

LEXINGTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

February 2012

Let's Talk About Money

Matthew 17:27 (NIV)

²⁷ "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

I know this verse from Matthew seventeen is about paying the Temple Tax. However, the way it has always spoken to me is the view that Jesus has about ministry and money. Jesus and His Disciples arrive back in Capernaum, He and Peter's home and His base of operations while in Galilee. When they arrive, the collector of the Temple Tax comes to Peter and asks if Jesus is going to pay the two drachma tax. When Peter comes to Jesus to question him about the payment, Jesus speaks to him about who should really be paying the tax. He makes the point that the sons of the kings should not be paying. However, as not to offend anyone, he tells Peter to go catch a fish, pull a coin from the mouth of the fish and pay the tax.

There is a point here about God being the King and we being His sons. But what speaks to me is the fact that Jesus is showing His Disciples, (that means us) how unimportant this money thing really is. He tells Peter to go throw his line in the water, pull up a fish, remove a coin from the fish's mouth and pay the tax. In other words, this money thing should never hinder us from doing ministry. God owns it all. He will provide for whatever He calls us to do. So here is the money, take it and get on with the ministry.

This lesson came to me a few days ago while I was speaking with a couple of Board Members about sponsorship and money. Money in this case means Emmaus Walk and team fees. The Lord does own it all and He will provide for whatever the need when He calls us to sponsor or to serve on an Emmaus or Chrysalis team. **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)** ¹⁹ *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

The Lexington Community as well as a number of churches have Emmaus scholarship funds. Each of these funds have different guidelines, so check with me or any other Board member. We are happy to assist you in solving this issue of money. My wife Sandra and I often ask our Sunday School class or our Life Group to help. It seems that every time we do that, we like Moses, when he was building the Tabernacle have to ask the people to stop giving, because we have more than enough!

So, when the Lord calls you to serve as a sponsor or a team member, the message that you don't have the money is not coming from Him.

May you continue to receive and share His blessing,

Roy Johnson
Lay Director

Lam 3:22-23



From the Upper Room:

About Servant/Leadership

The Emmaus movement does not exist primarily for the weekend Walks. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the world. Emmaus gives pilgrims the skills needed for leadership and invites them to make the commitment needed to build up the church for the sake of Jesus Christ. The questions asked at the closing - "What has this weekend meant to you?" and "What are you going to do with it?" -- help pilgrims begin to comprehend the kind of servant leadership that God may require of them in the future.

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Emmaus is about developing leadership in a spirit of servanthood. This sort of leadership requires a practiced ability to listen, as E. Glenn Hinson develops in his book, [Spiritual Preparation for Christian Leadership](#), pp. 50-53:

On Listening

Douglas V. Steere, one of the leading Quakers of the twentieth century, was a mentor and teacher in the spiritual life for many. A Harvard Ph.D. and a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, he spent much of his life in a quest to know God

In his classic *On Listening to Another* (New York: Harper & Brothers, 1955), Douglas Steere has listed four qualities of a good listener. The first is vulnerability. Vulnerability comes from the Latin words meaning "capable of being wounded," "able to be hurt." Douglas reminds how much better the people with leprosy on the island of Molokai in Hawaii heard Father Damien that morning he began his sermon, "Brothers, we lepers." And, I should add, how much better Damien heard them after he contracted leprosy!

The second is acceptance. This does not mean, Douglas says, toleration born of indifference. Acceptance comes very close to what agape-love means in the New Testament. Agape is the kind of love that does not try to shape and mold the other person into its own mold. It accepts the other just as that person is.

The third is expectancy. Expectancy has to do with hopefulness. Douglas Steere was the kind of person who inspired hope in others. Many are those who would say that, until Alzheimer's disease impaired his faculties, they never met Douglas without feeling buoyed up and encouraged. In writing his biography I spent much time trying to discover the secret behind such experiences. I found two clues.

One is an optimism that pervaded his life. He could always see a ray of light penetrating every dark cloud. He looked at life from the bright side. Teilhard de Chardin possessed that same optimism grounded in a conviction that God, Divine Love, is at the very heart of things Yes. That is true. And I could go on to add, "We overcome sickness, we overcome grief, we overcome life by finding God in it."

