

THE LIGHT

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm Community Gathering at Covenant Community Fellowship 727 Rolling Crk Dr, New Albany, IN CHILI COOK-OFF !!! immediately following the gathering.

Friday, March 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm Community Gathering at Redeeming Vine Baptist Church 5620 1st Cross St, Galena, IN

April 4-7, Men's Walk #139 April 11—14, Women's Walk #140 O'Bannon Woods 7234 Old Forest Rd SW, Corydon, IN

Candlelight: April 6 for Men's Walk April 13 for Women's Walk Lincoln Hills 1130 Dale Ave., Corydon, IN

See page 5 for additional information on this year's gatherings.



COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Emmaus Community,

Hello again ! As we get close to Super Bowl Sunday and me being a big sports fan I came across an old talk intro for an Emmaus Walk I thought you might enjoy!

Once upon a time the animals in the jungle got together one day and decided to play a football game. They chose sides and took the field. One team quickly learned they had a big problem. The rhinoceros was on the other team and they simply could not tackle him. They tried but they just bounced off! Every time the rhinoceros got the ball he ran right down the middle of the field and no matter what the other team did they could not stop him!

In the first quarter the rhino scored touchdowns! In the second quarter when given the ball the rhino scored touchdowns. And no matter their halftime adjustments, in the third quarter once again every time he got the ball a touchdown was scored.

Finally in the fourth quarter with just a few minutes left in the game the rhino was given the ball and started his run down the field toward the end zone. Suddenly out of nowhere he was brought down with a magnificent tackle.

When the animals un-piled it was discovered that the centipede (for the first time) had come into the game and that it was indeed the centipede who had made the tackle. That was fantastic his teammates shouted! GREAT TACKLE! But look it is the fourth quarter and the game is almost over! Where on earth have you been all this time? The centipede answered, "I was putting on my SHOES!!!"

I know bad joke! But some folks are like the centipede, perhaps some of us. They go through life just PUTTING ON THIER SHOES and never really getting into the game of life. They are always planning to do something or talking about getting involved, or getting ready to start, or thinking about what they would like to do someday, but they never actually get around to DOING IT! To getting in the game!

In Mark chapter one, when Jesus says FOLLOW ME He is calling for us to get up off our seats and genuinely get in the game of faith and life. He is calling us to ACTION! He was saying it to those first disciples and now to us. PUT ON YOUR SHOES AND TAKE THE FIELD AND JOIN IN THE STRUG-GLE OF LIFE. GET OFF THE SIDELINES OF LIFE AND GET IN THE GAME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD IN MY NAME! FOLOW ME , AND MAKE LIFE COUNT FOR SOMETHING!!

Jesus is not just inviting us to take a walk around the block or hang out for an hour or two each week in church. He is calling us to make a choice. He is asking us for our commitment, our devotion, our trust, our service, and our faithfulness. He is calling for our lives, our hearts, our souls, and our minds. ALL OF WHO WE ARE TO FOLLOW HIM!!Hope to see you all soon on the field making a difference OUT THERE!

Love in Christ,

Bobby Barr

Community Lay Director

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Grace and Peace to you in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? To do 'more this' or 'less that'? Many Christians make a resolution to read their bible more, to do daily devotions, pray more, serve more, drop a bad habit or quit something that is harmful or sinful. We do great for a while and then along the way, we fail – and then we get discouraged, because we let God down.

While trying to do all these things is great, check out this good news – all of our acts of piety do not gain us more points with God! And all of our failures do not make Him love us less! Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" which echoes Malachi 3:6 "I, the Lord, do not change". All the good things you do don't change God, but you are transformed by having a better understanding of who God is in your life. So, find freedom in doing all those great things and know that God loves you just the same!

