



APRIL NORTHERN KENTUCKY EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

**NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE GATHERING.
APRIL 2, 2009 AT 7:15 P.M.**

We **CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF** the men from Northern Kentucky Emmaus Walk #29. We, as an Emmaus Community, are so pleased to have you become members of this great community. May you be blessed in your 4th Day Walk!

Note:

The Men's Walk #29 reunion group meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. April 9, 2009 preceding the regular April gathering. The April gathering is at 7:15 p.m. on April 2 after the reunion group meeting.

Sponsors, please bring your new pilgrim to the reunion gathering and make them feel welcome.

**The April 2, 2009 Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Gathering will be held at:
Immanuel United Methodist Church
2551 Dixie Hwy Lakeside Park KY
Worship & Fellowship Begins at 7:15 p.m.**

Child Care for the Gatherings is available with a reservation. The CPR Certified child-care providers are employed by Immanuel UMC and are trained to provide purposeful Christian care. If you need childcare, contact Immanuel's Child-Care Coordinator at 859-341-5330 x13 **at least 48 hours in advance.** Please leave the name and age of each child so the child-care coordinators can arrange to have the appropriate number of child-care providers to meet the number of children needing this service. All children must be picked up by 9:00pm. Immanuel's reservation policies and procedures are in place to insure your children's safety. The Emmaus Community provides this service with donations being accepted if you wish to give.

**Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our
wings have trouble remembering how to fly.
Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery.
Today is a gift from GOD.**

Please go to www.nkemmaus.com, click on [Prayer Signups](#), scroll down to Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Women's Walk to Emmaus #29 [23-26 April 2009 \(EDT:GMT-4\)](#) or use this direct link - <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=3087&commid=637>

Thanks!

The Northern Kentucky Emmaus Board would like to thank our Men's Walk #29 team members for the love, dedication and spiritual enrichment of this Emmaus Walk. Following are the team members who gave of themselves March 19 thru 22, 2009 to the pilgrims of Men's Walk #29:

Lay Director

Mark Shackelford

Spiritual Director

Maurice Pugh

Asst. Spiritual Director

Kelly McClendon

Asst. Lay Director

Brian Meade

Asst. Lay Director

Jeff Plank

Asst. Lay Director

James Pitts

Table Leader

Dale Furtwengler

Randy Compton

Doug Bruening

Greg Brown

Keith Underwood

Bruce Krahl

Asst. Table Leader

John Parker

Lance Payne

Buddy Baker

Loy Gregory

Richard Miller

John Rogers

Prayer Support

Mike Whiting

Todd Posey

Music Support

Mark Turpin

Rich Caldwell

Alex Bernardo

Support

Jeff Barbour - Coordinator

John Lock

Jim Clark

Tom Hill

Tim Combs

Board Representative

Bob Hall

IF YOU WANT A LIST OF MEN'S OR WOMEN'S PILGRIMS GO TO www.nkemmaus.com

Click On **Walks**

Click On **Current Walk Information**

Click On **Pilgrims For Current Men's Or Women's Walk**

Below are the pilgrims who gave their time and talent to the Northern Kentucky Men's Walk To Emmaus #29.

<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
1. Bachman, Darrin	Plum Creek Christian	Maria Prickett
2. Baker, S. A.	Christ Chapel	Cary Friedly
3. Berry, George	First Church of Christ, Burlington	Lori Bery
4. Daley, Billy	Staffordsburg UMC	Janet Parsons
5. Dattilo, Gus	First Church of Christ, Burlington	Cathy & Bret Fellows
6. Dunn, Adam	Watermark Christian	Rick Bogard
7. Evans, Seth	Oasis Christian, Columbus OH	Rebecca Coyle
8. Fee, Tim Grace	Community Church	Mark Turpin
9. Foreman, Tim	Melbourne UMC	Jennifer Foreman
10. Grothaus, Denny	Oakland UMC	Jeremy Gosney
11. Hisel, Barry	Grassy Creek Christian	Bruce Gosney & Carl Wetterham
12. Ingelin, Mark	Staffordsburg UMC	Sharon Abvrans
13. Jennex, John	First Church of Christ, Burlington	Andy Leinneman
14. Longhauser, Chris	Oakland UMC	David Graham
15. McLemore, Ken	Hill Station Baptist, Ohio	John McLemore
16. Mead, Ken	Cornerstone, Covington	Anthony Cinque
17. Sadler, Ken	First Church of Christ, Burlington	Jennifer & James Shofner
18. Simpson, Dexter	Florence Christian	Bob Smith
19. Sluder, Jeff	Erlanger Baptist	Phillip Nicholas
20. Sullivan, Ken	Melbourne UMC	Sandy Clift
21. Talbott, Mitch	St. Luke Lutheran	Todd Weiner
22. Trump, Rob	Vineyard	Cliff Wick
23. Waller, Ricky	Madison Ave. Baptist	Jeff & Cathea Poland

