

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

February 2007

LET'S PRAY!

"If God has been generous with you, he will expect you to serve him well. But if he has been more than generous, he will expect you to serve him even better." (Luke 12:48(b) CEV).

Our community has been given a "more than generous" blessing and a huge opportunity in these next two years. The generous blessing is in the form of a \$25,000 gift and the promise that if it is more than matched, everything above the match up to \$25,000 will be matched again in 2008. So, let's see ... \$25,000 (gift) + \$25,000 (community match) + \$25,000 (community gift) + \$25,000 (matching gift) = \$100,000 in 2007 and 2008. The "more than generous" blessing is \$25,000. The huge opportunity is to increase the \$25,000 to \$100,000 for growing the Kingdom of God through the movement of the Walk to Emmaus.

We have been asked to intentionally work to surround this opportunity in prayer. As a community, let's pray that:

- Our Board is led by the Holy Spirit as it develops the plans for these gifts
- Our community responds even beyond the amount of the matching opportunity
- Many are reached with the Good News because of these gifts

If you would like to be involved in the ongoing prayer support of this opportunity, please send us an e-mail at normgalloway@gmail.com and we will keep you informed of prayer needs and special prayer events.

Norm and Susie Galloway

MEETING YOUR EMMAUS BOARD – AMY WINN

I'm Amy Winn and I'm the Chrysalis representative on the Emmaus Board. I am the director of The Growing Place Childcare Center in Richmond, KY. The kids that I work with light up my life and show me what God has in store for even the youngest. I am excited to be the Chrysalis representative and hope to have a great year in 2007.

Just to give you an idea of who I am, my favorite scripture is: 'God has made everything beautiful in its time.' Ecc. 3:11a. I really like this verse because it is telling us that God has a time for everything and all are beautiful in their time. We all have our time to shine; if we just trust the God who made us. May we always trust Him and the wisdom He has for our lives. If you have any questions about chrysalis, email me at: amywinn@hotmail.com or visit my myspace page.

Blessings for you and your family in 2007

SYMPATHY

Please join us in praying for the families of Leah Davis, Nick Long and Sam Knox's wife during this time of loss.

TONY HALE – FOURTH DAY TALK

In the closing ceremony at the end of the Emmaus walk, we are asked a couple of questions. What has these 3 days meant to you? Secondly what are you going to do about it? What we are going to do about it becomes our 4th day.

My brothers and sisters, I would like to invite you to think back to the time you answered these questions.

If over the 3 days we had life changing experiences, a glimpse of what heaven will be like, and the love of God was renewed, I believe we ought to have a waiting list for the men's Walk, the women's Walk, and the Chrysalis Flights in the Lexington Emmaus Community.

How you ask? By being a servant to those Christ brings into our lives.

Think about it – the only reason the Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends go over so well is (A) the work of the Holy Spirit and (B) by alumni being willing to serve. Those that serve on a Walk, give themselves for 3 days, they are willing to “pay it forward”, to give what they experienced on their Walk, so that others can have the same experience they received.

Look at Philippians 2:1 – 4 (The Message)

1-4 If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

In Philippians 2:5 – 8, Paul points to Christ Jesus as our example,

5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

Have we, the Lexington Emmaus Community, humbled ourselves to become obedient to the point of death? Think back to when you gave your life to Christ and invited Jesus in. Think about your testimony of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice. Look how many people you told of your conversion.

Now, many years later after that soul-saving experience, Christ is asking, what are you going to do about it? Look at your Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend. Christ is asking, what are you going to do about it?

So you see my brothers and sisters, if Jesus tells us to deny ourselves and pick up the Cross and follow Him, what do you think that means? To humble yourself, become a servant even to the point of death. That kind of service will draw people to Christ and the light of God. Guess what, we become better fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, workers, friends, etc. We are willing to become uncomfortable for Christ to serve others even in the Emmaus and Chrysalis community because what we experience we pay forward so others can experience the same.

And I say this with no apology: we must be intentional in this endeavor of servant-hood.

I experienced the love of God and caught a glimpse of what heaven will be like. What did I do about it?

First, I invited Christians on the Emmaus Walks or Chrysalis Flights. They were not all from my congregation. When I serve on Walks, I truly take on the servant role to serve others on the teams and the pilgrims in whatever capacity as the lay director leads.

Remember you can-not always serve where you want to serve, but you must be led by the Spirit. Remember we have to be made uncomfortable so we can depend on Christ and not on our flesh or strength.

The benefit of serving on the Emmaus and Chrysalis weekend is saying no to the world and yes to Christ and others. Everything I have experienced on the Walks, I have taken back to my congregation and became a servant there. When I asked God to save me, I gave Him my life and became a bond-servant for Christ. He not only saved me, I am giving Him Lordship of my life. I encourage you to do the same.

He gave me love and I am giving that love back to Him and to others in the Emmaus, Chrysalis, REC (prison ministry) communities and my local Church. I love you, Jesus. I love you, my brothers and sisters.

Do this, look to the person on your left and tell them, I love you. Now look to the person on your right and tell them, I love you.

In closing, as we go through this New Year, remember that in Philippians 2 Paul described the God of heaven and earth laying aside His divine glory becoming a servant and dying on the cross for your sins. Then He urges us to do the same. He wants us to live our lives by duplicating that same mind and living our lives as humble servants. That's the true spirit of Christmas.

Oh how He loves you and me.

DeColores,
Tony

LOST AND FOUND

A pillow was left at the Women's Walk. If it is yours, please contact Marty Wright at (859) 224-3736 or martybob@wrightsrealm.com.

GATHERINGS

FEBRUARY

LEXINGTON, The February Gathering will be February 2, 2007, at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship.

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, The February Gathering will be February 9, 2007, at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 PM Worship, Fellowship and Food Following

MARCH - Krymson is coming!

GIRL'S CHRYSALIS FLIGHT

Please be in prayer for our Girl's Chrysalis Flight on February 9 – 11, 2007, at the. Join us at Boone's Creek Camp for the following.

Send-off – 8:00 AM, Friday Candlelight – 8:00 PM, Saturday Close – 4:30 PM, Sunday

BOY'S CHRYSALIS FLIGHT POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 2008

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February

- 2 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 9 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 9-11 Girl's Chrysalis Flight #28, Boone's Creek Camp
- 12 Emmaus Board Meeting & Training, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:00 PM

March

- 2 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 9 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 12 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:00 PM
- 15-18 Men's Walk #95
- 22-25 Women's Walk #96

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

Registration forms should be sent to:

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

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