In Christ's Love, Mark

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever —Hebrews 13:8

WELCOME TO NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM WALK #137

Brandon	Adam	Henryville Baptist	
Trevor	Adams	Pfrimmers Chapel	
Joseph	Allen	Lincoln Hill Christian	
Ricky	Broady	First Baptist Henryville	
Haldon	Chipman	Salem Community Church	
Dwight	Сох	Cornerstone Community Church	
Randall	Cozart	Southern Hills	
Terry	Davis Sr	River of Life	
Paul	Diehl	Northside	
Dennis	Elble	The Bridge Community Baptist	
Dan	Freudenberg	Sellersburg UMC	
David	Frizzell	Graceland	
Jamie	Gibson	First Baptist Henryville	
Ross	Green	Pfrimmers Chapel	
Gary	Griffin	Emmaus Road	
Tony	Hostetler	Charlestown Independent	
Kurtis	Huber	First Baptist Elizabeth	
Michael	LaDuke	Walnut Ridge Baptist	
Robert	Marcum	Greenville Christian Church	
Matthew	Murry	Covenant Community Fellowship	
Dustin	Reynolds	Brownstown Christian	
Michael	Schneider	Graceland	
Jeffrey	Turner	Lincoln Hill Christian	



WELCOME NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF WALK 138

Gabrielle	Adam	Sojourn	
Allison	Adams	Pfrimmers Chapel	
Terry	Allen	Lincoln Hill Christian	
	Banks		
Rachel I	Barger	West Baptist First	
Karen I	Barrett	First Capital Christian	
Michaela I	Basham	First Baptist Henryville	
Kimberly (Churchman	South Liberty Church	
Gay	Collings	Northside	
Rhonda	Collins	Emmaus Road	
Suzan	Сох	Cornerstone Community Church	
Kristle I	Deatrick	Lincoln Hill Christian	
Marie I	Diehl	Northside	
Kimberly I	Freudenberg	Sellersburgh UMC	
Angelique I	Frizzell	Graceland	
Janet	Graham	Southeast Christian	
Amanda I	Hamilton	Return Church	
Leighann I	Hecht	Freedom Christian Church	
Vanessa I	Hegedus	Grace Tabernacle	
Tami I	Herrold	First Capital Christian	
Angela I	Howard	Hardinsburg Assembly of God	
Melisa I	Hurt	Freedom Christian Church	
Dana I	Hylton	Southeast Christian	
Melony I	Lewis	First Capital Christian	
Tina I	Lone-Belcher	First Capital Christian	
Sahara I	Marcum	Greenville Christian Church	
Terri I	Melton	Southeast Christian	
Stacy I	Merritt	North side	
Bobbi I	Mitchell	Mt. Hebron	
Mallory I	Marry	Covenant Community Fellowship	
Casey I	Peerce	Primers Chapel	
Janna I	Potter	Campbellsburg Christian	
Melinda I	Preston	Redeeming Vine Baptist	
Joan I	Prune ski	North side	
Emma I	Reed	New Albany First Church of God	
Dustin I	Reynolds	Brownstown Christian	
Chris S	Schneider	Graceland	
Patricia S	Scott	First Christian (DC)	
Cindy S	Stephens	Southeast Christian	
Susan	Turner	Lincoln Hill Christian	
April	Ward	Valley City Presbyterian	

MEET THE LAY DIRECTORS...

Upcoming Men's Walk #139, Craig Harris

Hello Emmaus Community:

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus as Lay Director on the upcoming Men's Walk #139.

A little about me...I was a pilgrim on Walk #26. Walk #26 was held at O'Bannon Woods State Park (formerly called

"Wyandotte Woods" way back in the early 90's). I am excited to follow Christ as he leads me for this upcoming walk. I pray that the Pilgrims see the agape love of God throughout the weekend. Most of all I pray that God's will be done, and that God gets all the glory.

I am amazed at all the details that go into the "Walk To Emmaus". We have prayed for the Emmaus Board and for the LD's and teams and pilgrims going on walks continuously for years at our Reunion Group (Day 4 Reunion Group).

My theme verse is: **Psalm 34:8 (ESV)** ⁸ **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!** I want the Pilgrims, the team of walk 139 as well as our whole community to experience the truth of this verse. From the time I was asked to be the Lay Director to this point as I write this letter, Satan has attacked my family. Nevertheless, God has provided refuge in Him! He is faithful! The Lord is GOOD (all the time)!

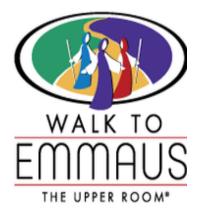
That being said, Emmaus Community, I need your help. Please be praying for walks 139 and 140 as well as for Sandy Kersey and both of our teams. Lastly, please pray about sponsoring pilgrims. Without Pilgrims the walks cannot occur. You, our Emmaus Community, plant the seeds into the lives of men and women who could attend these walks.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and sponsorship. Thank you also for the way that you have always loved me and poured into my life.

