

# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area  
Emmaus Community, Inc  
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Hello Community,

As I was driving this afternoon, I was listening to a Christian radio station. The song "Promises" by Maverick City Music came on and I was listening intently to the words. Sometimes songs are just background noises, but this time it was like God saying LISTEN. Many of you probably have heard it several times but are you like me and sometimes it is just background noise? I want to share with you some of the lyrics...

*Promises by Maverick City Music*

*Faithful through the ages  
God of Abraham  
You're the God of covenant and faithful promises  
Time and time again  
You have proven  
You'll do just what You said*

*Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow, I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn when You speak a word  
It will come to pass*

*Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me, oh*

*Yeah, God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same, yeah  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and True*

*Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow, I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will  
come to pass*



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*Great is Your faithfulness to me, woah  
Great is Your faithfulness, from the rising sun  
From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your Name, oh  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Oh oh, Your faithfulness  
It never runs out, it never runs out (yeah)  
Oh oh, Your faithfulness, oh oh  
It never runs out, it never runs out  
It never runs out, it never runs out  
I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down, no*

No matter what is happening around us we know one thing and that is GOD IS FAITHFUL!!!! He will never let us down so we need to put our faith in Jesus. He is our hope and firm foundation. He is the ONE that deserves our praise.

It is easy to become the victim when the “world’ keeps pounding, but Jesus has won the victory. We need to claim it and proclaim it.

I want to inform you that the Emmaus board met and made the decision to cancel the walks for the fall. I know some of you will be upset that it was canceled, some of you will be mad or even angry, yet some of you will be relieved. No matter what emotions you are feeling at this moment please know this was a very difficult decision. Our nation and the world are fraught with circumstances which divide. Today you'll find differences in perspectives and opinions, sometimes expressed passionately. But as believers and members of Emmaus, our gaze is to be squarely centered on our Savior.

We are still a community and we still have a purpose. I want to encourage you to use this time and not be idle but use this time for God’s glory. Here are some suggestions:

- Meet with your reunion/accountability group. Don’t stop meeting! We need each other
- Make non-perishable agape. I anticipate the walks will be full of pilgrims and we will need lots of agape.
- Make a banner for the conference room
- Pray
- If your church is still meeting in person, ask your pastor how you can serve
- Send cards/letters to church members or community members

**De Colores,**

Kim Bieker, Community Lay Director



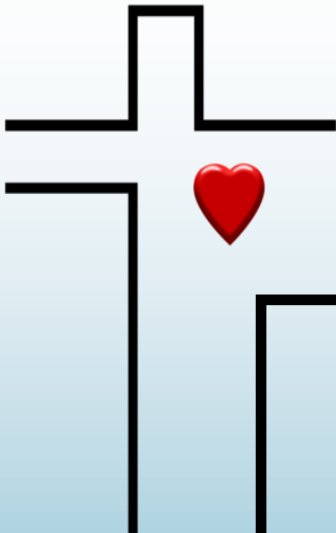
## A note from our Community Spiritual Director...

These are discouraging times indeed! We thought that by this summer the danger of COVID would only be a bad memory. And yet a variant is now trying to return us to square one, and is especially targeting our precious children. We really need an encouraging word from the Body of Christ.

So I was shocked recently to see a local church sign with its message from Galatians 6:5 - "For each man will have to bear his own load." Taken out of its context, those words actually seem discouraging to me. Is it saying that we're on our own in this health crisis? And why choose that particular verse when there are very encouraging words in that same chapter, like verse 2 - "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

As Christ's followers, we are the bearers of Good News! Our lives should reflect God's caring, compassion and hope. There are enough people today who are upset, whining, discouraged and afraid. We can be their message board of encouragement - "We have a God who goes with us through these valleys!"

**De Colores**, Mike Seaney,  
Community Spiritual Director



I am convinced *and* confident of this very thing,  
that He who has begun a good work in you will  
[continue to] perfect *and* complete it until  
the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].

Philippians 1:6

Dear Community,

It was with much sadness that the decision was made to postpone the Chrysalis Flight until the Spring due to Covid and the uncertainty that we would be able to keep caterpillars and team members safe. It is such a difficult decision to make to postpone or cancel a Flight, and this one was not made without a great deal of prayer and many, many group texts debating the pros and cons. Please be in prayer that on March 5-7, 2022. we will be able to hold a successful Spring Flight with Jim and Stacey Rupp leading the way. We appreciate all of the prayers and support as we continue to navigate this pandemic in the safest way possible for our youth.

Shelley McAlister

Chrysalis Community Lay Director



**In everything give thanks:  
for this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus  
concerning you.**

**] Thessalonians 5:18**

Did you send in an application for the fall walk?

Since the walks are canceled, then you will need reach out to Cindy Massey (Registrar) to discuss your options for either a refund or applying the fee to the next walk. **Please contact her before October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

CINDY MASSEY

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## Community Gathering

Friday, September 17, 2021 7:00 pm  
Location to be announced, stay tuned!



## Fall 2021 Flights/Walks

Chrysalis Flights #79 & #80 ~ Canceled due to Covid  
Emmaus Men's Walk #121 ~ Canceled due to Covid  
Emmaus Women's Walk #122 ~ Canceled due to Covid

## Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 6 pm

3990 Rocky Ford Rd, Columbus, IN

Emmaus - Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 9 am

Westside Community Church, 124 Tipton Lakes Blvd., Columbus

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and  
lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him, and he will  
make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5,6



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