



# The Emmaus News

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I don't know about you, but did this summer break just fly by? I know we are going to have some hot days coming, yet teachers and kids are heading back to school.

One of the things I have enjoyed this summer is watching the hummingbirds and goldfinches feeding on the zinnias in our backyard. Not only are they beautiful but they also remind me of a truth found in Matthew 6:25-34,

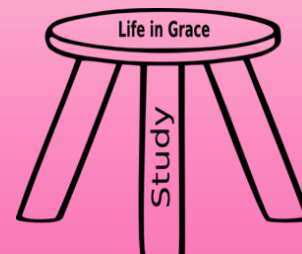
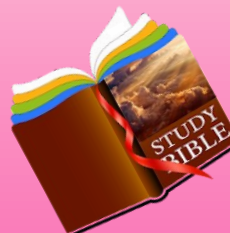
*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

As the kids buckle down to learn new things this year, let's also buckle down in the Word to see what God wants us to learn. Remember, study is one of the legs on that crazy stool you saw on your walk. Let your kids and grandkids see you studying as you encourage and discipline them to study.

And don't forget to pray. Those kids and grandkids need our prayers as they will face challenges that most of us never imagined. Pray and have faith. Worry is for doubters. See you August 18th at the Gathering, where we will be commissioning the Chrysalis team! We will also hear from Brian Buterbaugh about sponsorship.

**De Colores!**

Dave Goodner,  
Community Lay Director



## From our Community Spiritual Director...

At last year's State Fair, Ball State University offered rides on their "Super Wheel", which took you 150 feet above the fairgrounds! At the top, I looked down and could barely recognize my wife (who usually sits out such rides).

Even at that height, you can barely recognize anyone. And then if you're in a plane 6 miles high, or look at photos of earth taken from space some 200 miles high, you can't see any people at all.

So when we speak of our God residing "in heaven", how can God even notice us from that vantage point? Yet in Scripture, God never approaches anyone with the words "Hey, you", "You – 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left", or "You – remind me of your name". Each encounter with a human being finds God calling them by name! Incredibly, our God "in heaven" somehow knows us intimately.

As has happened before, I hope that every pilgrim and butterfly this fall will have that truth confirmed for them. Our God is a personal God. God calls us by name, and knows us completely. And our God has unique plans for our future that no one else can fulfill.

Through our prayers, service and other acts of agape, that truth will indeed be confirmed for all of them!

## De Colores!

Pastor Mike Seaney,  
Community Spiritual Director





Brittany and Jonah Sullivan are finishing up assembling their team for flights over the Labor Day weekend. Please be in prayer for the teams and caterpillars in the weeks preceding the flights. Prayer charts will be available shortly (Please sign up)

Our Registrar, John Shoemaker, is ready to receive applications for the upcoming flights. The applications are available on the Emmaus website. Discounted fees are in place until August 18th.

These will be our first flights with the updated three day format. The biggest difference is a relationship talk replacing the singles and marriage talks, but there are several smaller updates that the Chrysalis Board is excited to see.

Thank you for continuing to support the youth in our community.

Fly with Christ,  
Sean

***Please join us as we commission the  
Chrysalis team at the Gathering on  
August 18th.***



Hello, we are Jonah and Brittany Sullivan,  
Walk #83 and #84.

We are originally from Madison and Hanover, Indiana. We've enjoyed being married and a part of the Columbus community for 12 years.

We have a 9 year old daughter Brooklynn and six year old son Benjamin.

We attend Community Church of Columbus and enjoy leading worship wherever we get the chance to!

We are excited about the upcoming Chrysalis Flights. We look forward to seeing how God uses the Chrysalis experience to draw the youth in our community nearer to Him!

Fly with Christ!



## To Sponsorship and Beyond



### What does it mean to be a sponsor?

You may have sponsored someone more than once, or this may be your first time, but are we following the intentions of the Emmaus mission?

There's more to it than signing the application. Pastor Brian (Buzz Lightyear) Buterbaugh will be exploring the infinite details at the next Gathering, August 18, 2023.

Let's reach for the sky!

Please note the dates and locations for the upcoming Gatherings  
(Gatherings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted)

\*\*\*August 18th ~ Asbury UMC (N-Z bring snacks and drinks)\*\*\*

September 15th ~ Garden City Christian Church

(A-M bring snacks, N-Z bring drinks)

**NO GATHERING IN OCTOBER DUE TO WALKS**

November 17th ~ First Christian Church Columbus

(Pitch in ~ community brings food and drinks to welcome new members)

## Community Gatherings

August 18th ~ Asbury UMC

Chrysalis team will be commissioned

**LAST NAMES N~Z PLEASE BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS**

**Chrysalis Flights #85 and #86**

**September 2-4, 2023**

Currently accepting applications

Discounts available until August 18th

**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, August 1st at 6 pm at

The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203

**Emmaus** ~Saturday, August 12, 9 am at

The Rock 3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN 47203



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