

The Emmaus News



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From our Community Lay Director...

One of my favorite parts of the Emmaus Walks and the Chrysalis Flights is the closing. I enjoy hearing the answers to the two questions and seeing the events have achieved their purpose, to renew and reignite the fire in the souls of Christ followers.

I was not disappointed after the Spring events. All three camps reported sparks, flames, and a firestorm of love, forgiveness, and rededication.

Thanks so much to sponsors for your roles in getting the pilgrims registered and to camp. Your job is not over, however, as you need to continue to pray, check-in, and encourage their 4th day through texts, e-mails, calls, and visits. In fact, what a handy opportunity to go out for lunch or coffee.

Community, our jobs are not over either. We also need to pray for the fires to keep burning and to spread to others. Reach out to those you know and be part of the encouragement.

The Fall Walks will soon be upon us and we should already be praying for Perry Shepherd and Susan Criswell as they start the team selection process. It just keeps getting better and better. I am already "anticipating" the closings for Walk 129 and Walk 130.

De Colores,

Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director



From our Community Spiritual Director ...



Pentecost arrives at the end of this month! And our Worship services will undoubtedly include some songs about the Holy Spirit. So let me share a bit of the story about the writer of a "recent" song about the Spirit, who would have turned 100 this month!

Doris Akers was born on May 21, 1923, as a bi-racial African American. She became a gifted pianist and composer, who wrote over 500 Gospel songs in her career. In Los Angeles in 1958, she became the Choir Director of the Sky Pilot Radio Church. They produced a number of albums, and often their organist was a young Billy Preston.

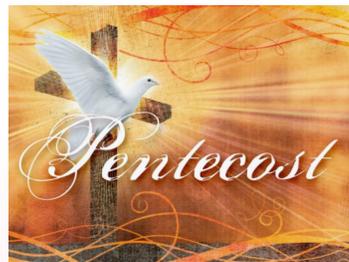
In 1962 she wrote the song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", which has made its way into many hymnals. By the 1980's and '90's, she often recorded songs with the Gaither organization. Known by many as "Miss Gospel Music", she passed away in 1995.

The Holy Spirit which gifted and inspired Doris is still active in the Body of Christ! We've all been gifted by that same Spirit, who daily inspires us too in our 4th Days. So friends, take courage in your service, and fearlessly put your gifts to work for God's glory!

Happy Pentecost!!

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

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From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director..

A few quotes at closing:

"The amount of support that we have is amazing, and that God will never leave me or forsake me."

"I have met so many people. This has opened my eyes up so much more. God's love is amazing."

"The three days have been really inspiring."

"I found my relationship with Christ again and I intend to share that with everyone."

"God can handle my anger. He wants that relationship with me."

Chrysalis is celebrating 34 new butterflies from flights 83 and 84. We are excited to see what Christ has planned for them. Cody and Jessica Mosier were Lay Directors and put together a wonderful team to help on the flights.

We are particularly grateful to the Emmaus community for their support at candlelight closing, with prayers and financially. Each of the new Butterflies received a new study Bible after the talk on Christian Growth through Study (supported by donations from the Emmaus community).

This past weekend we had a Chrysalis Rush that was well attended by about 50 youth. It was a nice way for the youth to have fun while they ate snacks, played games and reconnected with one another.

The next Flights will happen over the Labor Day weekend (September 2-4). The Lay Directors will be Jonah and Brittany Sullivan. Upper Room has rewritten the Three Day Schedule, and these flights will be the first time to use the new format.

Fly with Christ,
Sean McAlister



A hand-written note from our Chrysalis Lay Directors

(Because that's how they roll)

What to say?!?!
God did it!

He used a very imperfect people, who possess almost zero computer skills, to work this flight.
So... I am writing this in true Cody & Jessica's style! :)
Many hearts have been changed as a result of flights 83 & 84 but our old fashioned ways have not.

Wow!!! what a weekend we had. I personally have yet to get caught up on sleep, energy, or even getting my favorite pillow through the laundry and back on the bed. :5
But God!!!

Boy was he on the move! :v

At closing, I am always excited to hear what the butterflies are going to say. I have to admit that I was caught off guard when it seemed as though many of them had the same answer.

LOVE!

As I thought more about it, it came to me that if above all their answers were LOVE... something went right!

After all the Bible does say in Corinthians 13:13...
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is LOVE.

So much truth, strength, heart, passion, direction and self-sacrificing love was poured out by the team who served on this flight. We are so grateful for each and every member of this team. From the kitchen to the conference room, we were so very blessed. All of the hours planning, the hard work, the millions of questions that I would flood Shelley & Trish with... Not once did anyone treat me as if I was being a burden to them.

I said when I came on board with this task that I personally always steer clear of getting too close to "management" of any place. Simply, because I don't like to see the ugly come out in people that

I love (just being honest) but this experience exceeded all of my expectations. AND... it's true that I love you all even more now than when we started. :v Thank you!

At camp, my heart was overflowing with joy. I do believe God loves us in our own language. I can't see our own "LOVE language". He knows that I see his love through the "unexpected" things.

On day 1, I found that the tile in the center of the girls conference room had a broken piece of tile... and it was in the shape of a butterfly.

He also knows my deep love for music and boy were we beyond blessed by the hearts of worship on this flight.

I am sure that I was probably just paying closer attention this time but it just seemed to me like God opened the flood gates on the worship times. It felt like being at a revival as even the caterpillars broke out in song around the campfire.

I was sent some audio... 24 seconds... and I have listened to them singing the same line over and over everyday since the flight. I will treasure the sounds forever.

