



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community

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## ***A Note from Our Community Lay Director...***

In case you didn't make it to the closings, I am pleased to report we had two spirit-filled walks in the Spring 2024. It seems each time I serve on a walk, I think none could get any better. Yet when I serve again, it just gets better.

It is never too soon to start praying for the next set of walks, so let's pray for Jeremy Keller and Debbie Raynor as they build their teams. Also, let's pray for willing and eager Emmaus workers to say yes to serving.

It is important to pray about who we are going to sponsor and be sure they meet the physical, emotional and spiritual guidelines for the weekend.

As we pray for pilgrims to register, let's participate in the "Prayer by Number" program. This is NOT the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil as this occurs before the walks. We have a sheet of paper with 36 spaces (a full walk) and we sign up to pray for a number, not knowing who that will be until about two weeks before the walks. For instance, if you sign up to pray for #21, then the 21st application received will be your pilgrim.

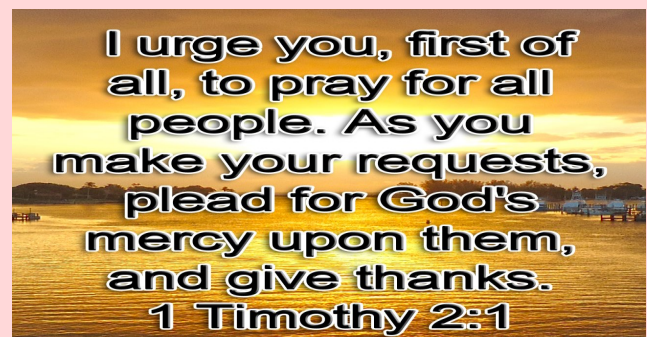
The registrar puts a name by each number as she receives the applications. When the list is final, we receive an email letting us know who we were praying for. Keep praying for this person at least until the walk is over, and hopefully into his/her 4th Day.

Please write an agape letter to your pilgrim and tell them how long you have prayed for him/her and share some personal information and encouraging words. We hope you can find him/her at closing and introduce yourself. Surprise connections have been discovered through this program.

Finally, it looks like the weather may allow us to have an April Gathering. Hope to see you at the First Baptist Church in Columbus for a pitch-in dinner and some hand-clapping music.

**DeColores,**

Dave Goodner, Community Lay Director



### ***A Note from our Community Spiritual Director...***

In my United Methodist tradition, the congregation often reads a Confession and Pardon as a preparation for receiving Holy Communion, but in a coin magazine I recently received, there was an article about an old and more personal method of preparing for Communion.

In the 1600's, at the Belgium cathedral in Liège, parishioners would first be interviewed by church elders to ensure they were deserving of Communion. They were then given a token, with a skull and crossbones on the obverse. When the time came, they would pass along that token to the priest, who would then administer the Sacrament to those deserving souls. These tokens are today known as "Saint Lambert's Communion tokens".

For me, I tend to focus on the undeserving aspect of Communion. It's a gift of grace to those who can never be worthy of it. If we were good enough, we wouldn't need it! But in fact, we all desperately need it. So we are invited to receive that undeserved and unconditional love of God.

May that wonderful Sacrament be less a time to prove our worthiness of it, and more a time to celebrate Jesus' worthiness of our love!

**DeColeres,**

Mike Seaney, Community Lay Director



*He is worthy*



### ***A note from our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...***

It's here! We have prayed, planned and prepared. Our Lay Directors, Kenny and Nichole Harrison, have been on top of every detail. The Youth and Assistant Lay Directors have coordinated all of the remaining tasks. Our excitement is building by the day.

Speaking of exciting, I want to share a prayer of thanks to the Community. Most of our teens do not have a Study Bible. One tradition of the last few years is to gift a Study bible to each Caterpillar following the Grow Through Study talk. This is only possible through the generosity of the community as the cost of bibles does not fit within the budget provided by the team and Caterpillar fees. We will again be able to provide these for the young people through the generosity of the Walk #131 Men's team who took a collection that totaled \$1,295 for bibles! I am continually in awe of the willingness of the community to support each other.

As I write this, I am thinking about the special opportunity I will have as Board Rep for the flight to share with the Caterpillars how men who don't even know them, came together months in advance of their flight, to provide this special gift.

What an awesome act of Agape!

There are a few areas of support still needed from the Community:

- Prayers for the team and the caterpillars are important and needed.
- We need Caterpillars! It is not too late to sponsor a young person that has been on your heart!

