

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings,

One of the things that the Emmaus movement emphasizes is the idea that we are all part of the Body of Christ. We all have our talents, our gifts, our specialties. By the same token we all have our quirks, our "habits" (for lack of a better word), and quite frankly some of us get on each other's nerves from time to time. To help put this in perspective see if you recognize anyone in this story simply called "The Carpenter's Tools":

"Brother Hammer served as the chairman. The other members of the tool belt informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But brother Hammer said, "If I have to leave this carpenter's shop, then brother Gimlet must go too. He's insignificant and makes a very small impression." (A gimlet is a small tool with a screw point, grooved shank, and a cross handle for boring holes).

Little brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but brother Screwdriver must go also. You have to turn him around and around to get anywhere with him."

Brother Screwdriver turned to the other tools in the belt and said, "If you wish, I will go, but brother Plane must leave too. All of his work is on the surface; there's no depth to what he does."

To this brother Plane leveled his terse reply, "Well, then, brother Saw will have to depart too. The changes he proposes always cut too deep."

Brother Saw complained, saying, "Brother Ruler will have to withdraw if I leave, for he's always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right."

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

September Gathering

September 14th 6:15pm

Apison United Methodist Church
4404 Bill Jones Road

Dinner: Bring a covered dish. Join the
Community for food, fellowship & worship.

October Gathering

October 14th – TBA

2009-2010 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

Please be in prayer for these Walks and plan to participate!

Crossroads: September 10-13 2009	LD's, Connie Bowman and Tony Parker
Men's Walk: September 24-27 2009	Lay Director, Damon Riggs
Women's Walk: October 22-25 2009	Lay Director, Penny Hynes
Girls' Chrysalis: November 5-7 2009	Lay Director, Lori Bailey
Men's Walk: Spring 2010	Lay Director, Mike Anderson
Crossroads: Fall 2010	LD's Susan Crocker and David Smith
Girls' Chrysalis: Fall 2010	Lay Director, Michelle Patrick

AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

24 (minimum)	bed agape	36 (minimum)	conference room agape
60 (minimum)	Meal agape		

WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT!! PLEASE BRING AGAPE TO GATHERINGS

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In memory of Sherri Noble by Myra and Jerry Wilhelm
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INFORMATION ABOUT DYING MOMENTS

The Upper Room Handbook shows a change made in the way "Dying Moments" is to be handled in the "Means of Grace" talk. The bread broken and surrendered at the foot of the cross by each Pilgrim will be placed in a basket or bowl and left at the foot of the cross. It will not be used during the Communion following. Then the clergy will take a second loaf of bread to break and serve as the Lord's Supper following the "Means of Grace" talk.

Brother Ruler then surveyed the group and said, "Brother Sandpaper doesn't belong here either. He's rougher than he ought to be, and is always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on His tool belt and went to the workbench to make a pulpit. He employed the ruler, the saw, the plane, the hammer, the gimlet, the screwdriver, the sandpaper, and all the other tools. When the day's work was over, the pulpit was finished, and the carpenter went home. All the accusations against each of these tools were absolutely true, yet the carpenter used every one of them. No matter which tool He used, no other tool could have done the work better."

1 Corinthians 3:9 says "For we are God's fellow workers..." Each of us has a purpose, ability, and a task to perform. That is the Body of Christ.

DeColores, Steve

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Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!

September Gathering – September 14th – Apison United Methodist

September 10 – 13: Crossroads

October Gathering – October 12th - TBA