God has allowed me to see several butterflies or their families since the flight and each and every one has approached me. They seem to be more confident. Making full eye contact and with what I will call a "light" in their eyes. A boldness that feels new. Its amazing what God can do with our participation.

I believe God changed lives on flights 83 & 84 and I pray that we all can do a little part to follow up and help these kids continue to be bold. To help them in gaining the strength that it takes to get out of their comfort zones. To get comfortable being uncomfortable in order to share His LOVE to others.

We all got back together for the Rust. Again, that

totally exceeded our expectations!

There were more than 40 that attended. These kids are wanting to have fellowship with friends that are striving to Do What Jesus Did! :v It was an awesome turnout and I pray that some of us are able to continue to draw this group back together from time to time.

Social Media... love/hate relationship with it but on the positive... We have heard multiple kids say that they have created groups for accountability and studying the word with one another. Lets all pray for these new found friends to stick like glue moving forward. :v

Thank you ALL for all that you do and give to the Chrysalis Community. There are some mighty AMAZING teenagers rising up and saying "Yes." We cannot wait to see all that God will do with them. :v

Much Love,

Cody & Jessica
Mosier
Flights 83 & 84

Fly with Christ! :v



A note from our Women's Walk #128 Lay Director

Dearest Emmaus Community,

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!!

The theme of the weekend was LOVE. We felt it through prayers, agape, letters, and a million other ways from you all!!!

I was so honored and blessed to be The Lay Director for walk #128. I appreciate the great support from the board and the community to put this amazing walk on- it takes an army. Thank you sponsors for all of your time and efforts to sponsor these lovely ladies. We are blessed to have these former pilgrims, now new members in our Emmaus Community. They are on fire for the Lord!!!

The team God put together was a fantastic group of ladies and Brian too. They delivered!!! The talks were just what we needed to hear, the spiritual team was full of grace, the music team led us in beautiful worship to our God, the cooks in the kitchen kept us going with yummy food, the agape team took care of our every need with smiles, the table leaders and assistants bonded and were very supportive to the pilgrims, the board rep was taking care of all her many responsibilities with patience, our tech chick was excellent in all of her duties, and my ALD's were always at the ready and were my right hand gals.

We had many historic events- renaming the camp to Camp Loveview, a tornado watch, April fool's Day, and the longest, amazing Dying moments. Speaking of dying moments, we got rid of "yuck" and some of the lyrics God provided during were -Your Grace is enough, I surrender all, The healing has begun, and You are a good Father. The whole weekend was fantastic from send off to closing. God revealed Himself over and over. He is awesome!!! Thank you again, see you in His service,

Love Cindy Massey Lay Director Walk #128



Camp Loveview

Greetings from Tim and Julie Metz from the Emmaus Kitchen.

As Julie and I reflect on our Emmaus experience, it is good. Or as God said, "It is very good." Julie and I have a very warm attachment to the work in the kitchen and to all the people we have served with on the many Kitchen Teams.

With that being said, our community is in need of people willing to be Head Kitchen. It is time for us both to encourage other people to step into this important position as we phase out of it. Head Kitchen is hard work: both physical and mental. Our Emmaus Community needs more people who are able and willing to accept this responsibility.

We would like to speak to anyone interested in how we do the HK job and what it entails. NOT TO SAY this is how it is "supposed" to be done, but just to show some of the things we have learned over approximately twenty years of doing the job. So, if you are interested in serving your Emmaus Community in a big way, please reach out to Julie or myself and we will set up a time to meet.

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A note from our Agape board reps



Greetings, Community!

A very warm welcome to our new community members from the recent Spring Walks! We're so glad and excited to have you! It was great to worship with you at the April gathering. Gatherings are a wonderful time of fellowship and worship with the Body of Christ.

At the close of your Walk you received an Agape bag with letters. Please don't throw that bag away!! If God calls you to serve on an upcoming Walk, you'll need it!

Speaking of bags, many thanks to the ladies who've sewn bags for our Walks. We appreciate your gift of Agape and the pilgrims have been blessed!!! We will always need bags for Walks. So, if sewing is one of the talents God's blessed you with, won't you consider sharing it by preparing Agape bags? Contact either of us below and we'll supply instructions. And finally, it's not too early to be thinking about Agape gifts to shower on the pilgrims for the Fall Walks. This summer will fly by!

In Christ, your board reps for Agape,

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Hello, I am John Michael, Walk #103.

I am a veteran (Marine) and a member of Ogilville Christian Church.

I have been married for 39 years and have two wonderful daughters
and one granddaughter who is 6 years old.

I am one of your board reps for supplies, along with Rob Motosicky.



Welcome



*Thank you to everyone who has reached out and
expressed interest in learning the
clown skit for our walks.*

*We will be setting up training on a Saturday this summer.
I will be contacting you with the information.*

*If you are interested in training or have any questions,
please contact Amy Cooley
at 812-569-5602 (Call or text)
or email alcool999@yahoo.com*

*If any previous or current clowns would like to participate
in or help with training in any way,
please contact me asap.*

*Will you pray about helping us so that we can
continue with this very special part of our walks?*





Community Gatherings...

May Gathering ~Friday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

Parkview Church of the Nazarene ~ 2248 IN-46, Nashville, IN 47448

Chrysalis Flights #85 & #86

September 2-4, 2023 ~ Currently accepting Applications

Men's Walk #129

October 26-29, 2023 ~ Currently accepting Applications

Women's Walk #130

November 2-5, 2023 ~ Currently accepting Applications

Board Meetings

Chrysalis-Tuesday, May 2nd, 6 pm The Rock,

3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus-Saturday, May 13th, 9 am The Rock,

3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN



The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application

Chrysalis Flight Application



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