



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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A Note from our Community Lay Director...

Commissioned

During our August gathering, we had the opportunity to pray for and commission the teams for our upcoming Chrysalis flights. It is not a coincidence that this theme has also been present in a Bible study I am doing as well as a recent sermon I heard. Commissioning - as a community, this is an activity we coordinate and participate in four times a year, but do we really understand the full intent? Through my study time, I sensed a deeper meaning, so I dug a little deeper.

Starting with the definition, according to Merriam-Webster, commissioned is "a group of persons directed to perform some duty"; "an act of entrusting or giving authority." There are synonyms such as: authorize, appoint, charge, delegate, empower, accredit, send, ordain, commit, entrust.

We also commission ships, committees, military, public officers, work/jobs and we can either be "in commission" - in use or in service; or "out of commission" - not in service, not in working order. Wow! Who knew one word had such meaning?

Our teams have been appointed and entrusted with a mission. They are commissioned for service, not by their own authority, but under the authority of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So, I have to ask.... are you currently "in commission"? Consider how God is also commissioning you for His service. Over the coming days and weeks, let's be diligent in praying for our caterpillars, pilgrims, teams, and community for hearts to be open to God's calling.

The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

God's Blessings,
Brenda Stoner
Community Lay Director



2 Thessalonians 1:11, With this in mind, we constantly pray for you that our God may count you worthy of his calling and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

A Note from our Community Spiritual Director

As the Men's & Women's Emmaus Walks are coming up soon, have you thought about sponsoring someone to attend? As you pray about the possibilities, be reminded that sponsorship might come with some needed sacrifices.

In the "Emmaus Ministries Community Manual", Jean Johnson Green shares a witness about sacrificial sponsorship on p. 82. She is a member of the Nashville TN Emmaus Community, and involved in the Upper Room Office. She said there:

"Sponsorship is like being a godparent. A godparent doesn't just stand with a person at the front of a church, but helps him or her grow in the spiritual life. One time a woman couldn't attend an Emmaus event because she had a 1-month old baby. She said, 'There's no way I can go because I have no one to keep the children.' And I said, 'Oh, yes, you do!'"

If God prompts you to sponsor someone for a Walk, you too may need to make some significant sacrifices in order to remove their obstacles. But God will surely help you make such sacrifices, and honor your efforts for the sake of your pilgrim.

Being a good sponsor may not be easy sometimes, but what a privilege to allow someone to closely walk with Christ for three days!

Pastor Mike Seaney,
Community Spiritual Director



A Note from our Sponsorship/Reunion Groups Board Member

Dear Community,

October is rapidly approaching! How are you doing with your pilgrim's application? Do you have the information you need to glean agape letters for them? Are the prayers going up? GREAT! Praise God!

Your ever lovin' Reunion & Sponsorship member,
Marsha Rodenberger

A note from our Agape board team:

We need Agape for the upcoming men's and women's walks! The need is around 90 pieces of each item per walk.

Also, we need someone to provide snacks and drinks for send-off for both walks. ~ Maybe a reunion group?

We truly appreciate any and all of the Community's help in making these walks a success!

Thank you.
Cheryl & Debbie



Thank
you!

Thank you to Phil and Mary Miles for their faithful service to this community as they have served the Lord and us in the set-up and tear-down of the Candlelight service over these past years!



A note from Transportation/Facilities

Dear Community,

Your Emmaus Board is now responsible for Candlelight set-up and tear down. Phil and Mary Miles have served faithfully and we thank them. We will need about 6 people to help with Candlelight. This would require 6 people to come about 1 1/2 hours before Candlelight to set up. Then after the pilgrims go back to camp, clean up would be needed to help the host church get ready for their Sunday service. Please pray about this and if the Lord so directs please contact me at mikehess_1951@hotmail.com or my cell 1-812-447-2084.

Thank you!

Mike Hess

A note from Team Selection:

The Columbus IN Area Emmaus Board is a body that governs the local Emmaus movement and oversees the program. The board is considered a working board. It consists a total of 15 members that serve a 3-year term. Board responsibilities include attending board meetings on a monthly basis (2nd Saturday morning each month), upholding the by-laws, Upper Room guidelines, and providing oversight in all matters related to the Emmaus Ministry. Basically, it is a team that is working together for a common goal just like ***Jesus and His Disciples***.

We are currently seeking those individuals interested in filling the positions for the 2020 – 2022 term which will includes Supplies, Music, and Data.

Is God calling you to be a part of the Emmaus Board? Do you want more information? I am looking forward to talking to you!

Kim Bieker
Team Selection
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Please be in prayer for the Chrysalis Flights and the Fall Walks

“Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

~ Matthew 7:7—8

~ **Attention Chrysalis** ~

Questions about the Bible? Your life?
Need some encouragement or fellowship?
Bible Study Opportunity ~ Chick-fil-A
Tuesdays 4:00-5:30 pm

Contact **Pastor Brian Buterbaugh**
812-371-6297



Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights...

Fall Chrysalis Flights #73 and #74

Aug 31—Sept 2, 2019

Lay Directors ~ Chuck and Michelle Bryant @ Camp Hilltop

Send Off ~ Saturday Aug 31st ~ 9:00 am

Candlelight ~ Sunday Sept 1st ~ 8:00 pm

@ Westside Community Church

Closing ~ Monday Sept 2nd ~ 5:00PM

(please arrive and be seated by 4:45pm)

@ Garden City Church of Christ

Men's Walk #113

October 17—20, 2019

Lay Director ~ Tim Metz @ Camp Lakeview

· Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

Minimum applications due by September 19th

Last date for Pilgrim Applications - October 3rd

Women's Walk #114

October 24—27, 2019

Lay Director ~ Bev Clark @ Camp Lakeview

* Currently taking Pilgrim applications!

Minimum applications due by September 26th

Last date for Pilgrim Applications - October 10th

* 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

Friday, September 20th, 7 pm ~ 9 pm

Cornerstone Community Church

1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour

N ~ Z please bring snacks & drinks

~ Fall Emmaus Walk Team Commissioning ~



FALL 2019 Flight & Walk Dates

Chrysalis Flight #73 & 74 Aug 31 - Sept 2

Emmaus Men's Walk #113 Oct 17 - 20

Emmaus Women's Walk #114 Oct 24 - 27

Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:00 pm @ The Rock,
3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus

Emmaus - Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 am @ Westside
Community Church, Columbus



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