Please do sign the Prayer Chart, there are many open entries currently.

#### [Chrysalis Prayer Chart](#)

- If you are able to lend a hand, we will be moving Flight materials and setting up camp on Tuesday April 16. Work will begin at 5:30 at Hilltop Camp.

Finally, we'd love your support at Sendoff and Candlelight(at Hilltop Camp) and closing at Garden City.

Thank you all for your continued support of the young people in our area!

## **Fly with Christ-**

Mark Kelly, Chrysalis Community Lay Director



## *A note from Men's Walk #131 Lay Director...*

Well, walk #131 has come and gone, but the memories will last a life time. Men from both the team and the pilgrims continue to reach out daily and share their 4th Day stories.

I truly saw that God was present and changing lives which will in turn have a positive effect on area churches, families, and our communities.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve our community as Lay Director!

Now off to the Agape team for the Upcoming Chrysalis Flight.

DeColores,

Cody Mosier, Lay Director Walk #131, Original Walk #95, Table of Andrew

INTERESTED IN JOINING A WALK TEAM?

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## *A note from Women's Walk #132 Lay Director...*

Hello to our Emmaus Community! Hope this finds everyone well in their fourth days! Walk #132 was a success! God showed up as usual, despite several attempts from Satan, in the planning stage as well as the preparation stage and walk itself, to sabotage the work that God was doing, but our God prevailed. He knit together the perfect Team and the perfect group of Pilgrims for this Walk. We came together as a united group to lift Him up and walk closer with Him than we ever have before. New relationships were built and old ones were strengthened as we served and worshipped our Lord. As we progress through our Fourth days, may we all remember the One that has delivered us from our sins and has promised us an eternal home with Him! Bless all of you as you serve together! Until we meet again! Hope to see you all at the April Gathering!

Decolores,

Michelle Bryant, Lay Director Walk #132



## ***A note from Men's Walk #133 Lay Director...***

I've been called many names, but most often go by Jeremy.

I've been blessed with an amazing wife (Cindy) and two beautiful daughters (Shea and Ali). Cindy and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary this summer, assuming she doesn't kill me by then.

My Emmaus Walk changed my life. It introduced me to mentors and friends, and a group of brothers I can't do life without. My walk put me on a path I could not have imagined.

I'm looking forward to serving alongside the team and seeing how God moves in the lives of the pilgrims on Walk #133.

As my friend Jim would say, "It's about to get gooder."



## ***A note from Women's Walk #134 Lay Director...***

Hi, my name is Debbie Raynor, Walk #36, table of Deborah. I have been married to Philip for a wee bit over 30 years. We have 4 grown children between us and 8 beautiful grandchildren – they are all awesome gifts from the Lord.

The Lord is SO amazing! I have been blessed abundantly over the years to serve at Central Christian Church; however, my new church is Ogilville Christian Church. I can truly testify that He changed my heart on my Emmaus Walk all those years ago, and He has never stopped. I love Him! It is such an honor to be chosen to be Lay Director for the Fall Women's Walk #134!

Please pray with me that He is glorified in every step as our hearts burn within us!



**Feeling Led to Join one of these Teams?**

**Click Here for your Application**

[CLICK HERE FOR YOUR APPLICATION](#)

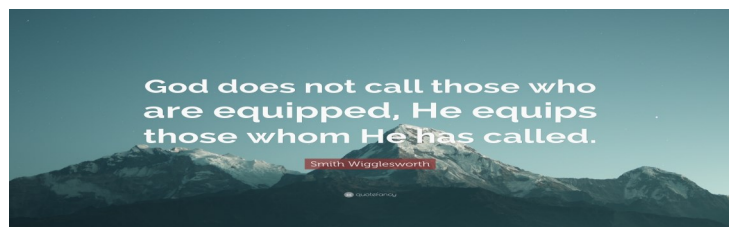
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## *A note from Your Flight Lay Directors...*

Hello Community!