In Christ:

Craig Harris, Lay Director Walk #139

Note: **Pilgrim applications** for the upcoming spring walks are **due** by **March 28, 2019**. Click <u>HERE</u> to access the Walk to Emmaus Application.



Upcoming Women's Walk #140, Sandy Kersey

Dear Community,

Sandy Kersey, DaySpring Walk #57, Table of Elizabeth (clap).

Way back in 2000, my own Emmaus Walk set a course for my life that I could not have imagined. Led by Diana Bailey as Lay Director and David Bailey as Spiritual Director, I learned much about all kinds of 'taters, the worthiness of His name (I still hum that song) and about the indescribable joy of serving Jesus.

Walk #57 introduced me to you, a beautiful Community of servants and provided opportunities to serve on numerous Emmaus Walks and the Emmaus Board, over 20 RECs, in numerous reunion groups, other organizations and in my church. And now, I am humbled at the honor of introducing some beautiful ladies to a new depth of love for them, reminding each one that they are the objects of God's delight and that He has a unique plan for each of them to enjoy as they serve Him.

Our Verse for the weekend is **Zephaniah 3:17** The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you; He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Each phrase in this scripture is so powerful, comforting, tender and maybe even surprising that the God who sent his own Son for us, sings over us. I love the "He Will" statements. And I am trusting that He WILL have HIS WAY on Walk #140 and beyond, as He gives us His heart for others. It is my prayer that each team member, each pilgrim, each Community servant (prayer, agape, sponsor, etc.) understand at perhaps a new level the depth of love that Christ has for them as they join Christ in His work on this Walk To Emmaus.

I am humbled as I watch in amazement the strong Christians that God is calling to this team and know that the Pilgrims will be so blessed by them. And while I am anxious for the weekend to come, I'm also "treasuring all these things in my heart" through these planning stages. It's a wonderful time of excitement and anticipation (even tho' I suppose I should not anticipate).

My request of you, dear DaySpring Community, is to please pray for the team and the pilgrims leading up to the weekend and throughout the weekend, because the "prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16b). And I would also ask that you prayerfully consider sponsoring someone to take this incredible journey that God is preparing for Walks #139 and #140.

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Sandy Kersey, Lay Director Walk #140



FEBRUARY 8 GATHERING— CHILI COOK OFF!!

A Chili Cook Off will immediately follow the Gathering on February 8 at Covenant Community Fellowship . Four categories of chili will be judged: BEST Chili with noodles,

BEST chili w/out noodles, BEST Spicy chili, BEST other type/style chili.

It's easy to enter--just bring your best pot of Chili!

Prepare for a fun night of food and fellowship!



MORE GATHERING NEWS!!

Emmaus Community—it's often said that absence makes the heart grow fond. With that in mind; after discussion and prayer we have decided that we will be cutting back on our gathering dates in an effort to make our gatherings more special when they happen. With that said below are the dates for the gatherings for this year.

February 8th @ 6:30pm at Covenant Community Fellowship - with Chili Cook off following

March 8th @ 6:30pm at Redeeming Vine Baptist Church

April 27th following Emmaus Walk Reunion at Unity Chapel

June 8th @ Buffalo Trace Park - This is a Saturday Fun Day at the Park, Service starting @ 6:30pm come have fun all day if you like.

October 19th following Emmaus Walk Reunion at Georgetown Christian Church

Contact Jason Sparks if you have any questions through Facebook or by phone (502) 807-5080

AGAPE LOVE....



There are so many ways in which the community can show their agape love to the pilgrims during walk weekends. One way is to pray ... pray ... and then pray some more. Other ways would be to prepare snack agape (cookies, brownies, dessert bars, salty snacks, cakes, etc.). Pillow and table agape will also be needed (50 pieces for pillow agape and 100 pieces for table agape). Now is the perfect time for preparation of pillow and table agape.



Beginning in 2019 we expect to have 26 REC weekends and will add Scott County to those counties we serve. Please continue to pray for the REC ministry.

