



# Billings Walk to Emmaus News

December Edition 2009

*Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...*

## Christmas Greetings to You and Yours from the W2E Board of Directors!

*The calendar year is coming to a close, but our Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis year is gearing up. The deadline for Walk Applications is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time now to get your application in for processing before the Christmas Season is upon you. Applications are on the web.*

## Volunteers Needed

*Lay Coordinators are in need of helpers for both the Men's and Women's Weekends. The first opportunity to serve comes Thursday morning January 14<sup>th</sup> for setting up cots and moving furniture from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The second opportunity would be on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> to help clean up and move furniture back into place from 4:30 pm until 7:00 p.m. Please contact Al Evans at 656-9471 or John Gates at 652-3407 if you can be of assistance.*

*If you are able to provide snacks for the men's or women's weekend please contact Jan & Steve Jones at 672-4797 or 373-5228.*

## AGAPE Change!

*The only Agape drop this year is at FUMC 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. entrance and the alley entrance at FUMC.*

## Mark Your Calendars

*Walk to Emmaus Gathering Schedule 2009 – 2010  
Board Meetings (5:30 pm) and  
Gatherings (7:00 pm) are held at FUMC*

*December 10, 2009*

*Lay Directors: Carol and Dennis Lawrence*

*January 2010*

*No gathering: Work the Walk Weekends!*

*Men's: January 14-17 Women's: January 21-24*

*February 2010*

*Potluck: Feb. 6*

*Chrysalis: Feb. 12-14, FUMC*

*March 11, 2010*

*Chrysalis: John Goodheart & Crew*



*April 8, and May 13, 2010 TBA*

*\*\* Babysitting Services will NO LONGER be provided UNLESS you call ahead to register your child with Karen Norton prior to the gathering. We have had low or no attendance of children, while still employing a monthly babysitter. We are happy to provide the service as needed.*

*Calling all snack lovers, we need you to share your talents with us. Coffee and water provided. Call Karen Norton, gathering coordinator, @ 671-6480 to sign up to bring your favorite yummy to a gathering.*

# Chrysalis News

Emmaus Community,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Chrysalis to bring you up to speed on what our teenage counterpart is up to. Chrysalis #51 is quickly approaching! This great weekend for high school-aged youth (sophomores through seniors) will be held February 12-14, 2010 at First United Methodist Church here in Billings. If you have never seen a Chrysalis in action, I encourage you to come down and check out the weekend, lend a hand in background, and be part of this amazing ministry. It's no secret in scripture that Jesus had a soft spot in his heart for children, and I can guarantee you that you will be able to see why if you come to meet these awesome youth!

This weekend, much like the Walk weekend, takes a lot of careful and prayerful planning and preparation, and we are enlisting the services of you, our "parent" counterpart to carry out our ministry to youth. There's a saying; it takes a village to raise a child, and likewise, it takes a village of willing Emmaus adults to carry out God's ministry to the youth participants at Chrysalis. There are four specific needs we are asking of you this year:

1) **Prayer.** Just like The Walk, Chrysalis is held up by the spiritual backbone of prayer we receive before, during and after the weekend. God has blessed us so many years with people who continue to pray for this ministry, and prayer is the essential core to our weekend.

**Candidates.** Over the course of the last few years, Chrysalis has had several changes. One significant change is the breaking from one Montana/Wyoming community to two separate communities in the states respectively. Since this change, our candidate numbers have been low. We are capable, with our team, to incorporate 35 male and 35 female candidates, and we would like to reach this goal this year. We cannot do this without you, so please prayerfully consider sponsoring.

- 2) **your child, grandchild, friend's child, or acquaintance this year to Chrysalis #51.** To register, visit [www.chrysalismtwy.com](http://www.chrysalismtwy.com). If you have trouble or do not have internet access, please contact John Goodheart, Chairman of the Board (860-2392), and he will be able to assist you.
- 3) **Background Support.** As I said before, if you have never seen a Chrysalis in action, please come down and see us in February. If you would like to help with a specific committee or have questions about being a part of the background team, please call Joe and Rachel Coombs, Head Background couple (861-8788, 208-4567) for more information.
- 4) **Donations.** As you probably all have felt yourself, the rising cost of food (and everything else) has put a strain on everyone's budget, and that includes weekend budgets like Chrysalis. Many organizations have answered by raising the price of the weekends to offset the cost. After careful consideration, our board has elected not to raise our cost of the weekend for candidates this year. This decision is largely due to the fact that most of our youth candidates are sponsored by their friends, other youth, who cannot afford to pay any more than they already are to sponsor someone. Because of this, we are asking for your willingness to help co-sponsor candidates. If you are willing to assist financially, please contact John Goodheart, Chairman of the Board (860-2392) or any Chrysalis board member for more information.

Thank you for your support and your diligence in keeping Chrysalis a priority ministry in your hearts.

