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NEWSLETTER
... Strengthening the Local Church

Get Jesus Right

Well it is that time again, changing of the guard for SONrise Emmaus with a new Community Lay Director. I would like to thank the community for the opportunity to serve our Lord and Savior in this capacity. I would also like to thank the outgoing board and committee members for their dedicated service to the Emmaus community and to the returning as well as incoming board and committee members for agreeing to serve in these leadership roles. I know these roles are demanding, but they are also rewarding... *for he who serves the Lord will truly be blessed.*

As we begin a new Emmaus year, we should all include as one of our resolutions to allow Jesus to take control. Making Jesus a priority in our life is a major step in changing our world and helping strengthen our churches. I would like to share a story I read in my hometown church newsletter.

A father wanted to read the paper, but was being bothered by his young daughter, Valarie. Finally he tore a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Valarie and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Valarie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus right, then the world came out right."

How true, when we get Jesus right, or get right with Jesus, our world will come out right. Let's all help our world come out right by getting right with Jesus and making Jesus our number one priority. One way of doing that is staying active in your church, another is staying active in the Emmaus community and I encourage you to do both. Being active in the Emmaus community includes attending gatherings, supporting walks, participating in reunion groups and saying "Yes!" when asked to serve in one of the board or committee positions as well as serving on Emmaus teams. Sponsoring is also a great way to demonstrate our love for Christ and improve our world through strengthening the local church. Each person you sponsor takes back a renewed spirit to his church and helps magnify Christ's work in our world.

I wish a very prosperous and happy 2005 to each of you.
Rick Shaver, Community Lay Director

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest fields.
Luke 10:2