



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

**March 2014**

~~We love because God first loved us. 1Jn 4:19~~

I love reading Max Lucado books. One of my favorite devotions is from his book "In the Grip of Grace".

Untethered by time, he sees us all. From the backwoods of Virginia to the business district of London; from the Vikings to the astronauts, from the cave-dwellers to the kings. From the hut-builders to the finger-pointers to the rock-stackers, he sees us. Vagabonds and ragamuffins all, he saw us before we were born.

And he loves what he sees. Flooded by emotion. Overcome by pride, the Starmaker turns to us, one by one, and says, "You are my child. I love you dearly. I'm aware that someday you'll turn from me and walk away. But I want you to know, I've already provided you a way back."

This is one of my favorites because I see myself in this passage. I am a ragamuffin; I have walked away; I have wondered who in the world could ever love me. In this passage, I am reminded of the answer. He does! Even when I think I am not lovable. He is pointing His finger at me and crooking it to call me back. While I personalize this for myself, the truth is: He loves us all. He is overcome with pride for each of us. I heard someone say that if God had an earthly calendar, our birthdays would be circled.

If there is one thing that I know was conveyed during the recent Chrysalis Flight, it is that each of the youth that attended is loved. Being involved with youth at our local high school and at church, I see some of them struggling with so many issues . . . one of those at the forefront is "Am I loved?" The Emmaus and Chrysalis Experiences are so good at making sure all attendees understand the depth of God's love!

What an amazing flight. The Spirit was moving in both conference rooms. A big "thank you" to our Boys' and Girls' lay directors – Well done Good and Faithful Servants! Thanks to the conference room teams and the support teams. It was such a blessing to hear the testimonies at closing, especially hearing that they were reminded of God's love for them. Fly with Christ!

Jane

## Community Announcements

**Men's Walk #123** April 24-27 at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY

**Women's Walk #124** May 1-4 at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY

The deadline for registration for the Men's Walk is **April 3rd** and the deadline for the Women's Walk is **April 18th**. The cost of the walk is \$150.00 with \$50.00 due at the time of application as a nonrefundable deposit.

Applications are available on the Lexington Emmaus Community website at <http://www.lexingtonemmaus.org>.

#### Lexington Emmaus Prayer Network

If you want to be part of this network, please contact Bob Coppings by email [elibobcon@att.net](mailto:elibobcon@att.net)



If you have a prayer request please contact Bob to be added to the prayer list.



If schools are closed due to weather in the school district in which the Gathering is to be held, the Gathering will be cancelled. If the weather turns bad during a school day check the website, TV and radio.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming Walks and team formation time.



Men's LD: Tom Lingeman  
Women's LD: Elly Gilbert

#### 2013 Calendar Year Financial Summary

Each year the Treasurer reports a summary of the finances for the previous year to the Lexington Emmaus Community. I am a new Treasurer, having taken over the responsibilities in mid-January 2013. Following is a top line report on the 2013 finances. Next year, when I am personally familiar with the internal data I will be able to provide a more robust report. During the Candlelight/Gatherings in 2013, donations totaled \$5,400.42. Total fees paid for the Walks/Flights were \$35,459.46 as of Jan. 31, 2014. However, the total Walk/Flight expenses were \$43,506.27 (of which \$29,470.64 went to rental of facilities) as of Jan. 31, 2014. Taking into account ALL Income and Expenditures (I have only listed a few above) Calendar Year 2013 ended with a deficit of \$12,562.32. Expenses and Income frequently cross Fiscal Years. For example, some transactions were made in January, 2014 from the Fall 2013 Walks. Over these first months of 2014 the Board of Directors will analyze the bottom lines for each and every Walk/Flight from last year and look into options for covering any shortage we have incurred as well as discussing other plans that may need to be made for the future. Any questions may be directed to me at [theholidays@yahoo.com](mailto:theholidays@yahoo.com). Thank you for your attention, Susan Holliday.



Blessing to each of you, friends in the Lexington Emmaus community. Flight 36 is officially in the books, and we have been encouraged and empowered by what we saw come out of the conference rooms. Over the course of the weekend, we witnessed these young men and women come to terms with themselves, with each other and with the Lord. As Shad spoke to the new butterflies after closing, the most common thing he heard from them is that they want to come back, they want to share what they experienced and be involved in the Flight next year. Through the incredible team that God put together for this event, and through the mighty support we received in terms of prayer, gifts and service from the community at large, we came away with a group of young people feeling the call to serve our Lord, and some young men professed the call to ordination. The expressions of love and support through and because of Jesus Christ have found a home in their hearts and they are so touched and moved by this that they actively, they desperately want to share this grace and love. We have worked hard to serve as Christ commanded in the Great Commission, and now, now

we have incredible young people hungry to do the same. And that, my friends, is one of the greatest blessings I could ever hope to be a part of. Thank you.

Fly with Christ

Shad Stewart and Carrie Wheeler

## ***Lexington Community Calendar: 2014***

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### **APRIL**

**3** **Deadline for Men's Walk Registration**

**4** **Gathering at Richmond FUMC**, 401 W. Main St., Richmond, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM

Worship

**18** **Deadline for Women's Walk Registration**

**24-27** **Men's Emmaus Walk #123**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

### **MAY**

**1-4** **Women's Emmaus Walk #124**, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

**2** **Gathering**, Candlelight, 8:00 PM at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

### **JUNE**

**6** **Gathering at Trinity Hill UMC**, 3600 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM  
Worship

### **JULY**

**No Gathering**

### **AUGUST**

**5** **Gathering at Wesley UMC**, 1825 Russell Cave Rd, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM  
Worship

**3-5** **Chrysalis Flight #36**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**5** **Paris First United Methodist Church**, 617 Pleasant St. Paris, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM  
Worship

**11** **Deadline for Men's Walk Registration**

**19** **Deadline for Women's Walk Registration**

### **OCTOBER**

**2-5** **Men's Emmaus Walk #125** Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

**3** **Gathering at Candlelight**, 8:00 PM at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY

**9-12** **Women's Emmaus Walk #126** Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

### **NOVEMBER**

**7** **Gathering at Eastside Community Church**, 2010 Catalpa Loop, Richmond, 6:30 PM  
Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship

### **DECEMBER**

**5** **Gathering at Winchester First UMC**, 204 S. Main St., Winchester, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30  
PM Worship