



# Newsletter

March 2008

## Current Board:

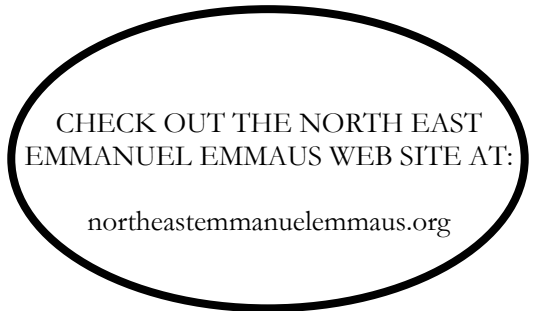
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- Jim Crum
- Barb Sewell
- Stacy Todd
- Mitzy Riggs
- Pam Studer

## Northeast Emmanuel Emmaus Community Mission:

The object of the community shall be to inspire, challenge, renew and equip church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and communities through the Emmaus experience.

*HE GUIDES ME IN PATHS  
OF RITEOUSNESS FOR HIS  
NAME SAKE*

*-PSALM 23:3*



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## SPRING WALKS



**The spring walks will be held at the Gaylord United Methodist Church, in Gaylord.**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Men's weekend. Check in for the weekend will be on Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The lay director for this Men's walk is Paul Timmons.**

**The Women's weekend is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> with registration on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

**Team training is underway and everyone is excited and blessed to be a part of this weekend. Continue to keep both the Men's and Women's weekends in your prayers. Pray for the team, sponsors, and pilgrims alike.**



## THE FUTURE OF THE GATHERING

This is my first gathering as a part of the Emmaus board. As I was planning this gathering and reading thru the

Handbook on Emmaus, I came across the section on gatherings. I felt led to read a portion of it to you.

"The Gathering is the monthly reunion of all the members of the Emmaus community. Its objectives are as follows:

(summarized) 1) People of various churches and denominations coming together in the calling of 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism'. 2) To encourage one another to continue our walk with the Lord and persevere. 3) Inspire one another in making changes in our individual lives. 4) Maintain relationships with other Emmaus pilgrims forming a sense of community. 5) To educate the community in ways of living the Fourth Day."

That really struck a cord with me, and I guess what tied it all together was the message my pastor gave yesterday. It was baptism Sunday at my church, and he was talking about how events like baptism Sunday, Christmas and Easter get us charged up. Even attending church on Sunday morning can be one of those charged up moments. But our walk with Christ shouldn't it? I know my Emmaus walk was one of the most incredible moments as a follower of Christ. A 3-day charge, if you will. And when my walk was over I was ready to conquer the world for His namesake. But then the routines of daily life settled in. Stress settled in. And I stopped attending the gatherings. I made my excuses, Youth group on Wednesday,

music practice on Thursday, working on Friday evenings. While all those things are important, the Emmaus teaches us to be actively involved in our own church. The bottom line? For me...it was an excuse...a convenient cop-out if you will.

So this last month it hit me. These gatherings shouldn't just be a once a month battery charge for me, they should be part of my life. Part of my priorities. The Emmaus community is an incredible gift and tool from God. And the only way it is going to stay vibrant is if we make it that way. A pastor is only one part of a church. One part of the Body of Christ. He or she can't do it alone...and God wouldn't want them to.

The same is true for this community. We are ALL a part of this body, which in turn helps the bigger body of believers.

If you have ever tried to explain the Emmaus weekend to someone who has never been involved, it's a difficult task. Because it is so powerful, so moving, and different for every single one of us. That's how our daily walk should be. We are all children of the creator of the universe. That's awesome! And what's more is that HE chose each one of us to go into the world and make more disciples. What does that mean? That He believes in us, that He has faith in us. He brought this community together to have an impact on our families, communities, and churches. That is an awesome tool...that I myself haven't used nearly as often as I should. But I want to change that, we need to change that.

So, since my position is to organize these gatherings, I am asking this community to help think of new ideas for increasing our attendance here and on walks. Do you have ideas for speakers? How we can better utilize our resources to stay in contact with our community that is close to 1000 members? Just think about what 1000 believers, equipped with the tools from the Emmaus can do for the Kingdom of God!

Any ideas of any kind, please contact Jen Crawford at (989)619-9972 or tucker0421@yahoo.com

## NORTHEAST EMMANUEL EMMAUS BOARD



There were several vacancies on the Board of Directors for our Emmaus community. These positions have finally been filled. The Northeast Emmanuel Emmaus Community Board will have to fill a few seats this summer due to the end of term for some board members. Please begin to pray over those within the community that may be candidates for the upcoming voting season. Don't forget to be open to the possibility that God may call you to serve on the board for a 3 year term.

Please submit those names to any current board member and/or call Stacy Todd at (989)731-0940 e-mail to stb10@hotmail.com

## CURRENT NEE BOARD MEMEBERS

The following are the current NEE Board members and their responsibilities:

<b>Jeff Coburn</b>	Chairman
<b>Dan Dupuis</b>	Vice-Chair
<b>Jim Crum</b>	Secretary
<b>Nancy Ross</b>	Treasurer
<b>Barb Sewell</b>	Kitchen,Snack, Opening & Closing
<b>Pam Studer</b>	Housing, Facility Selection & Background Coordinator
<b>Camille &amp; Bill Yarbrough</b>	Auxillary, Dinning Room & Conference Room
<b>Meg Goerke</b>	Music & Candelight
<b>Lyle Studer</b>	Prayer Chapel, Sponsors Hour & Recruiting/Training of Walk Spiritual Directors
<b>Mitzi Riggs</b>	Sponsorship, Registration & 4 <sup>th</sup> Day Group Coordinator
<b>Stacy Todd</b>	Membership Database, Web Site, Promotions (communications)
<b>Jen Crawford</b>	Monthly Gatherings & Church Liaison Coordinator
<b>Carole Crum</b>	Agape Room & Agape Coordinator

## WE RECEIVE FROM GOD BY FAITH

MATTHEW 9:29 NKJ  
29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

Have you ever wondered why God blessed someone -- when it was obvious they did

not deserve it? Do you wonder why you are not more blessed -- even though you are doing your best to be a good Christian?

The answer is faith. We do not receive from God based on what we deserve, but on what we believe. Abraham believed this, and because he believed, he was blessed (Gal. 3:9 ICB). It is the same today. All who believe today are blessed just as Abraham was blessed.

Our receiving from God is not based on our works, but on God's grace. We have access to God's grace by our faith -- not through our merit. "through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand . . ." (Rom. 5:2 NKJ) Many try to earn something from God when He has already given us all things through Christ. Now by faith we must appropriate what God has provided.

Don't despair if your faith is not too strong. The cure for weak faith is to feed on the Word of God, the Bible. (Rom.10:17 NKJ) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

If you feed your heart and mind the Word of God, your faith will grow strong. You feed it in by reading it, hearing it, speaking it, and meditating on it.

SAY THIS: I will feed on God's Word and my faith will grow. Then I will receive all God has for me.