Blessings, Carlene Goodheart  
Board Secretary, Chrysalis

## **NOW'S THE TIME!**

*How quickly time flies! Both the men's and women's teams are in the final meeting stages and the excitement for the Walks has begun!*

*This is just a reminder that before we get busy with holiday plans and all that goes into it, we pause and make a special effort to be aware of any little "nudge" we may be feeling and pray about whom we could sponsor. If you missed the Sponsorship Class this fall, call a Board member and request a Sponsorship booklet . . . it will answer all sponsorship questions you may have.*

*This is also a good time to "touch base" with people you have sponsored in the past. They will be glad to hear from you and you can find out if they are Grouping and encourage them to come to the Gatherings and stay involved.*

*I have heard from some ladies recently who would like to Group, but schedules have been a problem. If anyone fits in that category, please call and I will put your Grouping needs in the Newsletter. Who knows, there may be others with whom your schedule would fit perfectly.*

*There are a few Grouping options right now. The Decorations Committee meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and has turned this meeting into a "Group". If this could work for you, please contact Estelle Whitmeyer at 259-7888 to help with decorations and Group at the same time. Sounds like fun! . Also, there are openings in a Monday 8:30 A.M. Group and a Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Group. Please call Lily Moore at 252-6789 for more details. Please call me with any Grouping needs you may have.*

*May God continue to bless our Groups.  
Sally Samson, Grouping Committee  
Ph: 656-7570 Email: sjsamson@bresnan.net*

## **Serving at the Walk**

*Ephesians 6: 7-8 "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does..."*

*The Walk to Emmaus would not happen if it were not for all the volunteers who so graciously and lovingly give of their time, talents and resources before, during and after the actual weekends.*

*However, there is a certain reality that we all need to be reminded of. As you know food costs continue to rise and the purchase of the groceries needed for the meals is one of the largest costs of each weekend. Each committee chairman is aware that they need to contact the kitchen staff as to how many of their members will be eating each day and this definitely has been a help to know how many "extra" meals need to be prepared. And I believe most of you are also aware during the weekends there is a "cookie jar" for meal donations outside of the kitchen. The main concern of the kitchen staff for both weekends is Saturday evening when the amount of volunteers staying for dinner nearly doubles. We just need to remember we are all there to serve the candidates. It is their weekend. We as volunteers should not expect to receive our meals until the candidates and inside team have been served. All of us want the weekends to be a blessing to the candidates and by our patience we can also help a dedicated kitchen staff. So, we want to encourage everyone who volunteers to just be reminded they are there to serve (not to be served). Christ is King and He truly is present during the weekends, so come, enjoy and be prepared to be a servant!!!*

*Psalms 135: 1 "Praise the name of the Lord, praise him, you servants of the Lord..." God's blessing to everyone and may you all have a Christ centered Christmas Season. Gerri Rowe*

## **Background Team**

**Kitchen: Men: Ziggy Ziegler  
Women: Kathy Johnson & Virginia Power**

**Picnic: Men: Doreen Gates  
Ladies: Delinda Burke**

**Snacks: Men: Steve Jones and Group  
Ladies: Jan Jones & Sheila Heine**

**Agape: Men: Rich Mankle  
Ladies: Angie Ostermiller & Becky Meisenheimer**

**International Agape: Both: Rena Sandine**

**Decorations:  
Men and Ladies: Leanne Dutton & Delinda Burke**

**Registration: Men: Jack Sampson Ladies: Jeri Anton**

**Name Tags: Both: Don & Carol Andrews**

**Musicians:  
Men: Dave Oltrogge, Clark Martin, Tom Blakenship  
Ladies: Jan Maxwell & Sandy Mrachek**

**Photographer: Both: Jens Selvig**

**Pre walk registration: Both: Sue Davidson & Lilly Moore**

**Lay Coordinators: Men: Al Evans & John Gates  
Ladies: Diane Hutzenbiler & Jule Glasrude**

**Prayer Vigil: Both: Jim Baker & Mary Krenik**

**Rise and Shine: Men: \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies: Marty Carlson**

**Candlelight: Men: Gary Glasrude  
Ladies: Jennifer Grim & Jewel Sorlie**

**Background Coordinator:  
Men: \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies: Betty Anderson**

**Sponsorship Service Musicians:  
Men: Paul Strosky & Rick Zimmerman  
Ladies: Betty Anderson & Paul Strosky**

## **2009-2010 Team**

**Men's Team: Dan Vaughn, Dave Armstrong, David Legare, Russell Fagg, Fred Gunville, Fred Henslin, Yurii Hanson, Gary Broyles, Gary Weickum, John Felton, Tim McBride, Scott Severance, Murray Brumwell, Dan Poling, Darrell Ehrlich, Randy Sorkness.**

**Ladie's Team: Amy Escene, Cheryl Mankle, Chris Perrault, Denise Baltus, Michele Eder, Janine Serfazo, Joan Quick, Joletta Carlson, Karen Poling, Kathy Anderson, Kris McFaygean, Kristi Pettis Osterlund, Vicki Stevens, Nancy Barbula, Pam Huskey, Laurie Swartz**

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PO Box 1975, Billings, MT 59103**

**\* Please code your payments as donation or for candidate payment**

2010 Men's Walk to Emmaus: **Jan 14-17**      2010 Women's Walk to Emmaus: **Jan 21-24**

**Application Deadline: December 15th**

**TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT: (Please type or print clearly)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: M\_\_\_ S\_\_\_ D\_\_\_ W\_\_\_ Sep'd\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_ Age\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

If married, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In what church activities are you involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your sponsor explained the Walk to Emmaus to you (and your spouse)? \_\_\_\_\_

Special diet requirements? \_\_\_\_\_ Medications? \_\_\_\_\_ Other Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**(Prescribed medications must NOT be shared no matter what the circumstance is; it is against the law!)**

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person in case of emergencies (other than spouse):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to have my name appear on printed Walk to Emmaus participants' lists.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (This list is not sold or given away.)

Please enclose a **non-refundable pre-registration deposit of \$10, payable to Walk to Emmaus.**

**PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SPONSOR IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND**

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Registrar's Office Use Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Position No \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposit Received \_\_\_\_\_