



Southern Ohio Emmaus Rainbow Connection March 2026

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

The entire Bible is filled with love, Godly love from Genesis through Revelation. Perhaps that is why it is so hard to decipher, we look through our lens of humanness and not Godly. The NKJV Describes Godly love and what our love as God's children should look like, "Love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, it is

not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Cor. 4-8) If that is the type of love God requires of us, I guarantee, he has given us the ability to. Every one of us who have taken the Emmaus walk knows and have had the privilege of witnessing God's AMAZING love and how it can transform the hardest of hearts especially if we serve on a team. We are STRUGGLING to fill roles on our teams because people need to be reminded almost daily of what God has done for them and now it is their turn to ask, "God, what can I do for you?" ...

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Those writing articles, those sitting on the Emmaus Board, those putting walks together, those putting behind the scene teams, do it out of love and their belief that Jesus' genuine love CAN and WILL change lives and grow the church stronger as you take your experience and share it and grow in it!

God does not need you but He sure WANTS you! Your family members, your neighbors, your co-workers, that stranger you met or yet to meet, needs to see that Jesus is REAL and that is the testimony YOU carry. The blessings that He has bestowed upon you and the love He fills your heart with because their eternal destiny will be Heaven or hell. God has placed you here for such a time as this.

John 15:13,

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

You have received the GREATEST gift, Jesus, and experienced his love on your Emmaus Walk.

Isn't it time to

lay down your life (step out and serve in an Emmaus role on the upcoming Walks and/or sign up on the 24 hour Prayer Vigil? Souls depend on your response.

DeColores,

Pastor Sharon Slowter

Emmaus Women's Walk #8 Table of Mary

Thank you for saying YES to God's calling: Conference Room Team of Southern Ohio Women's Walk #73:

SD Sharon Slowter

ASD Sheryl Rawlings

LD Fonda Welker

LDT Peggy Crane

BR Suzette Wallace

ALD Amy Ream

ALD Vickie Bender

ALD Pam Krumm

MD Nickie Smith

AMD Penny Peters Guest

TL Mallory Gonyer

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TL Jody Stevens

ATL Debbie Goslin

TL Val Groce

ATL Judy Wilson

TL Cindy Harrison

ATL Tracie McDaniel

TL Rhonda Stone

ATL Kim Fletcher

Thank you for the **AGAPE, LOGISTICS** and **KITCHEN** Teams for Southern Ohio Women's Walk #73:
Dwyane Hawk Ross Wyatt Rheinscheld Zach Hendrick Ken Jacobson Chris Stone
Teresa Garey Kelly Hina Jo Price Theresa Hondshelt Helen Doucet
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Share Groups

So, you just had one of the most incredible experiences of your life by going on a "Walk to Emmaus!" You made great friends, shared incredible highs, healed some longtime hurts, learned how valuable that you are in the eyes of God, made some new commitments to yourself and God, and now have a burning desire to continue some of your Emmaus experiences. What do you do now?

This is where a "share group" comes into the picture. A share group is a small group of people, no more than about half a dozen or so, that have all been on an Emmaus Walk. And just like on Emmaus Walks, there are share groups just for men and share groups just for women. They will typically meet on a weekly basis. Share groups are kept small for several reasons. A small group leads to greater intimacy, connection, bonding, and sharing. With a small group, everyone gets a chance to speak what is on their heart and mind. A small number of people also keep the time that you need to meet short. Just like at your table during your Walk, with a small number of people in your share group, you will become a small community.

One of the greatest things about being in a small community is that they look out for one another. People in share groups do not just share the mountaintop experiences with their group. They share when they are going through the valleys and desert places as well. And when we are in the valleys or the desert, like we all experience at times, your group will be there to pray for you, help carry your emotional burdens, comfort you, and encourage you! You will quickly learn in your share group that you are not walking this path alone. Your brothers and sisters in Christ will be walking the path with you!

What should you do if you want to be in a share group? You can start your own with some of the people that were on your Walk. They can be either your fellow pilgrims or conference room team members or both. In order for the group to work long term, everyone in the group would need to live in a relatively small geographic location. It will not work if people have to drive long distances in order to participate. You could meet in each other's homes, a coffee shop or restaurant, or possibly your church.

