



# The Emmaus News

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Emmaus Community, Inc

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Hello Community,

I can't believe that we are already half-way through the year! Before we know it, the fall walks will be upon us. I know there are men and women who have been patiently waiting. Sponsors, please note that if you had sponsored someone scheduled for the walk that was canceled because of Covid, you will need to reapply. Do you know someone that is ready to experience the walk? Please be in prayer for those men and women that God lays on your heart to sponsor. Use this link: [Walk Application](#) to download and the print the application or go to [columbusinemmaus.org](http://columbusinemmaus.org) for more information. The Men's Walk will be Oct 21-24 and the Women's Walk will be Oct 28-31. Please do not delay in getting your pilgrim's applications submitted.

What about you? Are you engaged and involved in our community? Are you looking for a way to serve? Why not consider applying to work on the team? Use this link to apply to serve/work on the walk: [Team Application](#). Another way to serve is making agape for the flights and walks. You can either do it as a reunion group project or individually. One reunion group reached out just recently and mentioned they would like to make a banner for the walk. A community member stated "It is an honor to use our gifts to glorify our Savior". We each have our gifts and talent that God has given us to use for His glory.

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."** 1 Peter 4:10

Finally, I wanted to let you know that Janet Hodson will be joining the Emmaus Board for Sponsorship/Fourth Day. It will be great having her join our board in this capacity. Welcome Janet!!!! Please be in prayer for her and the rest of the board as we seek God's will for this community.

**De Colores,**

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director



## A note from our Community Spiritual Director...

It's only 3 months until our long-delayed Walks! As God is choosing those He wants to attend those Walks, there may be some who are like Esau of old. His brother Jacob craved Esau's status & birthrights as the older brother. So on the day that Esau was exhausted and starving, Jacob made a bad deal with him. As a result, Esau "despised" (Gen. 25:34) his birthrights and status.

As Christ-followers, what is our status? We're children of Almighty God, & the beloved Bride of Christ! What then are our birthrights? Those might include having the Father's power and miracles available to us, experiencing Jesus' love and mercy daily, and relying on the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. And yet, when we like Esau are exhausted by life's demands, we too can forget our unique status and incredible birthrights. We might even begin to doubt that any of that is true for us.

Perhaps God will select some fall pilgrims like Esau, who find themselves exhausted by life, and prone to forget or doubt the status and rights they can claim. For their sake, I'm sure that God will create Teams this fall that will reassure such pilgrims of who they really are, and what great blessings are theirs to claim for themselves. Keep praying for our Teams, and all the "Esau" pilgrims that attend!

**De Colores,**

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director



*Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.  
2 Corinthians 3:17*

From our Community Trainer, Renée Kasting ....

A reunion group, by definition, usually meets once a week for one hour. The meeting consists of persons sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week both successes and failures.

Members:

Listen to one another.

Celebrate the grace of God in each other's life.

Reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life.

Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement, prayer and support of their stated discipline and plans.

Being in a reunion group is like taking a spiritual vitamin. It will help you grow stronger.

There are those in our community who have been looking for a reunion group, but say they have been unable to find one. So the search is on for persons who will lead a group to help it get a start. That leader may leave the group after three months, but the rest of the group will be established and equipped to move on.

We have had three women step forward to start such a group. One in Columbus and two in Seymour. We are still in need of men to lead men's groups and a couple who might lead a couple's group.

I am asking for Emmaus members who would be willing to add the formation of a group reunion to their schedule for three months. The second ask is for Emmaus members who want to be in a reunion group to let us know who you are so we can find enough leaders to help with group formations.

If you would help us out with this matter either as a group leader or as one needing a group, call me, Renée Kasting at 812-350-0940.

We have been through some really tough times lately and we need to renew our strength and commitment to the things that bless us and our brothers and sisters. We have a world to win. Now take your vitamins!



# Prayer & Praise Page

Praise the Lord . . .

- ✝ Our great country is beginning to be granted some small measures of freedom from the stifling grip of Covid 19. . . Thank you, Lord!
- ✝ Chrysalis Flights #77 & #78 - were held, completed and awesome . . . Thank you, Lord!
- ✝ My Bible Study/Small Group praised the Lord this morning for a child's new hearing aids, seeing smiles again (without masks), getting outside on sunny days, being able to travel again, raising our children to be strong oaks and having hope in the midst of great difficulties. This poem celebrates these things. . . Thank you, Lord!



AMAZING!  
The sound of grass!  
A radiant smile!  
The warming rays of sun!  
Hopeful tears,  
Growing oaks,  
And following the ONE . . .  
Who made them all.  
*We thank you, God.*

By Mary Sentz

Prayer Requests . . .

- ✝ Please pray for our Lay Directors: Jim and Stacey Rupp (Chrysalis Flights #79 & 80), Jeff Sutton (Men's Walk #121), and Sue Putterill (Women's Walk #122), as they seek the Lord's leading in filling each spot on their teams.
- ✝ Ask the Lord if you should sponsor a Caterpillar or a Pilgrim for the upcoming Flights and Walks (Link for applications listed on following page 5)
- ✝ Pray for the Lord's leading in helping to start much-needed Reunion Groups (see Renée's article, previous page 3)
- ✝ Also pray that Christ will be glorified in every aspect of these Flights/Walks and for His amazing protection as we navigate this new normal.

# Dates for Upcoming Walks and Flights

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; Ps 9:1

Chrysalis Flights #79 & #80 ~ September 4 to 6, 2021

Lay Directors ~ Jim and Stacey Rupp

@ Camp Hilltop

Currently accepting Caterpillar Applications

Men's Walk #121 ~ October 21 to 24, 2021

Lay Director ~ Jeff Sutton

@ Camp Lakeview

Currently accepting Pilgrim Applications

Women's Walk #122 ~ October 28 to 31, 2021

Lay Director ~ Sue Putterill

@ Camp Lakeview

Currently accepting Pilgrim Applications

The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

Columbus IN Area Chrysalis Flight Application

Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application



## Community Gatherings

No Gathering for this month of July

## Fall 2021 Flights/Walks

Chrysalis Flights #79 & #80 ~ September 4 ~ 6, 2021

Emmaus Men's Walk #121 ~ October 21 ~ 24, 2021

Emmaus Women's Walk #122 ~ October 28 ~ 31, 2021

## Board Meetings

Chrysalis - No Board Meeting in July

[3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN](#)

Emmaus - No Board Meeting in July

[Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd., Columbus](#)



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[www.columbusareaemmaus.community](http://www.columbusareaemmaus.community)

[Emmaus Information Page](#) (for community members)

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