

LEXINGTON Emmaus COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

June 2004

New Fall Walk Dates

Mark your calendars now!

Due to changes at Asbury Seminary, the Community has been forced to change the Fall Walks to the following:

Men's Walk #85: September 30 - October 3, 2004
Women's Walk #86: October 14-17, 2004

Lay Directors Jeff Chandler and Mary Lou Hardie are preparing now for these Walks as they prayerfully consider their teams. If you feel led to be a part of these teams, please let them know of your interest.



July 4th Picnic

It's just around the corner!

The July 4th picnic will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at the First UMC Church in Mt. Sterling. This is the same location as the 2003 picnic.

The fun will start at noon on July 3rd with the potluck lunch starting at 1PM. Following lunch, we will have worship and celebrate Holy Communion. Before lunch and after worship there will games and other fun activities for the whole family. Be sure to bring:

- * Food enough to share with 12 or more (salads, covered dishes, desserts, etc.)
- * Musical Instruments for a Jam Session
- * Softballs, bats, gloves
- * Lawn games
- * Board games or other fun ideas

More information will be in the next newsletter.

New International Spiritual Director

We welcome the Reverend Dr. Víctor Pérez as the new International Spiritual Director for The Walk to Emmaus and for Chrysalis, effective February 1, 2004. He comes to the position with a rich and diverse background. After 16 years in the banking industry and active participation in the United Methodist Church, Víctor answered God's call to ordained ministry. After graduation from seminary he was an effective pastor in his native country of Puerto Rico. In 1987 he was invited to serve on The General Board of Discipleship in administration and leadership development. Víctor returned to Puerto Rico in 1999 as vice president of the Seminario Evangelico. During that time, he was active in both Emmaus and Chrysalis, serving as Spiritual Director for both Emmaus and Chrysalis communities in Puerto Rico. Víctor has broad international experience and he has a passion for spiritual formation and leadership development. Please hold Víctor in your prayers as he begins his work with Emmaus and Chrysalis Community Spiritual Directors.

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Prayers for Other Communities

Please pray for these other communities having Walks in the month of June:

June 3-6

Tres Dias London & SE England Women's #6
W. WA Puget Sound Emmaus Men's #147
Cleveland/Athens, TN Chrysalis Girl's
Cleveland/Athens, TN Chrysalis Boy's
North Mississippi Chrysalis Girl's
Houston Bay Area Emmaus Men's #21

June 10-13

W. WA Puget Sound Emmaus Women's #148
Houston Bay Area Emmaus Women's #22

June 17-20

Riverina New S. Wales, Aus., Emmaus
Men's #25
Elohim Emmaus of East Ctrl IL. Men's #5
North Mississippi Chrysalis Boy's

June 24-27

North Indiana Emmaus Women's #176
Riverina New S. Wales, Aus., Emmaus
Women's #26
Elohim Emmaus of East Ctrl IL. Women's #6
Springfield Area, Ohio Emmaus Women's #41
Central Mississippi Chrysalis Girl's #15
North Mississippi Chrysalis Girl's
Dayspring Emmaus of S. Indiana Women's

New Walk Application Deadline

Effective with this Fall's Walks, all applications must be received at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the Walk. The deadline for applications for Men's Walk #85 is September 9, 2004. The deadline for applications for Women's Walk #86 is September 23, 2004. The deadline for applications for scholarships is the same as the Walk applications. No exceptions will be made.

Don't wait -- get those applications in the mail now!

2004 Lexington Emmaus Community Board of Directors

The 2004 Lexington Emmaus Community Board of Directors is shown below with their committee assignments. If you would like to participate on one of the committees or need their help, their phone numbers are provided below.

