

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

April 2006

REGISTER FOR CHRYSALIS!

Chrysalis weekends have been set! The girls' flight will be July 7-9, 2006, and the boys' flight will be July 14-17, 2006. They'll both be held at the UK Wesley Foundation and the adjacent Christian Student Fellowship right here in Lexington! The community will be cooking all the meals, just as we do for the adult Walks. We can easily fill the chapel for Candlelight and Closing. Please pray now and start signing up your youth (before all their summers are full!). Because both locations are being very generous in offering the use of their facilities in exchange for a love offering, we are in a position to raise more funds for scholarships. The Board would really like to see more funds raised for team members, not just caterpillars. Quite frankly, the caterpillars are often able to get assistance from their parents, but the youth team members (who often have served and will serve on multiple teams) are older high school or college students who don't always have the assistance of their parents. They are eager to serve but can't afford the \$80.00 team fees. We have lots of time to begin raising funds to assist the Chrysalis weekends. If you have a heart for this ministry and would like to direct some gifts toward it, you can write checks to the Lexington Emmaus Community and put Chrysalis fund on the memo line.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

What kind of participation do we need from the entire community? Well, it will sound familiar to most of us: we need our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. You know about our 72-hour prayer vigil, but our community needs prayer year-round. We long for your presence every month at Gatherings and at all other community events. The entire community is invited to participate in Sponsor's Hour/Send-Off, Candlelight, and Closing, as well as at all meals to cook, to serve, and to clean. Our gifts consist of time, money, agape (including food), and acts of sacrifice and service. This summer is our next opportunity to serve when our Chrysalis Flights are held. Many of our community will be on vacation, so we'll need more participation than ever. Please plan now to help.

LETTER WRITING

Did you know that team members as well as pilgrims receive letters during the Walk weekends? If you have a friend who's serving on the Walk, you can write a letter of encouragement for that team member, too. We love our team members as well as our pilgrims.

PRAY FOR WALKS AND FLIGHTS IS OTHER COMMUNITIES

April 6 – 9

Women's Walk Athens Area Emmaus, 28 GA
Women's Walk United Emmaus, 91 TN

April 13 – 16

Women's Walk Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus, #97 KY

April 20 – 23

Women's Walk Blue Lake Emmaus, 172 AL
Men's Walk Florida Crown Emmaus, 55 FL
Men's Walk Heart of Florida, 14 FL
Men's Walk North Georgia Walk to Emmaus, 118 GA
Men's Walk Ashland Area Emmaus, 19 KY
Men's Walk Campbellsville Emmaus, 41 KY
Men's Walk Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus, #58 KY
Women's Walk Northern Kentucky Emmaus, #23 KY
Men's Walk Purchase Area Walk To Emmaus, 84 KY
Men's Walk Purchase Area Walk To Emmaus, #84 KY
Men's Walk Purchase Area Walk To Emmaus, #84 KY
Men's Walk Central Mississippi Emmaus, #75 MS
Men's Walk Emmanuel Emmaus, 85 NC
Women's Walk Grace Emmaus
Community of the Carolinas, 16 NC
Women's Walk Heart of Carolina Emmaus, 86 NC
Men's Walk Greater Los Angeles Emmaus, 55 CA
Men's Walk High Desert Emmaus West, #41 CA
Men's Walk San Diego Emmaus, 85 CA
Men's Walk San Diego Emmaus, 85 CA
Men's Walk Emmaus of the Rockies, 122 CO
Men's Walk Western Rockies Emmaus, 33 CO
Men's Walk Mountain Trails Emmaus, 25 OR
Men's Walk Puget Sound Emmaus, 16 WA

