

LEXINGTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

January 2013

A Message from our New Community Lay Director

Greetings my Emmaus brothers and sisters! I pray you had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to what the New Year will bring. It is my pleasure to serve as the Lay Director of the Lexington Emmaus Community for 2013. I am excited to see how the Lord will work through us as we offer the Walk to Emmaus experience to those He will call to participate.

“.... so that “

The apostle Paul frequently used the words “*so that*” to connect two (2) related situations, i.e.: this happened *so that* something could be accomplished. Paraphrasing Philippians 1:12, 13 – I have been imprisoned *so that* the Gospel may be preached to the Palace Guard. Again, paraphrasing Colossians 1:24-26 – I have been obedient to the commission God gave me, enduring persecution, *so that* the riches of the mystery of God might be made known to the Gentiles.

Reading the Philippians passage in my morning devotions recently, I paused to reflect on why we sponsor folks on the Emmaus Walk. Is it *so that* they can enjoy the worship, fellowship, and yes, the bounty of food that we did? Is it *so that* they might grow from this concentrated presentation of the Christian message? Is it *so that* they might experience the beauty and power of the body of Christ in action? Is it *so that* they might return to their churches awash in the love of God and eager to serve there? Is it *so that* their lives may be so changed that those they interface with might come to know the Lord or come to re-commit their lives to Him?

Well, it’s all of the above isn’t it? And, maybe other blessings the Spirit didn’t reveal to me that day. Then the question remains – Why are there empty chairs on many of our Emmaus Walks? Have we forgotten that we are one of the ways the Lord makes His will known to those He calls to the Emmaus experience?

Let’s resolve together as this new year begins that we will make it a priority to sponsor folks on the Walk to Emmaus, *so that*, we can take pride in having 36 Pilgrims on the Walk? No! *So that* we can be content knowing we have been faithful instruments of His grace in extending the invitation. God’s Spirit will do the rest.

Jim Eastburn
Community Lay Director

Ephesians 2:8-10

A Message from Dr. Wayne Lewis

When You Really Believe...

Scripture Reference: James 1:19-27

There is something particularly instructive which we can take from children's faith in us. If you have ever made a promise to a child, there are a few things I am sure, that you know. You know that children don't take promises lightly. They don't forget promises and unless you make a habit of letting them down, children more often than not will take you at your word. Their faith in us and their belief in our promises often become visible with their preparation to receive or participate in whatever we have promised them. Their preparatory actions and their excitement become visible indicators of their faith and belief.

Truthfully, this does not just apply to children. If I promise my best friend that I will treat him to lunch on Monday, if he believes me, his faith in me and his belief in my promise are going to lead to a change in his attitude and his behavior. For starters, if he typically brings his lunch to work to eat at his desk, he is now going to forgo making a sandwich for lunch that morning. If he typically has to buy his own lunch, he might be just a little excited about being treated. If he typically eats a big breakfast and then a very light lunch, he might forgo breakfast completely on Monday so that he can order the filet mignon for lunch. These would be very visible behavioral changes in my friend, all triggered by his faith in me and his belief in my promise that I would treat him to lunch on Monday.

And the same is the case regarding our faith in the promises of God. Some of us like to talk about our faith in God and our belief in His promises as if no one should be able to see the evidence of our faith and belief. But when it comes to the promises of men; there is usually plenty of evidence of our faith in those promises. We check the weather report in the morning to see what the forecast is for the day. The meteorologist says there is an 80% chance of rain this afternoon. You grab your umbrella and make sure the children have their raincoat packed in their backpack. You might make change your attire for the day. Then when you get to work you try extra hard to park as close as you possibly can to your office.

Look at all the changes we make because we believe what the meteorologist tells us. That is because our faith in someone or something is usually evidenced by some change in our attitude and/or behavior. It's really that simple; even with our relationship with God. Some of us want to continue to convince ourselves and others that we can believe what God says without our belief resulting in some change in our behavior and attitude. But it is our actions, and our change in attitude and behavior, in the name of our faith in Christ and belief in His promises, that show whether or not we truly believe at all.

Announcements

Deadlines for Spring Emmaus Walks

Remember that the **Spring Walks** are just around the corner. The deadline for all walks and flights is 3 weeks before the walk begins. The deadline for the Men's Walk will be **March 21st** and **March 28th** for the Women's Walk.