What do you do if no one from your Walk lives in your area? Contact me, your Southern Ohio Emmaus Good Shepherd, and I will try to find a local share group for you to participate in. God never intended for our Christian walk to be a solitary one. He designed us to be in fellowship with both Him and other believers. An Emmaus share group is an amazing way to travel the Christian path with fellow Christians that will strengthen you and become your best friends!

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Greetings Emmaus Family!

My Emmaus journey began on Walk #56. I have met many new brothers and sisters in Christ that I never knew I had. I have forged lifelong friendships (there are big ships and small ships, but the best ships are friendships!).

I want you all to think about and answer this question.... What would you do if God called YOU? Would you answer, would you hang up, would you return a call, would you ignore the call or message, would you make excuses?

That is exactly what is happening when you are called to work a walk (in any capacity)! It is God calling YOU! Sure, a human is making a call, but it is God's call to you.

Remember your walk and what was said to you when you received your cross....

"Christ is counting on YOU!"

You can't spell Jesus without "U", and you can't spell Jesus without "US". In addition, you can't spell Emmaus without "U" and you can't spell Emmaus without "US". It takes a village or in this instance a Community!

Each and every time I have worked a walk, I have been blessed all over again!

If you can't work a walk for various reasons, please consider showing up for send-off to support the pilgrims on their journey. Show up for candlelight (remember your walk and how special that was?). Show up for closing and hear the testimonies and stick around and help clean up and load the trailer. Those that have worked all weekend are tired and ready to get home to their family. Many hands make for light work. If nothing else, sign up for a space or 2 on the 72-hour prayer vigil. We can all pray! Please consider how you can serve and answer HIS call! I leave you with the following parable...

SOMEBODY, EVERYBODY, ANYBODY & NOBODY

Fred SOMEBODY, Thomas EVERYBODY, Peter ANYBODY and Joe NOBODY were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you would not have enjoyed worshiping with them.

EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit with friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship but was afraid SOMEBODY wouldn't speak to him, So, guess who went to church- uh-huh-NOBODY.

Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did the visitation; NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it, and ANYBODY thought SOMEBODY would do it. And you know who did it? That's exactly right.... NOBODY!!

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) moved into the area. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him for Christ. ANYBODY could have made an effort. You probably know who finally won him: NOBODY!

This little parable brings to focus again the fact that each of us is personally responsible for God's work. If we leave it for SOMEBODY or EVERYBODY or ANYBODY, NOBODY will do it. NOBODY can do EVERYTHING, but EVERYBODY can do SOMETHING.

Read it and read it again.

Don't be a Nobody... Be a somebody who tells everybody and anybody about Jesus!

If you have never been contacted to work and you want to work, please get in touch with a current board member. There is always work to be done!

DeColores!

Dwayne Hawk
SOEMW#56 Table of Mark
Logistics Chair

Celebrating Our New Emmaus Pilgrims

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the newest members to our Southern Ohio Emmaus community who recently completed their 3-Day Walk with The Walk to Emmaus. What a blessing it is to hear that the Holy Spirit was moving throughout the weekend as these pilgrims stepped away from the busyness of daily life to draw closer to Christ.

During the Walk, participants share in worship, prayer, meaningful discussion, and fellowship while reflecting on God's grace and their call to Christian discipleship. The Emmaus experience reminds us that we are never alone on our faith journey and that God continually calls us to serve in love.

We joyfully welcome our new pilgrims into our Southern Ohio Emmaus - Fourth Day community. We encourage everyone to reach out, welcome them warmly, and support them as they continue their faith journey through reunion groups, gatherings, and service.

Please join us in celebrating and praying for our newest Emmaus pilgrims:

Julie A. Brenda B. Jen B. Kyleigh B. Betty C.

Susan C. Jennifer H. Loni Marie K Barb M Katie S.

Ariel S.

May their Fourth Day be filled with continued growth, friendship, and opportunities to share Christ's love in the world.

Our next Emmaus Gathering will be held at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at The Plains UM Church, 3 N. Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio 45780**. We encourage all new pilgrims to connect with your sponsor and have them help make arrangements for you to attend this special time of fellowship and reunion with the Southern Ohio Emmaus community.

We look forward to celebrating your Fourth Day journey together.

DeColores! 

Kim Reed

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