



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community

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Dear Community,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the warmth of summer, especially after the cold and snowy winter we just had. I know how busy it can be this time of year with all the summer activities going on with our families. Two of our grandchildren play baseball, so there are weeks we spend 4 evenings at the ballpark plus trying to raise a garden and taking care of other responsibilities we have. Life can become very busy at times, doesn't it?

Janie and I have been blessed to be part of the Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community for more than 15 years. During this time we both have been blessed to serve on Emmaus and Chrysalis teams, which has given us an opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people. Some of our closest friendships have been formed during our 4<sup>th</sup> days and we are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives. Because we live in different communities we don't get to spend much time with some of the people who we truly love. Most of the time we only get to see some of you if we serve on team together or at one of our Emmaus monthly gatherings.

I just want you to know that if you haven't been to a gathering lately that you are missed by us and others in our community. We would love to see you soon, so I am going to share the dates and locations of the remaining gatherings we have this year in this month's newsletter.

I hope you find time to make as many of the gatherings as possible. Please keep our Emmaus and Chrysalis communities in your prayers and especially the Chrysalis Flights and Emmaus Walks coming up soon. See you at Cornerstone in July.

Let us come and Worship the One True God.

Mike Hien,  
Community Lay Director

### Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights  
#53 & #54

August 30-  
September 1

Application  
Deadline

August 22

Men's Walk  
#93

October  
16-19

Application  
Deadline

September  
16

Women's Walk  
#94

October  
23-26

Application  
Deadline

September  
23



## IMPORTANT CHRYSALIS NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to update the community on some of the activities and actions of the board so far this year. The board has decided to adjust fees for the flights starting this Fall. Caterpillar fees will remain the same at \$85.00, however, team fees will increase to \$105.00. This adjustment is necessary due to increase of fees at Camp Hilltop.

The board has also defined a date and time that the decision will be made whether or not we have the required amount of Caterpillars to have a flight weekend. The decision will be made by noon on Friday the week before the flight weekend. For example, the upcoming flights are August 30th through September 1st. So, the decision will be made by noon on Friday, August 22nd. The registrar must have the minimum amount of Caterpillars by this date in order to go forward with the flights. It is the intent that applications will not be accepted after this date, however the flight leadership will consider extenuating circumstances.

The guideline for the minimum amount of caterpillars has also been better defined. We must have a minimum of 20 Caterpillars total including both boys and girls flights. We also must have a minimum of 9 Caterpillars in the conference room. Examples: 9 boys and 11 girls, the flight is a go. 7 boys and 11 girls, the flight will be retired. 6 boys and 20 girls, we will have a girls flight only. It is our desire and goal to see that every scheduled flight goes forward. Many hours are dedicated in preparation for the flight weekend, however there is a certain dynamic involved in the total Chrysalis experience that requires, at minimum, a certain number of Caterpillars in the conference room. Please be intentional and responsible about your sponsorship by starting the process now and getting the applications in as soon as possible. This gives you, the sponsor, ample time to fulfill the requirements and duties of sponsorship. It also gives the Registrar and team ample time to prepare for the Flight weekend. Chrysalis flights will continue, but it takes the support of the community through sponsorship to make it happen.

The board has also joined "the cloud". We have registered with a company called Safely Filed. This provides the opportunity to store all of our documents in one place, "the cloud". This way we will be better organized and have better control over how and where our files are located. This will also improve the process that flight lay directors experience when building teams by having the latest version all documents downloadable from the internet. The Emmaus Board is also in the process of implementing this as well.

The Chrysalis Board appreciates all of the support and prayers that the community continues to provide.

Fly with Christ,  
Phil Miles, Chrysalis Community Lay Director



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## BE A PRAYER PARTNER

We need at least 20 Pilgrims signed up 1 month prior to the start of the Walk. Prayer Partners will pray for a specific Pilgrim now and through the end of the Walk. Walk to Emmaus is an instrument of God's Grace, which needs to be covered with our prayers. 1 John 5:14-15 reminds us that *this is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.* God assures us that He will respond when we ask. So Prayer Partners will pray boldly, expecting the Lord to answer with the Pilgrims He desires for the next Walk.

Prayer Partners agree to pray for a specific Pilgrim and his/her Sponsor. Here are some of the ways we can pray for them:

- Pray for a committed Sponsor to prayerfully consider his or her role as a sponsor.
- Pray for the Pilgrim to be informed about the walk, who will pray & register for the Walk.
- Pray for the Sponsor as he or she begins the work of sponsorship.
- Pray for the Sponsor to have a clear understanding Emmaus and who it is designed for.
- Pray for the Sponsor's health, family, and work.
- Pray that the Sponsor's time so that they can be effective as a sponsor.
- Pray for God's blessing on the Sponsor throughout the process.
- Pray that the Sponsor will pray and invite someone God is leading to go on the Walk.
- Pray that the Pilgrim is receptive to attending the Walk.
- Pray for the Pilgrim's family.
- Pray that the Sponsor will be able to collect Agape Letters from family and friends.
- Pray that the Pilgrim's family supports their attendance and their questions are answered.
- Pray for any anxiety, fears, apprehensions the Pilgrim might have.
- Pray for flexibility in the Pilgrim's work schedule.
- Pray the Pilgrim's heart will be open to what the Lord has prepared for them to receive.
- Pray for God's strength during trials & attacks from Satan that the Pilgrim may encounter.
- Pray for the team as God prepares them for the Walk & to meet the needs of this Pilgrim.

Being a Prayer Partner does not replace the 72 hour Prayer Chart that is part of the Emmaus Experience. This is an early act of **AGAPE** to help identify and prepare specific Pilgrims that the Lord would have attend the upcoming Walks. To sign up as a prayer partner, please email [info@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:info@columbusinemmaus.org). Or you may contact a board member for more information.

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The Emmaus Board

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### July Community Gathering - 7pm

Friday, July 18, 2014

Cornerstone Community Church  
1088 Sarasota Dr, Seymour, IN 47274

**A-L bring snacks and drinks**

### Future Community Gatherings

**August 15** — Garden City Church of Christ, Columbus

**September 19** — Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus

**October** — No Gathering

**November 21** — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Columbus

**December** — No Gathering

### Board Meetings

The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**Chrysalis** - Tuesday, July 1 at 6:00 pm

• Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 pm

**Emmaus** - Saturday, July 12 at 9:00 am

▪ Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 am