
Jerry Haines	TL	Christian Action
Mark Henize	ALD	Fourth Day
Dave Hinman	SD	Means of Grace
Zack King	ATL	
Chuck Massie	ATL	
Jamie Pritchett	ATL	
Matt Puckett	ATL	
Jerry Quigley	BR	
Larry Roberts	TL	Changing Our World
Jim Smalley	TL	Discipleship
Rusty Staten	MD	
Larry Stewart	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Glenn Thompson	AV	
Greg Walls	ATL	
Charlie Weaver	TL	Body of Christ