Please **PRAY** for our **Lay Directors**
and **Team Formation!**

Chrysalis Flight 35 ~ Michael Deaton
and Girl's Lay Director TBA
Men's Walk 119 ~ Jerry Goerz
Women's Walk 120 ~ Denise Martin
Journey Flight 1 ~ Earl Taylor and
Jane Yerace

Lexington Emmaus Community Future Walks and Flights

2013

February 15 – 18, 2013 – Chrysalis Flight 35
April 11 – 14, 2013 – Men's Walk 119
April 18 – 21, 2013 – Women's Walk 120
May 18-20, 2013 – Chrysalis Journey Flight 1
August 3-5, 2013 – Chrysalis Flight 36
October 10 – 13, 2013 - Men's Walk 121
October 17 – 20, 2013 – Women's Walk 122

2014

February 15 – 17, 2014 – Chrysalis Flight 37
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



Storm 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.

Spring 2013 Walk Registration

Register now for the Lexington Emmaus Community's Spring 2013 Walks.

Men's Walk #119 – April 11-14, 2013

Women's Walk #120 – April 18-21, 2013

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 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

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Applications are available on the Lexington Emmaus Community website at <http://www.lexingtonemmaus.org>. The cost of the weekend is \$100.00 with \$30.00 due with the application as a nonrefundable deposit.

Chrysalis Registration

Registration Deadline January 25th

Flight #35

February 15-18, 2013

Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, KY

Journey Chrysalis Registration

Registration Deadline April 27

Flight #1

Wesley Student Foundation, Lexington, KY

Chrysalis is for youth that are freshman through senior in high school. The Chrysalis experience facilitates spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. Sponsor a youth today! Journey Chrysalis is for High School Grads (at least 18) through age 26. (Must be single..never married). Young adults explore a deeper understanding of their walk with Christ.

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 - Need one or two volunteers to take over this ministry. Please pray to see if God is leading you to this position.

Lexington Emmaus Community 2013 Board of Directors

Lay Director – Jim Eastburn
Treasurer – Karen Lay
Agape – Becky Coppola
Community Shepherd – Alan Jackson
Registrar – Jane Yerace
Leadership Training – David Wolfe
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Supplies – Cong Potter
Candlelight & Sponsor's Hour – Terry Vickous

Spiritual Director – Bob Coppings
Secretary – Veronica Taylor
Chrysalis – Michael Deaton
Team Selection – Roy Johnson
Gatherings/Kitchen – Jennifer Deaton
Literature – Cliff Jackson
Newsletter – AC Mullins
Facilities – Paul Purcell

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 Jim Eastburn at elibobcon@att.net.

Lexington Community Calendar: 2012 – 2013

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 4 Gathering at Centenary UMC, 2800 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 11 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 25 Registration Deadline for Chrysalis Flight #35

FEBRUARY

- 1 Gathering at Park UMC, 645 East High Street, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 8 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15-18 Chrysalis Flight #35, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

MARCH

- 1 2nd Presbyterian Church, 460 E Main St. Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 8 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 21 Registration Deadline for Men's Walk #119
- 28 Registration Deadline for Women's Walk #120

APRIL

- 5 Gathering at TBA
- 12 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 11-14 Men's Emmaus Walk #119, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 18-21 Women's Emmaus Walk #120, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 27 Registration Deadline for Journey Chrysalis

MAY

- 3 Gathering at TBA
- 10 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 18-20 Chrysalis Journey Flight #1

JUNE

- 7 Gathering at Trinity Hill UMC, 3600 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 14 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

JULY

- 5 No Gathering
- 12 No Gathering

AUGUST

- 2 Gathering at Wesley UMC, 1825 Russell Cave Rd, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 3-5 Chrysalis Flight #36
- 9 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Gathering at TBA
- 13 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

OCTOBER

- 4 Gathering at TBA
- 10-13 Men's Emmaus Walk #121 Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- 11 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 17-20 Women's Emmaus Walk #122 Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

NOVEMBER

- 1 Gathering at Centenary UMC, 2800 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 8 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

DECEMBER

- 6 Gathering at TBA
- 13 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 325 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship



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