

# The Emmaus News

**Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.**

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From our Community Lay Director....

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philipians 4: 6*

Change is the law of life. Our communities have lived with constant change over the Spring and Summer. Seems we take 3 steps forward and then 1 step back. Our communities and state hold many uncertainties for the upcoming months.

The Emmaus Board met and with all the uncertainties and unknowns for the next months ahead, with much prayer, it was decided to cancel the Fall Walks in October. The board wants to thank Jeff Sutton and Sue Putterill for all the hard work they have put into the Men and Women's Spring and Fall Walks that had to be cancelled. Also, the board would like to thank all team members for the hard work going into serving on team. The community will look forward to the Spring Walks in 2021.

The August Gathering will be held at Cornerstone Church in Seymour on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00 pm. The Gathering will be held outside so please bring your lawn chairs. There are also picnic tables available to sit if you prefer. There will be no snacks or food, just a time for praise and worship. The Gathering will also be "Live Streamed" to the community. If during the next several weeks, it is mandated that we go back to small groups, the gathering will still be Live Streamed.

Please bring your mask.

Please pray for the teachers and kids as they return to school over the next several weeks and face many changes for the next upcoming months.

Blessings,

Venetia Green , Community Lay Director



From our Community Spiritual Director...

We praise Jesus as the Victor over the grave! And He will finally triumph over evil! So it's no surprise that we don't like to hear the word "surrender". For those who surrender, there are no parades, no medals, & no songs of praise.

But for a disciple of Jesus, "surrender" is essential! That's when we take our desires, plans and timing, and lay them at the throne of our Savior. That's when we put Jesus in charge, giving Him control of our future.

Paul even wrote about surrendering our own freedoms at times (discussed in 1 Corinthians 8). Can his words apply to this pandemic and its resulting restrictions? While the controversy swirls around how to best respond to the virus, disciples can also consider Paul's option of surrendering our rights and freedoms for the sake of others.

However you choose to respond to these challenging days of restrictions, be sure your response is out of your trust in Jesus and your possible surrender to the needs of others.

**DeColores,**

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director.....

It is with great sadness that the Chrysalis Board has made the difficult decision to postpone the Chrysalis flight until Spring of 2021. It was not a decision made lightly, but it is important to keep our teen community safe and this is the best decision that could be made. The next Chrysalis flight will be held March 26 - March 29, 2021 at Camp Hilltop. Please be in prayer for our community as we strive to come up with a safe way to hold a flight in the Spring that will share God's love with the caterpillars.

Fly with Christ,  
Shelley McAlister

## The Ball is in YOUR Court - Team Selection

Excerpts taken from "Awaken" by Priscilla Shirer

Isaiah 6:9 - I heard the voice of the Lord, saying "Whom shall I send and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Junior high volleyball was my activity of choice. Four practices weekly and weekend games kept me - and my parents - busy. The camaraderie garnered among the team members was a bonus. We weren't a winning team. Our record left much to be desired. But, we looked great! Our red and white uniformed tops, anchored by the long culottes allowed by the conservative Christian school policy, made us look successful. But, the truth is, we weren't bringing home many trophies. And this is why...

There was nothing more exhilarating than seeing that white leather "Wilson" branded ball fly over the weathered net and into our territory. We couldn't wait to return the serve with a "bump-set-spike" routine that would cause the other team to reel at our power and organization. We'd ready ourselves in an impressive formation with our hands clasped and ready to break the ball's descent to the ground. Several of us would zero in on it and circle the area like sharks around a school of tasty fish. With our eyes upward, we'd each call out, "*I've got it! I've got it!*" All three or four voices would ring out in enthusiastic unison assuring our other teammates, and those watching from the stands, that this ball would be taken care of.

*Here it comes. It's close now. "I'VE GOT IT!"* We yelled it one more time with passion and purpose, so emphatically that we persuaded the other team members that we actually had it. So, one by one, each of us abandoned our pursuit convinced that someone else was coming.