Eddie Hayes	Lay Director	859-624-9870
Fred Wiles	Spiritual Director	859-498-1870
Harvey Sigmon	Vice Lay Director/Agape	859-885-7560
Keith Wright	Treasurer	859-271-4596
Judy Seitz	Secretary/Records	859-858-9201
Jeff Miller	Team Selection	859-273-7393
Pam Chandler	Gatherings	859-271-6204
Jesse Yoder	Music/Entertainment	859-858-8953
Janelle Lane	Facilities/Storage	859-236-8471
Tim Miller	Leadership Development	606-784-6895
John Bryant	Supplies	859-745-6023
Don Wright	Newsletter	859-224-3736
Alex Miller	Chrysalis	859-619-5213
Janet Butler	Kitchen	859-858-4216
Harold Mills	Registrar	859-269-7801
Bob Coppings	Send-off/Sponsor's hour	859-792-6017
(open)	Literature	
Jerri Williams	Community Sheperd	859-272-0585

Sponsorship -- The First Act of Agape

The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus lists three aspects of good sponsorship:

1. It is “the first act of agape” before a Walk ever begins.
2. It undergirds the whole weekend “with sacrificial love on behalf of each Pilgrim.”
3. It is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement, which results in the renewal of the church.

Thus, sponsorship offers an opportunity for spiritual revitalization to individual Christians who then serve as vessels of renewal in their home, congregation, workplace, community, and the world. Wise sponsorship builds up the body of Christ.

Sponsorship is the act of re-experiencing The Walk to Emmaus with the person whom God has laid on your heart. Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of The Walk to Emmaus. Do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, and careful planning before the Walk and follow-through afterwards.

Remember this focus as you consider sponsorship. Viewing The Walk to Emmaus as a hospital to cure psychological, social and even spiritual ills will weaken the community. Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ's sake.

Emmaus is designed to give 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. Its purposes are to deepen the faith of individuals, to increase the faith of congregations, and to bring Christianity to the World.

Consider these three principles:

Prayer

Praying is the first step in sponsorship. When we

start praying, we commit the process to God. We release to God our control, our desires, and our expectations. As we spend this time in prayer, we need to empty ourselves of self to be filled with God's instruction, God's timing, and God's person for us to sponsor.

Openness to God

Our openness to God enables us to become God's instruments in furthering divine will through The Walk to Emmaus. Being open to God includes having our eyes open to see God at work. Being open to God means we listen. Time and time again, the scriptures admonish us to listen to God and God's instructions. Our openness to God allows us to receive God's instruction - even when the instruction does not conform to our expectations. Our openness to God sensitizes us as to how God wants to renew and revitalize the church using all the aspects (sponsorship included) of the Emmaus experience.

Calling by Name

Another aspect of sponsorship is calling individuals by name. God called people by name - Noah, Abram (Abraham), Samuel, Moses, and others. Jesus also called individuals, and he called each person by name. In the Gospels we read of Jesus' calling the twelve disciples by name. Nowhere in the Gospels do we read of Jesus issuing a general call for volunteers.

As sponsors, we need to follow the scriptural principles of praying, being open to God, and then calling people by name to attend The Walk to Emmaus. Remember, The Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. Be certain that the individual you invite is right for Emmaus and that Emmaus is right for that individual.

Are you ready to be a praying, discerning, committed sponsor? The fall Walks will be here before you know it!





LEXINGTON EMMAUS WALK SCHEDULE

2004

NEW DATES:

Men's Walk #85, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1
Women's Walk #86, Oct. 14 - 17

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 above address or from our web site at: <http://www.lexingtonemmaus.org>. Information about Walks being held by other communities this month is located inside this newsletter.

Newsletter address changes and phone number changes should be emailed to don@wrightsrealm.com or call (859)224-3736. Returned mail is an extra expense for the community.



LEXINGTON EMMAUS GATHERING

Friday, June 4, 2004 at 7:00 PM

**Andover Campus, 1st UMC
4131 Todds Rd
Lexington, KY**

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a special time of worship, communion and fellowship. Remember, we will have a pre-gathering time for fellowship at 7 PM and begin worship promptly at 7:30 PM.

Please remember to bring a snack to share during the fellowship time. Child care is provided. We want to provide the children with appropriate snacks, so if you bring a child please also bring along an appropriate snack for them to share. A children's snack table will be set up just outside the child care room.

Have you responded to God's gifts to you with a special gift to the Community?

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