

# EMMAUS LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



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Lexington, KY

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

August 2011

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Well summer is coming to a close and we are looking forward to the upcoming Walks and Flights. Reading in Kings and learning about Solomon's building of the Temple reminds me of how the Emmaus Community is helping to build the temple here on earth and for Heaven. As stated in 1 Kings, as the stones were quarried, they were prepared at the quarry for the Temple.

**1 KINGS 6:7** When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built.

Emmaus is forming the stones out of each of us for his Temple, and we as well are forming more stones for the Temple. All of us are being shaped and polished. This way the Temple has a foundation, walls, roof and all the decorations to glorify God. It is a blessing to see what He can accomplish through us on this earth. We will need to be apart of each Walk and Flight in some way to help polish the stones that have been Quarried (the Team) and to help quarry the new stones (the Pilgrims) from the rock that is our church.

**1 KINGS 7:9-12** No expense was spared—everything here, inside and out, from foundation to roof was constructed using high-quality stone, accurately cut and shaped and polished. The foundation stones were huge, ranging in size from twelve to fifteen feet, and of the very best quality. The finest stone was used above the foundation, shaped to size and trimmed with cedar. The courtyard was enclosed with a wall made of three layers of stone and topped with cedar timbers, just like the one in the porch of The Temple of God.

As move forward to this fall's Walks, let us all Gather and Worship together for the building of His Temple. Spare no expense for the Temple's inside of us all. Let us use high quality, cut as accurately as possible so that we may shape and polish each of us and the future Pilgrims. So join us in prayer for the Walks and Flights this coming season to build disciples for Him.

Earl Taylor eTa ><>

## BOOK REVIEW by Patricia Walsh

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point." Billy Graham

*No Turning Back: My Summer with Daddy King* by Gurdon Brewster is a collection of memoirs of a young seminary student at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta in 1961. As I read each account recalling how Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. responded to the bigotry of the times, I was reminded of my first encounter with prejudice in the United States. It made no sense to me. I grew up in a setting with an array of skin colors and languages. I was a Caucasian in Asia in an International School. Why someone would dislike another due to skin tone baffled me. I had heard of King's desegregation movement in the news, but was removed from the violence and attitude of the times.

Reading this account was life-changing. I saw into the heart of the individuals who suffered. I understood the unfairness of their lives. I also had a glimpse into the hearts of those who chose to promote change. They had hearts filled with God's love for humanity. His love is color-blind. Gurdon Brewster was from a sheltered environment and he volunteered to go into the center of danger for a summer of mentored ministry. It too changed his life forever, hence the title, "*No Turning Back*".

In Gurdon's first meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. he asked how he dealt with the hatred and anger from the unfairness of bigotry. King's answer was clear. There are three responses. First one can adjust and go along with their oppression and hatred like the Hebrews speaking out against Moses because they would rather be oppressed than struggle for freedom. Second choice is to fight hatred with hatred and violence with more violence, but "an eye for an eye leaves everyone blind".

Then King stated that there was a third choice. He called it "*nonviolent resistance*". The struggle was with evil not with those who were corrupted by it. He went on to say one had to determine whose work was to be done. Was it your work or God's work? If it is God's work to show love to all humanity, then one is part of a larger force of good over evil. He said "*change takes suffering, suffering for the sake of good*". Jesus suffered in the world, so must we.

There are many points made in this book, but what I received was we must love one another as Christ first loved us.

## SECOND CHANCES

As I think about having a second chance in life, I reflect on my new life as a wife to David, my husband and becoming a step mother and grandmother. I see things from a different prospective than I did before I was married. I was given a second chance at a new life.

Christ has given me a second chance for life in him. He has allowed me the opportunity to live more committed and striving to be a better disciple of the Living Christ. In life we all make mistakes and make bad decisions. God forgives us when we ask and teaches us to forgive others that have offended or hurt us. Matthew 18:21-22 puts it this way:

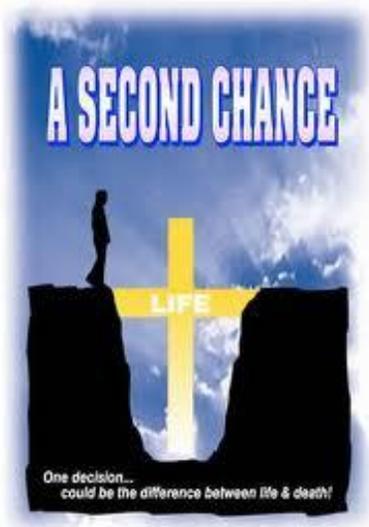
### ***The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant***

**<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”**

**<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”<sup>[a]</sup>**

### **New International Version (NIV)**

So as I look at others’ offences against me or others, I must seek the Lords heart of forgiveness. He has forgiven me and commands me to forgive others. May we as members of the Emmaus Community take on the mantel of forgiveness and not hold grudges or judge people for their shortcomings. Give others an opportunity to forgive you and accept it with His grace.



Take chances. Make mistakes.  
That's how we grow.  
Pain nourishes your courage.  
You have to fail in order to practice being  
brave.  
*Mary Tyler Moore*

Lexington Emmaus Community Will Distribute  
Anonymous Agape for Future Walks

We all take a great deal of time and effort to prepare tokens of Agape for our pilgrims and caterpillars. In the past we have put our individual names on these gifts and pilgrims could identify who they were from. It is the philosophy of the Upper Room Emmaus that all Agape be given anonymously. We still can make and preserve our Agape tradition by attaching a label such as those below if you choose.