### **But nobody came.**

It is that time of year when we start preparing for the selection of new board members for Emmaus. Are you like the person on the volleyball team that might yell out "I've got it!" so others can hear, but end up stepping back in hopes that someone else will step in? Surely another person is better positioned to take on this task, more qualified, better prepared, better trained. Surely someone else is that kind of person who best fits what God wants done. We step aside and the ball of God's calling comes crashing down.

God might be softening your heart toward serving on the Emmaus board. This is your opportunity to engage. It is your invitation to respond and join in His work. Don't step back, don't recoil. This ball is for you. Don't just think about getting it, talk about getting it, or circle in close proximity to it. Can you tell the ball is coming into your court? Then it probably means the time for action is now. Reach out to discuss serving on the Emmaus board starting in 2021. There are several positions that will be opening.

I Peter 4:10 - As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**DeColores,**

Kim Bieker, Team Selection, [klbieker@yahoo.com](mailto:klbieker@yahoo.com) 812-371-4584



Dear Emmaus Community,

Even though we cannot be together at this time, we can still be at work making agape for our pilgrims. Just remember only nonperishable items at this time since the agape will be used for the spring walks. Consider making perishables like the yummy chocolates closer to the walk. You will want them to be fresh.

Thanks in advance for the love you share on the weekend.

Blessings in the Lord,  
Cheryl & Debbie, Agape Sisters



We are slowly coming out of quarantine and trying to feel our way back to "normalcy" whatever that looks like for now. The one thing that will help us keep our sanity & peace is Jesus. We need regular alone time with Him; studying His Word, telling Him all about our day ahead & pastimes that affect today; asking for forgiveness, His guidance, wisdom & peace (to name a few of what we need). And the best way to keep accountable for our regular times with Him is a small group. In Emmaus Communities that is the Reunion Group. This is where we meet regularly (at your chosen time frame) with fellow travelers, discuss the ups & downs of the intervening time since the last meeting, & holding each other up in prayer (not only that day, but every day).

We have a Reunion Group database now so we can help get everyone who wants to be involved, to grow in their faith, to be held accountable for growing, to find a group. We have some who have gone online and filled out the form. It is quick & painless (I promise). But we need so many more to sign in. So here is the link: [Columbus IN Emmaus Reunion Group Survey](#)

Just click on it and fill out the short survey with your information. That's it. Short & sweet!

THANK YOU!

Marsha Rodenberger, Sponsorship & Reunion Groups

**The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.**

**You may download one at:**

**[Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application](#)**

**[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)**



## Community Gatherings...

August Gathering ~ Friday, August 21st, 7 pm

Cornerstone Community Church, [1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour](#)

Gathering outside ~ Bring your own lawn chairs, masks, NO food or snacks, please ~ This will be viewable via Live Stream on Facebook if you are not comfortable being 'in person' ~ We need to praise our awesome Lord together ~ socially distancing, of course ~

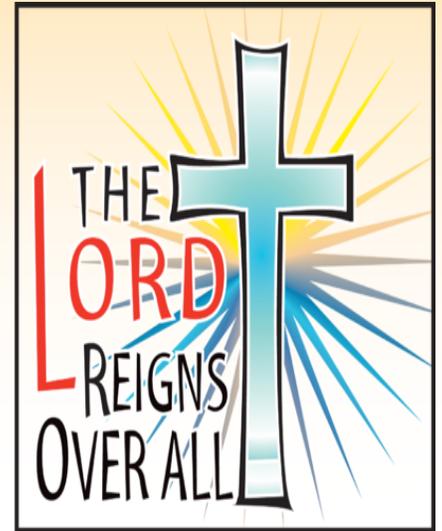
## Fall 2020 Flights & Walks Cancelled

### Spring 2021 Flights & Walks

Chrysalis Flights #77 & #78 ~ March 27 ~ 29, 2021

Emmaus Men's Walk #117 ~ April 8 ~ 11, 2021

Emmaus Women's Walk #118 ~ April 15 ~ 18, 2021



## Board Meetings

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, August 11th, 6:00 pm @ The Rock,

[3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus](#)

**Emmaus** - Saturday, August 8th, 9:00 am, via zoom



We are on  
Facebook!



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Emmaus Information Page (for community members)

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