We are getting so close to the Chrysalis Flight and I am beyond excited to see what God does with these special caterpillars awaiting as well as with His team He has formed! I remember vividly the first time I served on a Chrysalis Flight as a Table leader. My friend Jeanna Fredericksen was the girl's Lay Director, my husband Kenny was the Lay Director for the boys. I said then, that while I was willing to serve on team this once, I would "never" ever be willing to be a Lay Director. Everyone in this community will tell you- "never say never", and for good reason. I have seen the evidence of God's goodness all over my 46 years of life and I don't expect to stop seeing his handprints in my future. He doesn't call the equipped, He equips those He calls and empowers them as they surrender to His will and ways, not their own. As I have answered the call to serve Emmaus, Chrysalis, and RECs over the years, I have been amazed at how God worked with my small offering of submission to be used as He desired. It was certainly a process, I didn't instantly jump all in immediately. I had doubts and fears but He is always faithful and His grace abounds. He blessed me as much, if not more, as I was used as a blessing. As He filled my cup each time, I was more willing to go into deeper waters, trusting His faithful hands to carry me through. We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength because His grace is sufficient for our short comings, in fact His power will be more evident and powerful through our weakness (Philippians 4:13 and 2 Corinthians 12:9). Afterall, it is Him working through us as willing vessels. He will abound in His work through His obedient children....you and I, how humbling that He even desires to use us! He simply wants us to respond by loving Him above all else, then love others as He would (Matthew 22:37-40). What a beautiful opportunity to be called into a position to bestow love upon our teen community and be part of the movement of Chrysalis to share in this way. We covet your prayers as the enemy doesn't want us to do the Lord's work and yet we press on, we will finish this race well! We ask that you prayerfully consider the young people that God may be calling you to sponsor on this Chrysalis Flight. If you are able, we also ask that you consider showering these teens with your agape love by attending Candlelight at Hilltop Christian camp on Sunday evening, April 21st at 8pm and give these caterpillars a taste of heaven!

Fly with Christ ~  
Kenny and Nichole Harrison



TO OUR SPONSORS,  
*Thank You!*


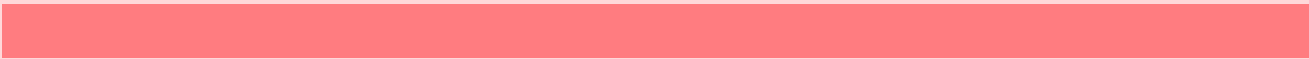


Hello Flight Sponsors-

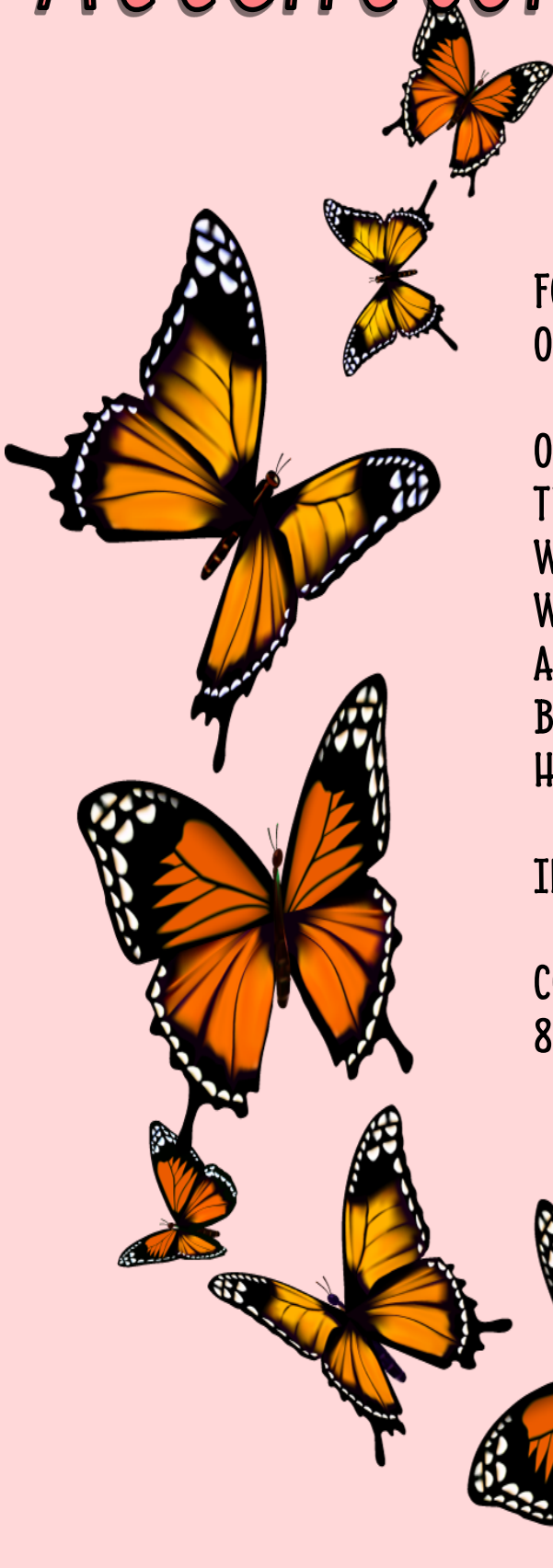
Thank you for your prayerful consideration and your obedience to serve the Chrysalis Community in this wonderful role during the upcoming flights. We cannot grow without your obedient “Yes.”

