

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

DECEMBER 2007

As 2007 and my term as Community Lay Director comes to an end, I want to say, to the entire community, thank you for a very special year. It has been my privilege and an honor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through this part of the Body of Christ called the Lexington Emmaus Community.

My prayer for all of you is that you will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, that you will share that love and knowledge with everyone you meet, that you will stay active in your churches and that you will renew your commitment to the Lexington Emmaus Community.

This community of believers depends on the Lord and on each one of us to serve as He directs us. Without our obedience to His leading and our willingness to pray, give and serve the Emmaus movement will become ineffective. God can change lives and build up Christian leaders through the Emmaus movement but he needs our hands and feet to do it. "Christ is Counting on YOU" and Me!

My prayers for 2008 and beyond are that we all give freely of our time, talents and gifts to this Community. Even in the busy-ness of the world, make time each month to attend the Gatherings and stay connected with each other through reunion groups. Make it a priority to attend community functions and build relationships with others in the Community. I think of you all as my extended family and have been blessed to serve as your Community Lay Director this year.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

DeColores!

Marty Wright, Lay Director, 2007

RECOMMENDED BOOK OF THE MONTH

When God Doesn't Make Sense by James Dobson

This is not a recently written book, but it's one of Dr. Dobson's best. It tackles the seemingly insurmountable question we are all so prone to ask, "Why?" Why do heartaches and trials plague our lives and where do we turn for answers? It may not provide easy answers to all your questions, but it will certainly give you reason to hold on to hope in the midst of them. Grace, Chuck

Chuck Beigle, Literature Chairperson, Lexington Emmaus Board

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY BY-LAWS

The Lexington Emmaus Community Board of Directors proposes the following amendment to the Community By-laws:

Under ARTICLE V. Committees: Section 1. Standing Committees. Amend as follows:
"...following standing committees: Gatherings/Kitchen,"

This proposed change places the Gatherings and the Kitchen position under the same Board member's responsibilities. No other changes are proposed at this time.

Voting on this amendment by the community will be at the January 4, 2008, Gathering.

MEN'S WALK #97

Walk 97 was a glorious walk honoring Christ. It was a uniquely blessed Walk. All Walks focus on Him and each of us grow during the Walk in some way. However, this walk seemed to reach a new level.

Unique and blessed are two words that can be used lightly but they are especially true for Walk 97. The Walk definitely was blessed by God who worked through a combination of unique occurrences to lead us all to be more fully dedicated sharers of Christ.

Let me list a few of the things that combined to make a unique weekend:

- 1) 24 men on the walk; 2) Perfect weather; 3) Exceptional choir quality of the singing;
- 4) Extended prayer support with many special prayer sessions during the walk;
- 5) Focused tables that came together and were pilgrim lead;
- 6) Pilgrims going up together as tables at closing to tell us what the weekend meant; and
- 7) The most revealing sharing at closing demonstrating the weekend's significance to the pilgrims with many of them fully accepting Christ and/or make major changes in their lives to serve Him.

It was clear that God blessed this Walk & that many unique things happen because of His blessing.

DeColores, **John Elder**



Row 1: Matthew Wall, Rick Caswell, Joe McVey, Doug Butler, Darwin Allen, Jeremiah Snapp, Cleophus Price, Jeff Miller, Tony Blackman, David Bondurant, Dave Withers, Paul Ferrell, Kevin Metzler, Gerard Badger

Row 2: Keith Wright, Harold Mills, Barry Frazelle, John Elder, Bill McKinney, Jim Orr, Jim Eastburn, Horace Bartelow, Tom Moore, Gary Collins, Paul Brunstetter, Tim Woods

Row 3: Dane Poe, Jeff Ash, Chris Bowen, Drew Meadows, Scott Chesser, Mort Trimble, Earl Taylor, Alan Jackson, Andrew Brown, David Banks, Jerry Goerz

Row 4: Scott Miller, Paul Graves, Norbert Allen, Bob Clark, Cliff Jackson, Paul Shafer, Will Shaffer, H.B. Nelson, Ben Thomas, Steve Covington, James Carter, Mark Pennington, Tim Philpot, Joe Martin

GATHERINGS

LEXINGTON: DECEMBER 7, 2007, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive

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

PAINTSVILLE no December meeting

CHILD CARE - Childcare is available at all Gatherings. Sponsors assist finding childcare for Walks.

CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY – Amy at amywinn@hotmail.com Myspace: Lexington Chrysalis Community

COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY – E-mail request to Norm & Susie at prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org

JANUARY ORIENTATION AND TRAINING - January 19, 2008

First United Methodist Church, 200 West High Street, Lexington, KY

Come explore how the Walk to Emmaus

works at the January orientation & training event. Rev. Paul Brunstetter, Senior Minister of the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, will be our guest speaker followed by four workshop sessions. The day will close at 3:00 P M after an opportunity for the community to join in worship and communion. Listed below is the list of workshops with a short definition. Please fill out the registration form below and mail to:

SCHEDULE

8:30	GATHERING TIME & REGISTRATION
9:00	OPENING
10:30	WORKSHOP SESSION #1
11:15	WORKSHOP SESSION #2
12:00	LUNCH
12:45	WORKSHOP SESSION #3
1:30	WORKSHOP SESSION #4
2:15	CLOSING
3:00	DEPART

QUESTIONS: Ted Gyorffy at (859) 873-6186

WORKSHOPS

DEFINITION

AGAPE	Agape: A practical demonstration of hospitality, service and love during the "Walk to Emmaus".
KITCHEN	Behind the scene: Preparing and breaking of bread.
MUSIC	Into Christ's presence: Opening the door of our hearts during a "Walk" or a Gathering.
TABLE LEADERSHIP	Practical servant leadership in purpose, planning, and prayer for a table leader or assistant table leader.
TALKS	Examine the purpose, planning and presentations of a "Talk".
FOURTH DAYS	How do we continue our walk after our "Walk"? Reunion Groups, Gatherings and Sponsorship are explored.
CHRYSALIS	Chrysalis is explained and examined.
CLOWN COMMUNION	This retelling in mime of Christ's life and His gift to us is used as part of the Chrysalis experience. Learn how to conduct a Clown Communion.
CLERGY	The "Walk to Emmaus": Your participation, your churches participation and the development of lay leadership.
COMMUNITY GROWTH	Secret no longer: How to encourage your church and your friends to participate in a "Walk to Emmaus". Workshop on methods and materials.

REGISTRATION FORM: JANUARY ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

NAME:		NAME:	
	WORKSHOP CHOICE		WORKSHOP CHOICE
1		1	
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3		3	
4		4	

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 4, 2008.
PLEASE BRING TO JANUARY 4, 2008, GATHERING
OR MAIL TO:

Lexington Emmaus Community, ATTN: TRAINING,
P.O. Box 23554, Lexington, KY 40523-2554.

RECIPIES: DUE TO BECKIE SIGMON BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR 2008 SPRING FLIGHTS AND WALKS

Boys' and Girls' Flights – February 16-18

Men's Walk #99 – March 13-16

Women's Walk #100 – March 27-30

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 Web site:**

www.lexingtonemmaus.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 7 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 10 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM

JANUARY

- 4 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 11 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 14 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM

**Be sure to check the Message Board on the Community Website for prayer requests and other information.
www.lexingtonemmaus.org**

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