The other is a sense of mission Douglas Steere had. It was something he learned from Martin Buber in a Quaker meeting at Haverford College in 1951. During the meeting, the remarkable Jewish philosopher said that the greatest thing one person could do for another was to confirm what was deepest in the other. That thought constantly recurred in Douglas's speech and writing, but more important, it pervaded his relationships with others. He wanted, above everything, to confirm what was deepest in other persons, arousing the hope that was in them.

The fourth is constancy. The Latin and Greek behind this word mean "to stand with" or "stay with" another. Douglas speaks of "Infinite patience." Really to listen to another, you have to exercise patience. You can't "ho hum" and start saying, "Oh, you mean . . .," when you don't know what someone means but are saying, "If you will say something like this, we can get on with this and I can go on to something else." To listen is to "stay with" the other.

Listening is more than hearing words and distinguishing sounds. Seeing is more than looking at objects. Douglas Steere cited a story from John Woolman, the eighteenth-century Quaker saint. Following a Native American rebellion, Woolman undertook a dangerous trip to visit the Delaware Indians at Welialoosing on the Susquehanna River. Initially, he tried to communicate with their chief, Papunehang, through a Moravian missionary. When that seemed unsuccessful, he asked the interpreters to let him pray without translation. Before the meeting closed, he was told that Papunehang had said, "I love to feel where words come from." (1) The object is to get beyond words and thoughts. Communication has many levels, and you want to reach the deepest of them.

Within every exchange, moreover, there is more than the speaker and the hearer. There is also the Eternal Listener, Kierkegaard's Eternal Spectator. God is there. Douglas Steere cited Psalm 139, that wonderful poem about God's inescapable nearness. In the first seven verses the psalmist told how intimately God knows each person: "Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely" (v. 4). Then in verse 8, this one who wanted so desperately to escape God summed up his experience of God's unavoidable presentness: "If I ascend to heaven, you are there." That, of course, is where you expect God to be. But the other half, "if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there," that is what rolls over you.

Two things in that jump out at you. First, the psalmist said, "If I make my bed," not if I trip and fall in. You can't mess up your life so badly that God will not be there. Second, Sheol is by definition in Hebrew thought where God is not. But for our psalmist there is nowhere God is not.

*If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you. (Ps. 139: 9-12)*

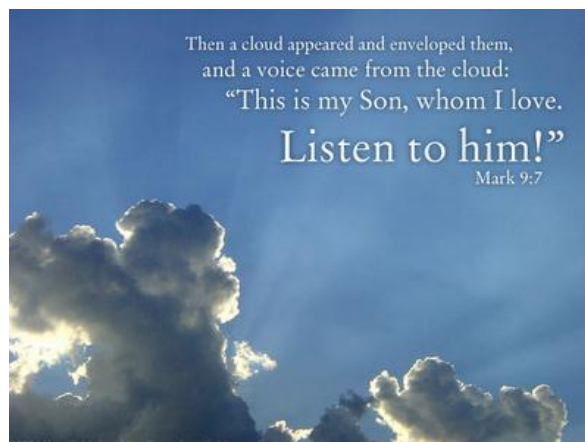
What do you do with your listening and your seeing? Douglas Steere contends that, if you really listen, you may listen another person to a condition of awareness of the Eternal Listener's presence. And if you really listen, you may become aware of the Eternal Listener.

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If you would like to learn more about Douglas Steere, read his classic book [Dimensions of Prayer: Cultivating a Relationship with God](#).

NOTES

(1) *John Woolman, The Journal of John Woolman (New York: Corinth Books, 1961), p. 151.*



Attention Emmaus Reunion Groups!

Did you know there is a list of reunion groups on the Lexington Emmaus Community's website? Is your group currently on the list? Do you want your group to be on that list? We all know that reunion groups are an integral part of the Emmaus community. Having a current and correct list of reunion groups on our website is another way of helping community members connect to one another. [This list represents reunion groups that are open to new members.](#) If you would like to list your reunion group, or if your group is currently on the list and wants to remain on the list, please provide the following information:

Name of Group (if you have one)

Day you meet

Time (be sure to specify am or pm)

Location (be as detailed as possible - building, room, address)

Contact person's name and email address/phone number.