As the flights are quick upon us, please check with your caterpillars, ensuring that they pack everything they will need for the flight (toiletries, bedding, proper attire, towels/washcloths, etc.) There have been prior flights when several trips to town had to be made because caterpillars didn’t properly pack. Thank you for your time and for every effort to ensure everyone has the best flight experience possible. Also, as an added act of Agape, please let the Head Agape know as soon as possible what your Caterpillar’s special/favorite snacks and drinks are so we can come prepared. Thank you again for your ‘yes’ and for your time. We cannot wait to share His Agape Love with your Caterpillars this upcoming flight, as well as watching all that God does with our ever-growing community.

FLY WITH CHRIST-



# Attention Butterflies



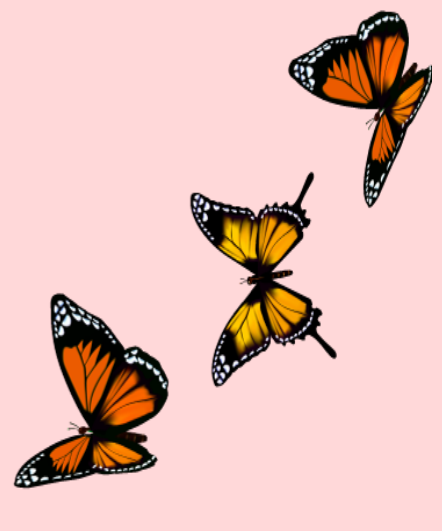
FOR THOSE TEENS THAT WANTED TO SERVE ON CHRYSALIS TEAMS BUT AREN'T,

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT AN OFF-TEAM SITE WILL BE GATHERING WITH THE MCALISTERS AND GUSE' FOR SOME FUN, WORSHIP, AND AGAPE MAKING TIME.

WE WILL FORM A TEAM TO SERVE THE AGAPE MEAL AND ATTEND CANDLELIGHT BEING HELD OUT AT HILLTOP CAMP IN BROWN COUNTY!

INTERESTED?!!!

CONTACT SHELLEY MCALISTER  
812-371-1713





# A 4th Day Note

HELLO, MY NAME IS EZRA HARRISON, CHRYSALIS FLIGHT #85, TABLE OF THE SNOWBOARDING GOATS!

SO...WHAT WAS MY FOURTH DAY LIKE FOR ME?

BEFORE I WENT ON MY FLIGHT, I THOUGHT I KNEW GOD PRETTY WELL. I WENT TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY, I WENT TO YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, AND I HAD MY STRUGGLES, BUT I THOUGHT THAT I WAS FINE BECAUSE I WAS STILL A CHRISTIAN AND GOD WOULD STILL LOVE ME AND FORGIVE ME FOR ANYTHING I DO.

WHILE THAT'S TRUE I REALIZED ON MY FLIGHT THAT GOD HAS BEEN TELLING ME THAT I CAN'T GO ON LIVING THIS WAY. I ALSO REALIZED THAT I HAD BEEN WANTING TO KNOW GOD ON A DEEPER LEVEL. I HAD HEARD OF PEOPLE HAVING THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE OF THEM, BUT I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED THAT MYSELF; SO, WHEN I GOT HOME FROM CHRYSALIS, I STARTED READING MY BIBLE EVERY DAY AND I STARTED PRAYING TO GOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THEN, ONE SUNDAY MORNING AT CHURCH DURING WORSHIP, I SAW MY FRIEND'S DAD AT THE ALTAR PRAYING SO ME AND MY FRIEND WENT UP WITH HIM AND I STARTED PRAYING OUT LOUD AND WHEN I WAS FINISHED, I WAS HEADING BACK TO MY SEAT AND I FELT A BURNING FEELING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME- THE VERY THING I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR, FOR A VERY LONG TIME. I ALSO SAW THE BEAUTY IN JUST LITTLE THINGS I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE. LIKE I HAD ALWAYS STRUGGLED WITH HOW I LOOKED WHEN I LOOKED AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR, BUT I REALIZED THAT WHEN I STARTED FOCUSING ON HOW GOD SAW ME, I WAS HAPPY WITH WHO I SAW IN THE MIRROR.