We hope the new pilgrims will join or start a small group meeting in someone's home with members of your table or other tables from your walk. This is a very rewarding continuance of your 4th day.

You need to get the applications filled out for the women you want to sponsor in the upcoming Women's Walk #29. We only have 28 pilgrims signed up and ready to go!

Women's Walk #29 Apr 23-26, 2009

From the Community Lay Director – John McLemore

Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community,

Spring is finally here! We see renewal of life in creation and in our own spiritual lives as we approach Easter and Christ's resurrection. We also see renewal in our community as we welcome new members from our men's walk, and anticipate (I know, I know...I'm not supposed to anticipate!) welcoming the ladies from next month's walk. Praise God for the 22 men that participated in our men's walk. We are certainly blessed to call them members!

I'd also like to take the opportunity to truly thank our sponsors from the men's walk. After hearing from the men's team, it's apparent that the pilgrims were educated about the walk, prepared, and participated from the very beginning. Remember though, your job as sponsor is not over just yet. Please try to make sure that your pilgrims attend the upcoming reunion group and gathering (April 2nd @ 6:00 pm.). More importantly, don't forget to keep lifting them up in prayer during their 4th days.

So far, for the women's walk, we have 28 pilgrims attending April's women's walk (YEAH God. You're AWESOME!). We had great crowds for the men's candlelight and closing. Let's do the same for the women!

Please keep the women's team in your prayers as they continue to prepare their hearts and minds for the upcoming walk.

Thank you all for the many ways you serve your home churches and our community! GOD ROCKS!!

De Colores,

John McLemore

From the Community Spiritual Director - Linda Kemp-Baird

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

The sounds of Lent continue as we march on into April. I don't know about you but by this time, with Holy Week around the corner, this journey with Jesus to the cross is becoming a bit dreary. Sunday morning sermons often highlight the confrontations that Jesus is having with the religious authorities. Lenten Devotions describe Jesus himself to be more stressed – his words sound less loving and more cutting. And then that behavior at the Temple when Jesus became so angry that he was throwing tables around! What's worse is that the disciples are starting to talk amongst themselves: "What's with Jesus these days?" "I thought he would have taken on the Roman government by now..." "I think that I should sit next to Jesus because of all that I've done for him." Did Jesus ever grow weary of this? Did he find himself having to endure yet another day? Did he ever question the presence of God?

During this Season of Lent, I have been reflecting on the following poem entitled Strength and Courage. I apologize for its length; however, may you discover within the words some stepping-stones – perhaps even courage -- for your journey with Jesus during these final days of Lent.

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

It takes strength to be firm;
It takes courage to be gentle.

It takes strength to stand guard;
It takes courage to let down your guard.

It takes strength to conquer;
It takes courage to surrender.

It takes strength to be certain;
It takes courage to have doubt.

It takes strength to fit in;
It takes courage to stand out.

It takes strength to feel a friend's pain;
It takes courage to feel your own pain.

It takes strength to hide your own pains;
It takes courage to show them.

It takes strength to endure abuse;
It takes courage to stop it.

It takes strength to stand alone;
It takes courage to lean on another.

It takes strength to love;
It takes courage to be loved.

It takes strength to survive;
It takes courage to live.

--Author Unknown

DeColores! Linda Kemp-Baird, Community Spiritual Director

**I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work for bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done my soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time to spread a word of cheer
No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need but at last the time to die.
I went before the Lord, I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in his hands God! Held a book; It was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said, "Your name I cannot find
I once was going to write it down. But! I never found the time."**