This contact person does not have to be the "leader" of the group, but will serve as someone who can answer any questions about the group, should someone be interested in attending.

Please send this information to Veronica Taylor, Secretary of the Board of Directors, at VLT13@HOTMAIL.COM. Thanks!

Agape Needed!

If you would like to provide a snack for the upcoming Women's Walk to Emmaus (#116) on March 22-25, please contact Christine Duttlinger at cduttlinger@insightbb.com or 859-489-2106 (text or call).

You can sign up for Sweet, Salty and/or Healthy snacks!

Remember how some of your favorites appeared at the snack table?

Let's pay it forward and bless these ladies with some Snack Agape!! Thank you!

When preparing table or bed Agape, please label who it is from without identifying individuals. Some examples are listed below.

From a Pilgrim Lexington
Northern Kentucky Emmaus
Women's Walk #46

From the Sunrise Sisters
Reunion Group
Lexington, KY

From a Lexington Emmaus
Community Member
Men's Walk #103

From a servant of Christ in the Lexington
Emmaus Community



Please be in prayer for the
Chrysalis Flight #33 Team
Lay Directors: Earl Taylor and Dana Ellis

Boy's Team

Earl Taylor, Lay Director
Vince Coppola, Asst. Lay Director – Adult
Ryan Yoder, Asst. Lay Director – Youth
Howard Rosewell, Asst. Lay Director – Adult
Ron Deverick, IT/Technical Coordinator
TBA, Lay Director in Training
Scott Wilson, Spiritual Leader
Lee Davis, Asst. Spiritual Leader
Kevin Burgess, Asst. Spiritual Leader
Michael Deaton, Music Leader
Austin Fraley, Music Assisstant
Alan Napier, Adult Table Leader
Jeremy Prater, Adult Table Leader
Robbie Hale, Adult Table Leader
Devin Joyce, Adult Table Leader
Philip Pope, Youth Table Leader
CJ Leopold, Youth Table Leader
Brandon Graham, Youth Table Leader
Tyler Sebastian, Youth Table Leader
Ralph Clay, Adult Prayer Leader
Daniel Brabon, Youth Prayer Leader
Orville Wolfe, Adult Prayer Leader
Shad Stewart, Agape (Adult)
Thomas V. Sloan, Agape (Adult)
Todd Yoder, Agape (Youth)
Craig Hicks, Agape (Adult)
Paul Sainato, Agape (Adult)

Girl's Team

Dana Ellis, Lay Director
Becky Coppola, Asst. Lay Director – Adult
Katlyn Delany, Asst. Lay Director – Youth
Kathy Rosewell – IT/Technical Coordinator
TBA, Lay Director in Training
Bob Coppings, Spiritual Leader
Katie Grover, Asst. Spiritual Leader
Laurie White, Music Leader
Bailey Macy, Music Assistant
Anna Bryant, Adult Table Leader
Angie Prater, Adult Table Leader
Lori Hale, Adult Table Leader
Veronica Taylor, Adult Table Leader
Sarah Hiner, Adult Table Leader
Caroline Miller, Youth Table Leader
Samantha Easterling, Youth Table Leader
Rachel Quinn , Youth Table Leader
Miranda Ellis , Youth Table Leader
Kelsey Prater, Youth Table Leader
Donna New, Adult Prayer Leader
Emma Gosser, Youth Prayer Leader
Elly Gilbert, Youth Prayer Leader
Sharon Meade, Agape Leader (Adult)
Paul Sainato, Agape (Adult)
Craig Hicks, Agape (Adult)
Morgan High, Agape (Youth)
Keisha Gatewood, Agape (Youth)

Alan Norbert, Kitchen Leader; Colleen Davis, Kitchen Assistant; Joe McVey

Please visit the Lexington Emmaus Community website for more information, News, Forms, Agape sign-up, past walk photos, links to the Upper Room and other area Emmaus Communities, etc. www.lexingtonemmaus.org



Spring 2012 Walk Registration is now OPEN!

