



Sponsorship – One of the Most Important Job's at Emmaus!!

Think back to your walk, the love of the conference room team, Agape, the kitchen. The amazement you felt when you walked in to the candlelight service and felt all the love of the community. We have fond memories of these events, but we often fail to realize that our walk truly began when we were asked by our sponsors to attend.

A sponsor seeks God's will, prays about whom to ask and in obedience prays daily for you from the minute you said yes. As a sponsor you carry luggage, obtain friend and family letters, take care of your pilgrims family while they are gone, attend sponsor hour, attend candle light and closing, bring your pilgrim back to forth day and pay their fee to attend the weekend.

But guess what, your sponsorship duties do not stop there. A sponsor has a responsibility to their fourth day Pilgrim to get them plugged into a reunion group, bring them back for a sponsor's hour and a candlelight service. It is an extreme blessing the first time you see Emmaus from the Community side. You need to help them plug into service. Come serve a meal with them. Bring food for the Agape table. Come help with set up and take down. Bring them to the next Emmaus gathering and continue to pray that the spark they found during their weekend continues to grow as they serve in their local churches.

Involved sponsors make involved Fourth Day Pilgrims which keeps an Emmaus Community active and successful. They is why we say – "Sponsorship – one of the most important jobs in Emmaus. (written by: Heather Cornette)

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE FOR NEW EMMAUS BOARD MEMBERS!!!

The 2014 Ballot is up on our website – ready to take your votes!
We want to encourage everyone to take a few minutes to let their voice be heard. It is very quick and easy.
Just select the "2014 Ballot" Tab on our home page and choose your selections! Please pass the word along to others in the community. Thank You!!

Team Selection

If you have completed a "Volunteer Service Sheet", we thank you for your willingness to serve Emmaus of the Cumberland. A walk is composed of 1/3 inexperienced community members so if you have not been called to serve, please be patient.

Other than serving in the conference room or on the kitchen or agape team, you can volunteer to serve meals, pray in the prayer chapel or at home, or come any day of the walk to help the agape team. The set-up/take down team can also use your help. Just show up Wednesday night or Sunday morning.

One of the difficulties the team selection committee encounters is wrong contact information. Please go to the website and check your phone number. You may correct your information on the web site or email me at wandatramel@gmail.com.

Please continue to pray for the community, board members and the upcoming Walks.

Wanda Tramel, Team Selection Committee

Set-Up and Take-Down

The first thing that I would like to say is, A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our Emmaus community of Brothers and Sisters who have the hearts of servants and came to give of their time to help in the set-up of the church building and class rooms to give all the new pilgrims a place to sleep and gain a closer fellowship with JESUS and one another. They came in all kinds of weather and in some early hours when it was time to put their "bed rooms" back into the Church's class rooms and clean the Sanctuary so that Sunday morning services could go on as if nothing had happened there the night before.

Now that my time is ending with this responsibility, I can only Thank ALL who got involved and pray that this community continues to perform in this same manner for those new board members who are taking on this responsibility. Many friendships were established during these duties and I remain forever grateful.

May the Blessings of our Lord and Savior pour out upon you and your families and HIS LOVE flood your lives!

Dave Bliss

Persevere In Our 4th Day

by Susan Asberry

To live a life of victory we have to be all in for Christ. Get involved in a local church. Small groups are a blessing; they hold us accountable and encourage us to live closer to Christ. Sign up to serve and also sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil. Sponsor someone to go on the walk that is rooted in Christ and wants more of Christ in their lives. Make Agape for the walks and homemade snacks are always great.

We are called by God to serve in our everyday lives. We must put on the Armor of God in Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. We are all called to be a soldier of God.

Soldier of God

I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer. The Holy Scripture is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer and the Word are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will not get out, sell out, be talked out or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there. I am a soldier. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up. I am a soldier. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me or lure me. I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name and building His kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards or candy, or give me handouts. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for or catered to. I am committed. I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win. My God has and will continue to supply all of my need. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ. The devil cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot handle me. I am a soldier. Even death cannot destroy me. For when my Commander calls me from His battlefield, He will promote me to captain and then allow me to rule with Him. I am a soldier in the army, and I'm marching claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around.

I am a soldier, marching heaven-bound. Here I Stand!

Will you stand with me?

Are you in a Reunion Group?

We all learned during our walk how important Reunion Groups are to keep us focused and accountable. Reunion Groups are what keeps The Walk to Emmaus a Fourth Day movement instead of a three day event or retreat. Sponsorship should include a commitment to connect your pilgrim to a reunion group...either yours or one that is closer to their home. Sponsors, you should take your pilgrim to their first meeting and introduce them to the group. This is a vital step in our spiritual formation and will only strengthen our Gathering attendance.

Reunion Group meetings should not be complicated. Just agree to meet and follow the Service Sheet found in the booklet or tri-fold card you received during your walk. Two or more committed pilgrims make a Reunion Group. Your group doesn't have to have a special name, but you should meet regularly and commit to pray for one another.

If you are in a group, GREAT! We want to hear about it and we would like to update your contact information. If you are not in a group, please talk to your sponsor and get connected. You can also find a group near you by looking on our website. DeColores! Donna Tipton

SAVE THE DATE IN 2015!!

January 1 – 3 -- Chrysalis Flight #36

March 5 – 8 -- Men's Walk #98

March 19 – 22 -- Women's Walk #99

July 16 – 19 -- Women's Walk #100

Sept. 3 – 6 -- Men's Walk #101

Sept. 17 – 20 -- Women's Walk #102

Web Site News – We want to encourage everything to log on and stay informed by using our website @ www.emmausofthecumberlands.org It is loaded with forms & applications, flight & walk information, and lots of other items. We hope the site will be of great use to the community. **Please check your contact information!** IF it has changed, please let us know so we can get it corrected. **IF you are interested in serving on an Emmaus Team – please send in those volunteer forms!!** You can volunteer for Emmaus, Chrysalis and Journey with the same form now so that makes for a quick update. **SIGN UP for our Email Newsletters to get notices about upcoming gatherings, walks and flights.** It is very easy and you can cancel at any time. **You can also check us out on FACEBOOK for postings of the latest news.** All these features are meant to help you stay connected with your community. We hope that you will check them out and give us input about what you would like to see there. It has been a pleasure to serve as your website administrator the past few years. Jammie Gibbons will be your new administrator in January and I know that she will do a fine job for the community. Thank you Jammie for being willing. May God Bless you all in the coming year. Gail Roysden – Website Administrator