April 21 – 23

Boy's Walk
Alabama Young Adult Chrysalis, 50 AL

April 27 – 30

Women's Walk Florida Crown Emmaus, 55 FL
Women's Walk Heart of Florida, 14 FL
Women's Walk North Georgia
Walk to Emmaus, 146 GA
Women's Walk Campbellsville Emmaus, 42 KY
Women's Walk Purchase Area
Walk To Emmaus, 85 KY
Women's Walk Purchase Area
Walk To Emmaus, #85 KY
Women's Walk Central Mississippi
Emmaus, #76 MS
Men's Walk Blue Ridge Emmaus,
BRE Walk #50 NC
Women's Walk Cape Fear Emmaus,
CFE Walk #76 NC
Men's Walk Mountain Top
Walk to Emmaus®, 128 NC
Men's Walk New Covenant Emmaus, 46 TN
Men's Walk Alabama Emmaus, 302 AL
Women's Walk Greater Los Angeles
Emmaus, 56 CA
Women's Walk High Desert
Emmaus West, #41 CA
Women's Walk San Diego Emmaus, 86 CA
Women's Walk San Diego Emmaus, 86 CA
Women's Walk Emmaus of the Rockies, 123 CO
Women's Walk Western Rockies
Emmaus, 34 CO
Women's Walk Puget Sound Emmaus, 165 WA

GATHERING REPORTS

APRIL

For the April Gathering, the community will supply chips, candy, crackers and drinks. If you are planning to bring an agape food to share, please bring something other than the above items.

MAY

Growth through Study is the theme of May's gathering. We would like to have a "show n tell" table of books that community members use for devotions or study. So bring your favorite devotional or study aids.

JUNE

Advanced notice. June 2, 2006 - **KRYMSON IS COMING!**

CHILD CARE

The community offers child care at all Gatherings. We are unable, because of a lack of facilities, to offer any child care for Walk events at the seminary—Send Off, Candlelight, and Closing. Because of the length of these worship services and the serious nature of them, we ask that sponsors assist their pilgrims in finding child care elsewhere during these events.

EQUAL COMMITMENT RULE

Every year people ask why we have the equal commitment rule, why we ask that husbands and wives make an equal commitment to going on the Emmaus Walk if at all possible. Below is a section from the [Emmaus Handbook](#) published by the Upper Room giving the guidelines and reasons for this rule. It also covers why we have exceptions to the rule! People sometimes have trouble with the equal commitment rule because they're so eager to have their friend attend the Walk that they aren't willing to wait the extra time needed to let the friend's spouse become comfortable with idea, especially if their friend is ready to go. We encourage waiting a year or even two in order to take time to get to know the spouse, too. Please read the information below carefully, so you, too, can understand what the equal commitment rule really is. And if you have any questions, please ask one of the board members. We'd be glad to talk to you about it.

The Reason for the Rule - The Letter of Agreement states "husbands and wives should make an equal commitment to participate." How are communities and sponsors to interpret this? In the first place, the rule does not imply that Emmaus is primarily intended for married persons. Single persons are as welcome to participate in Emmaus as married couples. The rule does, however, reflect a concern and a hope about the effect of Emmaus on marriages and families.

First, the equal participation rule guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a separating influence in a marriage. The rule is part of our heritage from Cursillo and is based on years of experience with the potential effects of these short courses in Christianity on marriages, positively and negatively. Emmaus can be the occasion for commitments to new life directions, which one's spouse may not understand or appreciate at the time. Disregard for the rule will certainly not result in marital tensions in every case. But the Emmaus Movement should do all it can to strengthen marriages and to avoid practices, which we know have the potential to affect a marriage adversely.

Second, when the rule is followed, Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage and family. So sponsorship of married persons involves approaching both husband and wife together and encouraging them to make an equal commitment to participate. This is not only so they can grow together as a Christian family, but also because a strong Emmaus Movement and the church need our participation as families, not only as individuals...

What the Rule Does Not Mean - The equal commitment rule does NOT mean a wife can never go to Emmaus unless her husband has gone first. While it is always best to schedule husbands and wives to participate during the same set of Emmaus Weekends so they can share their experience and support one another, circumstances may arise when it is necessary and reasonable for husbands or wives to take their Walks at different times or places. In these cases, the order of their participation is secondary and is a practical matter...

The Rule is Wisdom, Not Law - It is important that the wisdom of the rule be honored in Emmaus Communities. The equal commitment rule represents a practical ideal to which Emmaus Communities should be committed and toward which sponsors should work in all cases. It is important to remember, however, that the equal commitment rule represents wisdom, not law. There is a place for reasonable exceptions. Exceptions can be made by the Board of Directors when there is no possibility of the participation of both spouses and there is reason for assurance that the marriage will not be adversely affected by the participation of only one spouse.