Jan 18-20 Harrison County Men Andrew Wade , LD Jan 25-27 Harrison County Women Cyndi Sparks, LD *Candlelights at Old Capitol UMC at 6:30 pm*

Feb 22-24 Crawford Co. Women Christene Harbison, LD

March 1-3 Crawford Co. Men Zach Stevens, LD

Candlelights at Hillview Christian Church at 6:30 pm

March 15-17 Branchville Dave Pickel LD

Candlelight held at Branchville at 7:30 pm

"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

Hebrews 13:3



Chrysalis Flight 61 went off this past weekend. We had 15 girls and 6 boys on the flight. Half were from Indiana! So excited to see Dayspring sponsoring our youth. Lives were changed and God was honored. His love came through to these kids.

We had about 200 people at candlelight which was amazing!! It hasn't been that big in years. Thank you so much for your support by prayer, candlelight, and serving meals and your agape.

If you didn't get a chance to sponsor or serve this flight your next chance is August 31-September 2, 2019, Labor Day weekend. Please pray about a youth you can sponsor.

Our board president, Mark Adams, serves his last month in this position. Frank Bayens will take over March 1. We have board positions available if your interested.

The website is cornerstonechrysalis.com. You can always call or text me for info. 502-592-6777. Stacy Kampschaefer Chrysalis Dayspring Liaison

Become A Sponsor

Did you know that in order to sponsor some one on the Emmaus Walk you must have attended sponsorship training? This 30 minute training will give you the basics of what you need to know. Trainings are held at various locations by a team of community trainers as well as after each gathering. If you are interested in being trained, please reach out to Josh Suiter at (502) 558-9881 or JoshS@stmatthewschamber.com. You can also watch the Face book page for upcoming trainings.

Questions you may ask yourself when deciding to sponsor:

Whom should I sponsor on a Walk? Since the stated purpose of Emmaus is to bring together those who already are Christians and fortify them for leadership roles in the church, you should sponsor people who are members of a church (any denomination) *and attend regularly*.

What mistakes should I avoid? The Walk is only one way through which the Lord meets people at different states. Communicate that God touches each person in different ways, so don't even hint to your pilgrim that he or she will have a dramatic change after the 72 hours.

Think back to your own Walk. What do you wish someone had done for you or told you? Then do that for your pil-grim.

Commit your pilgrim to the Lord, and trust God's team to follow His lead.



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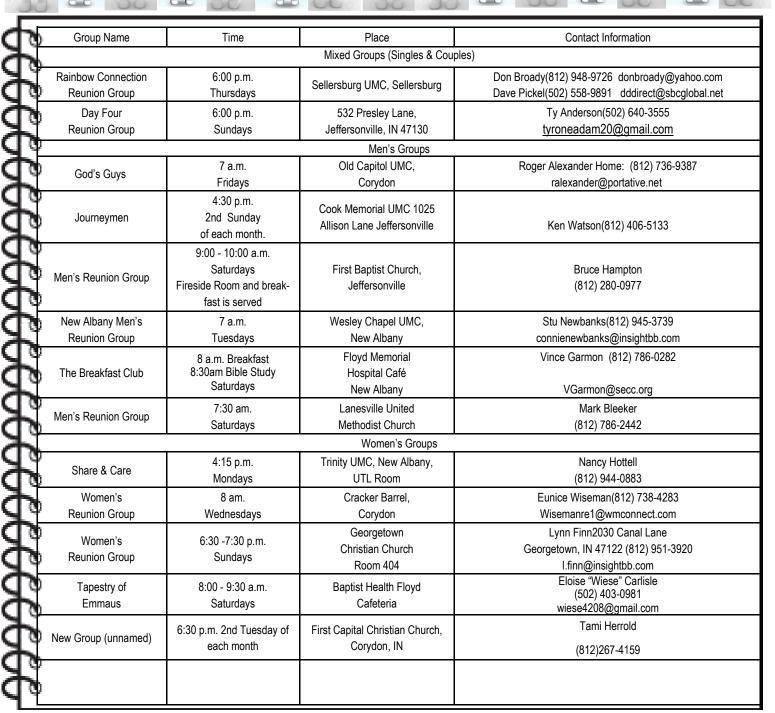
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REUNION GROUPS



What is a Reunion Group? The Emmaus group reunion is a small accountability group of two to 12 persons who have usually participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus and who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action. Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons' sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week. Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and 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, and support of one's stated discipline and plans. Excerpted from The Group Reunion by Stephen D. Bryant. Copyright © 1995 by The Upper Room

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