CHRYSALIS REALLY CHANGED MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. BEFORE, I SAW GOD AS A RELIGION AND NOW I SEE LIFE WITH CHRIST AS A RELATIONSHIP.

THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
FLY WITH CHRIST!  
EZRA HARRISON





**If you are able to lend a hand, we will be moving Flight materials and setting up camp on Tuesday April 16. Work will begin at 5:30 pm at [Hilltop Camp](#). Gather yourself/your reunion group and come lend a hand while enjoying some fellowship. See Yuns at 5:30 pm**

**Fly with Christ!**



## Things to consider

The Music Team has many needs. If you are interested in singing or if you play an instrument, we are always looking for people for the Walk Music Teams and to lead worship at our Gatherings.

Next, we are in great need for more individuals, especially women who have computer experience to work in media for both the Walks and the Gatherings.

Lastly, and MOST importantly, your Board and your Music Team is in need of replacing many of our big ticket items. We need to replace our keyboard, laptops, and possibly another projector. Please pray for God's guidance and blessings. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Deanna Glick @ 812-350-7048 to volunteer your talents and to make a donation.

Thank you So much and Christ has risen! :)

TIME Talent Treasure



CHRYSLIS FLIGHTS  
#87 & #88  
PRAYER CHART LINK

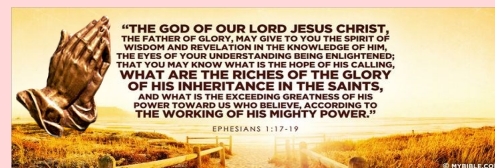


***Ever wondered If your prayers matter? Mark 11:24 tells us, "when we pray for anything, we can believe that we receive it," and here's A 4th Day Note honoring His faithful promise:***

In the Winter of 2022, I was but a number to Cheryl Motosicky. It's the neatest thing, to look and see how God has orchestrated since she faithfully prayed. Such a beautiful act of Agape, that someone, without even knowing me, honored my life in prayer before the throne. In January, we were divinely paired up as prayer partners during an REC, the lay director nor myself knowing I was Cheryl's number a couple of yrs prior. Fast forward to Spring where God put us together again, this time as Quapaw Bunkies and fellow Agape members of walk #132, growing in koinonia as He so masterfully puts the pieces together. We are both so excited and full of anticipation, knowing God has brought us together and that He is just getting started. We can't wait to see how He uses us as His instruments of Grace in the future. I am eternally grateful for Cheryl's faithful prayers and now for this sisterhood. God is so so good.

Go to the gatherings, pick your numbers, sign up on the 72 hrs of prayer, and pray, pray, pray. The Kingdom of God is at hand.

De Colores-  
Jess Moss, Walk #124 Table of Deborah



The Caterpillar and Pilgrim Applications are posted on the website

You may download one at

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

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

## Upcoming Community Events

### Community Gatherings

April 19th- 4th Day Meeting for Sponsors and New Pilgrims at 5:30 PM

Community Meal at 6:30 PM

Everyone bring a dish or two and drinks to Share

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3300 FAIRLAWN DR

COLUMBUS, IN 47203



*Gather*   
AND BE GRATEFUL

### Board Meetings

CHRYSALIS—APRIL 2nd- 6:00PM

AT THE ROCK 3990 ROCKYFORD RD CLMBS, IN

EMMAUS— APRIL 13th— 9:00AM

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Did not our heart burn within us... Luke 24:32



## Upcoming Community Events

### Spring 2024 Flight Dates

#### April 5th and 6th– **CHRYSALIS TEAM TRAINING**

5:00 PM on the 5th

8:00 AM on the 6th

CORNERSTONE

*See you there*

#### April 20th– **CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS 87&88**

Drop off - 8:30 AM–9:00 AM

Send off - 9:00 AM

HILLTOP

#### April 21st– **CANDLELIGHT - Community Arrives at 8:00 PM**

Caterpillars Arrive at 9:00 PM

HILLTOP

#### April 22nd– **CLOSING- 4:30 PM**

Butterflies arrive 5:00PM

GARDEN CITY



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