In some cases, spouses have never shared their religious lives and have learned to deal with this as a reality of their marriage [or if one spouse isn't a Christian]. Clergy and their spouses have often dealt with a disparity in theological education and participation in spiritual growth events. Furthermore, the importance of involving clergy in Emmaus will often warrant exceptions. Other cases may involve persons who want to go to Emmaus very badly, but whose spouse is unbending in refusing to participate time after time. Each community must prayerfully decide how to handle these cases in grace and when to make exceptions in view of a person's and family's spiritual welfare. [The board generally asks that the sponsor take time to invite the couple over time, and if one member of the couple continues to refuse to attend, then the other person is welcome to attend.]

MEN'S WALK # 91



Row 1: Bob Fortney, Howard Rosewell, Brad Fichter, Max Hester, Apollos Goyol, Steve Ball, Mark Pekrul, Phillip Holbrook, Jeff Cain

Row 2 - Sign Row: Billy McGuire, Frank Heaberlin, Ted Gyorffy, Doug Sell, Barry Frazelle, Ron Baker, Tony Hale, Joe McVey

Row 3: Ron Watson, Joe Martin, Mark Cole, Daniel Biddulph, Andy Fields, John Elder, Bob Riggs, Herman Cubbison, Jim Hutcherson, Drew Williams, Alan Jackson, John Felicicchia

Row 4: Terry Manley, Keith Wright, Rick Mattox, Fred Snyder, Robert Ball, Norm Galloway, John Hemming, Roy Barney, Troy Ellis, Stephon Henderson, Rick Chappel, Jerry Goerz, Kirk Hudson

Row 5: David Baugh, Robert Lee, Terry Burlew, William Henderson, Paul Purcell, Chuck Beighle, Rahsaan Berry, Dwayne Terry, Steve Brodersen, Grant Mathes, Ray Werkmeister, Norbert Allen, John Bryant

WOMEN'S WALK # 92



Row 1: Regina Burris, Judy McVey, Rita Elder, Kim Ball, Juanita Jo Yoder, Tina Williams, Sharon Fulkerson, Toni Roberts, Sandy Cain

Row 2: Peggy Whyte, Susan Holliday, Janie Heaberlin, Gail Hester, Karen O'Connell, Carol Kays, Pam Ball, Joyce Miller, Crystal Beighle, Rita O'Neal, Karen Riggs, Denise Martin, Nancy Shannon

Row 3: Marcy Yoder, Connie Coppings, Dianna Layne, Mary Baker, Jessica Couch, Kendra Osborn, Bev Kendall, Dawn Brodersen, Peggy Legg, Dana Ellis, Beckie Sigmon, Laurie Pekrul, Robyn Mowery, Marty Wright

Row 4: Marlene Atwood, Naomi Goins, Jennifer Barber, Dawn Berry, Ursula Felicicchia, Julie Fichter, Mary Kathryn Nader, Sandy Cloyd, Jennie Wheeler, Nan Arnett, Terri Kendall, Margaret Jones, Judy Seitz, Trudy Mills, Libby Kenney, Valorie Casey, Phyllis Kiser, Merle Rodgers, Michelle Holbrook

Row 5: Mike Miller, Bob Coppings, Anita Gray, Scott Wilson, Dave York, Susan Cole, Dianna Bennett, Todd Nelson, Carrie Rogers, Harold Mills, Valli Givens, Patricia Walsh, Gary Williams

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

- 3 Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington
7 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington

May

- 1 Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington
5 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington

LEXINGTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY CHRYSALIS

Girl's Flight – July 7 – 9, 2006

Boy's Flight – July 14 – 17, 2006

LEXINGTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY FALL WALK SCHEDULE

Men's Walk #93 – November 2 - 5, 2006

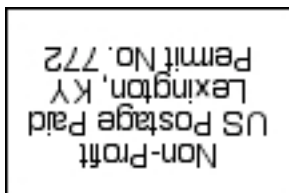
Women's Walk #94 – November 16 - 19, 2006

Registration forms should be sent to:

Lexington Emmaus Community,
ATTN: Registrar,
P.O. Box 23554
Lexington KY 40523-3554

Registration forms may be obtained from:

the address on the left
or our website at:
www.lexingtonemmaus.org



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