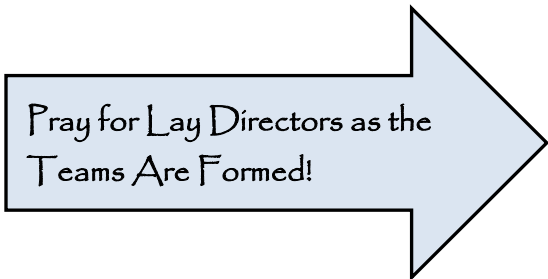
Registration for the Lexington Emmaus Community's Spring 2012 Walks is now open.

Men's Walk #115 - March 15-18, 2012

Women's Walk #116 - March 22-25, 2012

The deadline for submission of [Walk applications](#) is three weeks prior to the Walk. If you wish to register a pilgrim for these Walks, get them in **now** to make sure your pilgrim has a place. The cost of the walk is \$150.00 with \$50.00 due at the time of application as a nonrefundable deposit.

Please PRAY!



Men's Lay Director – David Baugh

Women's Lay Director – Patricia Walsh

**Lexington Emmaus Community
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Team Selection – Earl Taylor

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Future Walks and Flights

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 28 – 30, 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

2014

February 15 – 17, 2014 –Chrysalis Flight 36
April 24 – 27, 2014 – Men's Walk 123
May 1 – 4, 2014 – Women's Walk 124
October 2 – 5, 2014 - Men's Walk 125
October 9 – 12, 2014 – Women's Walk 126



Snow Policy

If Fayette County schools are closed **due to the weather** the Gathering will be cancelled. If the weather turns bad during a school day check the TV, Website and radio.

Join Us at the Next Gathering!

LEXINGTON: February 3 at Trinity Hill United Methodist, 3600 Tates Creek Rd. Lexington, Potluck 6:30 PM, Worship Service at 7:30 PM. **Childcare is available.**

PAINTSVILLE: February 10 at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 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

CHILD CARE - Child care is available at most Gatherings for children ages 2 – 10. Sponsors assist finding childcare for Walks.

More Information on Gatherings

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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

2012 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 3 **Gathering at Trinity Hill UMC**, 3600 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington, KY.
6:30 Potluck, 7:30 Worship Service
- 10 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 18-20 **Chrysalis Flight #33** Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

MARCH

- 2 **Gathering at Second Presbyterian Church**, 460 E. Main St Lexington, KY
Potluck 6:30 PM, 7:30 Worship Service
- 9 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15-18 **Men's Emmaus Walk #115**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 22-25 **Women's Emmaus Walk #116**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

APRIL

- 6 **Good Friday**
- 8 **Easter "Christ is Risen!"**
- 13 **Gathering at Centenary UMC**, 2800 Tates Creek Rd., Lexington, Potluck 6:30 PM,
Worship Service at 7:30 PM
- 13 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

MAY

- 4 **Gathering at West Side Community UMC**, 2875 US Highway 127, Hustonville, KY
6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 11 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

JUNE

- 1 **Gathering at Winchester First UMC**, 204 S. Main St., Winchester, KY. 6:30 PM Potluck,
7:30 Worship
- 8 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

JULY

- 2 **No Gathering**
- 28-30 **Chrysalis Flight #34**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

AUGUST

- 3 **Gathering at Wesley UMC at 1825 Russell Cave Road, Lexington**, 6:30 PM Potluck,
7:30 Worship
- 10 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

SEPTEMBER

- 7 **Gathering at TBA**
- 14 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

OCTOBER

- 5 **Gathering at Trinity Hill UMC**, 3600 Tate's Creek Road Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck,
7:30 PM Worship Service
- 12 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 11-14 **Men's Emmaus Walk #117**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 25-28 **Women's Emmaus Walk #118** Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

NOVEMBER

- 2 **Gathering at Centenary UMC**, 2800 Tate's Creek Rd, 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

DECEMBER

- 7 **Gathering at Lancaster UMC**, 200 Stanford Street, Lancaster, Potluck 6:30 PM,
Worship Service at 7:30 PM
- 14 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 25 **Christmas "Christ the Savior is born"**

The Lexington Emmaus Community Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of the month, at 6:30 PM at Trinity Hill UMC, 3600 Tate's Creek Road, Lexington, KY. Anyone with agenda items to bring before the board, please contact Roy Johnson at

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