



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area
Emmaus Community, Inc.

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Hello Community,

It is hard to believe that another month has come and gone! During May, the Chrysalis community was able to launch their flights. What amazing flights they were in the beautiful setting of Hilltop Camp. The teens were excited to get away from school and soak up God's Word. It was a beautiful transformation as they turned into butterflies throughout the weekend. Thank you, Emmaus Community, for supporting the flights through your prayers, agape and presence at Candlelight.

What do you have planned for the summer? I hope that you will find time to spend some extra time with those children and grandchildren. They need you and want you in their lives. The world wants to influence them away from Christ, but we have been called to continue to share the gospel of Christ and his love.

It is easy to get distracted during the summer months, but I pray that you find time to serve in your local church. The primary focus of Emmaus is the local church where ministry takes place. The Walk is to inspire, motivate, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their home, church, work and community. So, when you are asked to help in VBS or visit the shut-in or serve in some other way, please prayerfully consider. Remember we are the hands and feet of Christ.

Enjoy these beautiful summer days of June!!!

De Colores,

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director



A note from our Community Spiritual Director...

The Psalms often mention how blessed are those who “wait on the Lord”. Such waiting includes living in patient assurance. It also includes persevering over a long period of time.

The Jews who were exiled in Babylon had to wait until the right time before they could return home. The Jews of Jesus’ day had been waiting a long time for a promised Messiah to arrive. Even Jesus’ followers had to wait awhile until the Holy Spirit finally arrived.

For me personally, this past year plus has been a long period of patiently waiting on our “forever” home to be completed. For us as an Emmaus Community, we have persevered during a long wait until we can feel more comfortable attending Gatherings in person. And of course, we have waited with trust that our Fall Walks will finally occur.

Has our waiting been a blessing? It can be if we’ve chosen to forego shortcuts, or complaining. It can be if we’ve chosen to grow in deeper patience and perseverance, trusting God during an agonizing wait.

May we who choose to wait on the Lord truly be blessed!

De Colores,

Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director

I can do
ALL THINGS
Through
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which
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ME
Phil. 4:13

An AMAZING letter from our Chrysalis Lay Directors...

Greetings Emmaus & Chrysalis Community,

After 3 cancelled flights and 2 completed training weekends, God formed the perfect team. He was present and remained faithful to us every step. We were excited to be one of the first communities in the country to hold a Chrysalis Flight. We were safe with tie dye masks, a lot of sanitizer, and a few other adjustments that allowed the flight to happen.

The weekend started out with nervous Caterpillars and excited parents showing up at camp. They quickly settled into the talks, and friendships began during the long break. The urgent need for the flight became truly clear as many burdens were nailed to the cross after the prodigal talk.

The Agape team and Kitchen team worked extra hard providing all of our needs during the weekend and even a little extra! The Music team was POWERFUL, giving us amazing worship to move hearts. While the community was gathering for Candlelight, we had a joint poster party that reflected the impactful messages from the talks by way of posters, skits, and a couple of incredible rap songs including a body surf. The party session concluded with fun worship led by the youth on the Music team and a few talented caterpillars that joined in.

God gifted us with perfect weather for all of our outdoor activities! The BEST and BIGGEST change for the weekend was the outdoor Candlelight... As we walked up the hill from camp, we could begin to see the twinkle of the lights and the soft sound of Shine your Light, sung by the community. What a sight it was! As we made our way down to the amphitheater and turned around, we saw the bright glow of candles of those gathered around. God showed His love to the caterpillars and it was absolutely beautiful. The weekend was wrapped up with closing on Monday as the new butterflies jumped out of their pews to answer the 2 questions for all to hear.

We have been honored to be the Lay Directors for these spectacular flights. A huge shout out of THANKS to anyone who blessed this flight with the abundance of snacks, drinks and cash for the study bibles that were given to each butterfly, what a gift to put God's Word into their hands. But most of all for your prayers before, during and after the flight! What a Blessing this journey has been.

Fly with Christ,

Mark and Trish Kelly, Lay Directors, Chrysalis Flight #77 & #78



A note from our Chrysalis Community Lay Director...

The Chrysalis Board is so very grateful for all the support the Emmaus Community has given us as we held Chrysalis flights #77 and #78 May 15-17th. We cannot thank you all enough for your gifts of prayer, snacks, attendance at Candlelight and closing, agape, agape letters, and donations for Bibles. Twenty-two boys received a Life Application Bible and twenty-four girls received a Journaling Bible. A dedication was written to each caterpillar in their bible showing the agape love of the community. Thanks to your donations, all of the bibles were paid for in full. We had snacks in abundance and I can promise no one went hungry. We also felt your prayers as the weather was dry all weekend long during our awake hours, even when it was not forecasted! We are looking forward to having a pandemic worry-free flight during Labor Day weekend!

Fly with Christ!

Shelley McAlister



During the Chrysalis flights, the teens are presented a new study Bible. The study Bible will help them continue their 4th Day. We need your financial support in order to purchase the Bibles for the Fall Flights. Please send donations to:



Columbus IN Area Emmaus
PO Box 2184
Columbus, IN 47202

Thank you!

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](#)



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

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Please pray for the Lay Directors: Jim and Stacey Rupp, Jeff Sutton, and Sue Putterill as they seek the Lord's leading in filling each spot on their teams. 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.

Community Gatherings

June Gathering ~ Friday, June 18th ~ 7 pm
Location to be announced...



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 - Tuesday, June 1st, 6:00 pm

3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus - Saturday, June 12th, 9:00 am ~ via zoom or

Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd., Columbus



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