



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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A Note from our Community Lay Director...

Dear Emmaus Community,

What a blessing our Springs Walks were and this just on the heels of an amazing Chrysalis weekend! God was indeed present and actively working in the hearts of our pilgrims & caterpillars. The words captured from closing(s) give testimony to the greatness of our God and the impact of lives being changed for eternity. In case you missed it, here's a recap:

This blew me away; the love was off the charts! ~ ~ ~ It felt like I was being cradled in the arms of God. ~ ~ ~ This was the single most amazing weekend I have ever experienced in my life. ~ ~ ~ The best part is what I dreaded the most - unplugging from my phone. ~ ~ ~ It is easier facing you today than it was facing God yesterday. ~ ~ ~ You were wasting money on the candles because your faces glowed. (Speaking of Candlelight) ~ ~ ~ Trust, walking out knowing I can trust God. ~ ~ ~ I have let go of the past and have a new chapter with Christ. ~ ~ ~ I am a survivor and I am going to tell my story! ~ ~ ~ I have given up the hurt and failure of the past after 34 years. ~ ~ ~ I am going to start loving myself like God does. ~ ~ ~ This is the most significant thing in my life, my new life! ~ ~ ~ I've been released from my own personal prison. ~ ~ ~ Total surrender - I will step into the calling I know God has on my life. ~ ~ ~ These 3 days have been like a cool drink of water.

Surrender, trust, freedom, life-change - these were consistent themes as each individual shared. I pray that through these testimonies we will be reminded of our own Emmaus pilgrimage - and that our hearts also will be rekindled to love as He loves, to serve as He served, and to live in His grace each day.

God's Blessings,

Brenda Stoner
Community Lay Director

*Luke 24:32 - They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us while
He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*



A Note from our Community Spiritual Director ...

Many of you have served as prayer partners in the Prayer Chapel during Walks. It is a wonderful act of agape to support a speaker during his/her talk in the Conference Room. And often in the past we've tried to allow that prayer partner to hear the talk even as they pray.

But technical issues with that link to the speaker continue to crop up, and your Board believes that it might just be time (God's timing?) to make a helpful change in our practice.

So the Prayer Chapel at our Walks will become even more a place of prayer! While you won't be able to hear the talk, we encourage each prayer partner to focus more fully not only on their speaker, but on all that's occurring that weekend. Use that precious time to also lift up each individual pilgrim, their sponsors, each Team member, the upcoming events of that day, the Community's involvement in the weekend, and the renewal of the Body of Christ.

As I continue to point out, especially with regard to the Prayer Chapel, "it's not about us!" We're there to impact that Walk through our intercessory prayers. My thanks to all of you who have served in the Prayer Chapel before, and to all of you still to be asked! Your prayers do make a difference.

Mike Seaney,
Community Spiritual Director



Dear Community, our Spring Walks were successes, largely due to good planning, lots of prayers by team and community alike and good sponsorship. Those who sponsored in the Spring, please do not forget your pilgrim may need your help in getting connected with a Reunion Group. They are certainly still in need of your prayers, as are all of us in need of prayer support. Aren't we glad we have each other to lean on?!

It is definitely not too soon to start praying for and talking to prospective pilgrims for the Fall Walks. "Who do You want me to sponsor?" would be a good place to start praying. "Is this the time for _____ to go?" Is another appropriate question. What is your question to pray? There is no question "IF" to sponsor, only "When" and "Whom."

I end by saying a heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors who accompanied their pilgrims to the 4th Day Meeting and the pilgrims who came on their own. We had a good turnout, lots of discussion and laughter. People stayed behind to help put the room back in order and to talk in small groups together. Amazing! We were even blessed with agape snacks! Thank you, Community!

May God continue to bless & keep you in His loving arms.

Marsha Rodenberger, Sponsorship / Reunion Groups

Lay Director's Report for Walk #111

Emmaus Walk #111 was an amazing time. We were blessed with talks that were absolutely God inspired. They met all the points and their personal testimonies touched the hearts of the pilgrims. Many of the pilgrims had been through many of these challenges in their own lives.

The only description for the Music Team is excellent! With songs and laughter, they kept all of us involved and were blessed by their great music.

The Kitchen and Agape were unbelievable. Great food and agape met all needs with quiet efficiency. All teams worked flawlessly to produce a smooth running walk.

As to the Pilgrims, they are what it is about, not us. Team made a commitment at training that it truly was all about the pilgrims and whatever we had to do to accomplish that, we would do. This was very evident in the pilgrims answering the two questions. The tool of Emmaus did what its purpose was supposed to do.

I especially want to thank my ALD's and Clergy team. Their support truly made this walk a great experience for me personally.

DeColores,

Russ Sutton, Lay Director Walk #111



Lay Director's Report for Walk #112

God generously poured out his grace on Walk 112 as many of you soaked the whole event in prayer. He pulled together just the right people in the perfect roles to show the pilgrims His amazing love. The Holy Spirit inspired each person to serve together as one body of Christ, preparing the way through the ALDs, mentoring from the board rep, setting the perfect mood with song selections, demonstrating unity and precision in the agape team, meeting individual needs at meal times, creating so many new and unforgettable skits, matching up the personalities at each table to form new bonds, and coming alongside each pilgrim as needed with spiritual guidance and encouragement.

What a privilege to be allowed to help God love these ladies! Psalm 139 tells us that God has been creating and loving each of them since the beginning, but we had the privilege of joining God in showering grace on them for 3 days. May each of these ladies continue to leave their burdens at the cross in daily dying moments. May each of them continue to find freedom and purpose in pursuing relationship with Jesus moment by moment. Please continue to lift up the ladies of Walk 112 in their 4th day as you begin to soak Bev Clark and the ladies of Walk 114 in prayer.

DeColores,

Beth Johnson, Lay Director Walk #112



Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights...



Fall Chrysalis Flights #73 and #74

Aug 31—Sept 2, 2019

Lay Directors ~ **Chuck and Michelle Bryant** @ Camp Hilltop
Currently taking Caterpillar applications!

Men's Walk #113

October 17—20, 2019

Lay Director **Tim Metz** @ Camp Lakeview
Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

Women's Walk #114

October 24—27, 2019

Lay Director **Bev Clark** @ Camp Lakeview
Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

~ Attention Chrysalis ~

Questions about the Bible? Your life?
Need some encouragement or fellowship?
Bible Study Opportunity ~ Chick-fil-A
Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 pm

Contact **Pastor Brian Buterbaugh**
812-371-6297



The Pilgrim and Caterpillar Applications are posted on the website. You may download it at

[Columbus Area Walk to Emmaus Pilgrim Application](#)

Community Gatherings

May - Friday, May 17, at 7 pm

[Brownstown Church - Nazarene, 616 W Commerce St, Brownstown](#)

A - M Bring Snacks and Drinks

FALL 2019 Flight & Walk Dates

Chrysalis Flight #73 & 74 Aug 31 - Sept 2

Emmaus Men's Walk #113 Oct 17 - 20

Emmaus Women's Walk #114 Oct 24 - 27



Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 pm @ The Rock, 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Col.

Emmaus - Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am @ Westside Community Church, Col.



We are on
[Facebook!](#)



**"I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears
much fruit; for without Me you can do
nothing."**

John 15:5

SEVERE WEATHER ALERT - - - If an Emmaus event is cancelled due to severe weather the community will be notified through the following sources: On our Website — www.columbusareaemmaus.community and an E-mail alert



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