From: A Pilgrim on Lexington Emmaus  
Walk #96, Table of Ruth

From: Tuesday Night Tootsies

From: A Butterfly on Lexington  
Chrysalis Flight 32

From: Anonymous



Future Walks and Flights

**2011**

October 6 – 9, 2011 Men’s Walk 113  
October 20 – 23, 2011 Women’s Walk 114

**2012**

February 18 – 20, 2012 Chrysalis Flight 33  
March 15 – 18, 2012 Men’s Walk 115  
March 22 – 25, 2012 Women’s Walk 116  
July 27 – 29, 2012 Chrysalis Flight 34  
October 11 – 14, 2012 Men’s Walk 117  
October 25 – 28, 2012 Women’s Walk 118

**2013**

February 15 – 18, 2013 –Chrysalis Flight 35  
April 11 – 14, 2013 – Men’s Walk 119  
April 18 – 21, 2013 – Women’s Walk 120  
October 10 – 13, 2013 - Men’s Walk 121  
October 17 – 20, 2013 – Women’s Walk 122

**Announcement!**

**New Dates for 2014**

February 15 – 17, 2014 –Chrysalis Flight 36  
April 24 – 27, 2014 – Men’s Walk 121  
May 1 – 4, 2014 – Women’s Walk 122  
October 2 – 5, 2014 - Men’s Walk 123  
October 9 – 12, 2014 – Women’s Walk 124

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Deadline**  
**September Newsletter**  
**August 26**  
**PLEASE!**

**Please Pray for Our**  
**Fall Walks**  
Men's Walk #113: Paul Purcell,  
Lay Director  
Women's Walk #114: Janie Heaberlin,  
Lay Director



## Introducing New Board Member Appointment

Laurie White, Lexington Walk to Emmaus 104, table of Mary, has recently stepped in to fill the vacant Music position on the Board. Laurie served the lovely ladies of Women's Walk 110 as Music Director last fall. Laurie has been playing guitar and leading worship since her teens, mostly for junior high and senior high youth groups, camps and retreats and for Sunday morning worship when no one can come up with a piano player. After participating in a recent festival, she is really excited about the relationship between faith, justice and the arts. Laurie and her husband Joe (Men's Walk 103) have 3 children and have recently moved to Berea while Joe is serving in the Army overseas. During his deployment, Laurie and kids are worshipping with First UMC in Richmond. During the school year, Laurie home schools Cooper, Ainsley and Elan and teaches preschool and folk music and dance in the Red Cedar Learning Cooperative. In the summer, you'll find her in the garden while the children run wild.

## MUSICIANS WANTED

The role of music in the Emmaus experience, both at Walks and at gatherings, is very special and requires servants with special skills. If you are interested in serving the community in music, please contact Laurie at [laurie.h.white@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.h.white@gmail.com) or 859-358-2310. Also, consider whether you know any worship musicians, especially women, who you might sponsor for a Walk.

**Join Us at the Next Lexington Gathering, Friday, AUG. 5th**

**LEXINGTON:** Wesley UMC at 1825 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, at 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship

**Join Us at the Next Paintsville Gathering, Friday, AUG. 12th**

**PAINTSVILLE:** Gathering at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

**More Information on Gatherings**

Everyone bring a dish to share: veggie/side dish, main dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Everyone will help clean up, so the work will be light

**CHILD CARE**-Child care is available at most Gatherings. Sponsors assist finding childcare for Walks.

**COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY**-E-mail request to Judy Seitz at [prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org](mailto:prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org)

**Lexington Emmaus Community  
2011 Board of Directors**

Lay Director – Earl Taylor

Treasurer – Lonnie Watts

Agape – Linda Curd

Community Shepherd – Alan Jackson

Registrar - Susan Bryant

Leadership Training – Roy Johnson

Music –Laurie White

Supplies – Steve Burris

Candlelight & Sponsor's Hour – Terry Vickous

Spiritual Director - Ken Hughes

Secretary - Patricia Walsh

Chrysalis – Michael Deaton

Team Selection - Kathy Rosewell

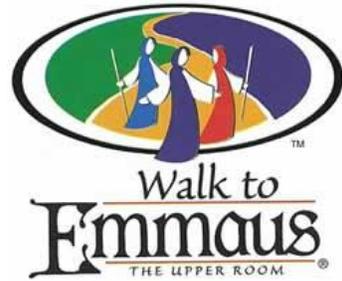
Gatherings/Kitchen - Troy Ellis

Literature - Vacant

Newsletter - Cheryl Napier

Facilities & Vice Lay Director - John Greene

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## AUGUST

- 5 **Gathering at Wesley UMC** at 1825 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, at 6:30 PM  
Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 12 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 18 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Gathering at First United Methodist Church, Richmond**, at 6:30 PM Potluck,  
7:30 Worship
- 9 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

## OCTOBER

- 7 **Gathering at Candlelight Service** during Men's Walk Asbury's Estes Chapel
- 8 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 20 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

## NOVEMBER

- 4 **Gathering at Centenary UMC**, 2800 Bates Creek Rd, Lexington, Potluck 6:30 PM,  
Worship Service at 7:30 PM.
- 11 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 17 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville,  
KY

## DECEMBER

- 2 **Gathering at Trinity Hill United Methodist**, 3600 Bates Creek Road Lexington,  
Potluck 6:30 PM, Worship Service at 7:30 PM.
- 9 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY
- 25 Christmas! The Savior is Born!

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