

EMMAUS COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

May 2005

BRING YOUR SPONSOR TO THE GATHERING!

Gatherings have returned to St. Luke UMC, 2341 Alumni Dr. (near the intersection of Alumni Dr. and New Circle Rd.) in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 6th starting at 7:00 p.m. As was previously announced, this Gathering has a theme—BRING YOUR SPONSOR TO THE GATHERING! As you know, a sponsor's responsibilities include bringing pilgrims to gathering and getting them involved in the community after the Walk. But our May gathering has a new twist. For all who are able, call your sponsor and invite him/her to come with you. If your sponsor is unavailable, call another friend to come. Let's have a great crowd to welcome our new pilgrims from Men's Walk #87 and Women's Walk #88 and to celebrate communion together.

In the months ahead, we will have other themes including Agape night, Reunion group/Table group night, clergy appreciation night, 20th anniversary night! Watch the newsletter and the community Web site for more information.

A JOY IN SPONSORSHIP

One of the most powerful elements of the Walk to Emmaus is the personal testimony from the speakers and the pilgrims at the Closing. Here are some of the wonderful words shared by our sisters after Walk #88, just a reminder of why we sponsor our friends and loved ones. Remember the two questions they were answering: What did this weekend mean to you, and what do you intend to do with it?

Judy Seitz,
Lay Director of the Lexington Emmaus Community

"I lost my song.... Last night as we walked,... I said, 'Thank you, God, I have found my song....' I'm going to let other people listen to it."

"A private ... [person] like myself doesn't need to be lonely.... I will try ... to let others be part of my life."

"You've [the community] made it wonderfully clear to me that Jesus is a part of my life. I'm going to shout it to the world."

"The quiet time meant a lot to me.... I intend to have more quiet time to spend with God and let him direct me."

"I've seen and experienced the face of Jesus."

"It's been an experience of great beauty.... There's a new life in me.... I have so many tools now."



Please Be in Prayer for Walks in other Communities

Throughout the world, communities just like the Lexington Emmaus Community are holding Walks and Flights. Please pray for these communities having Walks in the month of May.

May 5-8

LOVE Emmaus, Maysville, KY Men's #10
Crossroads Emmaus of New England Men's #29
New York Annual Conf. Emmaus Men's #28
Keystone (PA) Emmaus Men's #22
New Life Emmaus (AL) Women's #7
Central Texas Conf. Emmaus Women's #273
SWTC - Care Bexar Emmaus Women's #1226

May 6-8

Mountain Ridge NC Chrysalis Boy's #41

May 12-15

Greater Dayton Emmaus Men's #37
Crossroads Emmaus of New Eng, Women's #30
Houston Bay Area, TX Emmaus Men's #27
Lynchburg/Central Va. Emmaus Women's #49
Maryland Emmaus Women's #ST-130
Southern Maryland Emmaus Women's #16
Garden State (NJ) Emmaus Women's #29
N. Central New York Emmaus Women's #77
Keystone (PA) Emmaus Women's #24
Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus (Va) Women's #41
Alabama Emmaus Women's #286
Blue Lake (AL) Emmaus Men's #163
Servant Heart (AL) Emmaus Women's #4
Gulf Coast (FL) Emmaus Men's #65
Sun Coast (FL) Emmaus Women's #35
Mountain Top (NC) Emmaus Men's #122
New Covenant (TN) Emmaus Men's #42
Auckland NZ Emmaus Men's #23
Newcastle-Central Coast, New South Wales,
Australia Emmaus Women's #54
Port Elizabeth S. Africa Emmaus Women's #26
Riverside S. Africa Emmaus Women's #36
Sydney Australia Emmaus Women's #103
Western Sydney Australia Emmaus Men's #60
Central Illinois Emmaus Women's #183
Cedar Rapids Iowa Emmaus Women's #115
Central Ohio Emmaus Women's #83
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Men's #74
Nebraska Emmaus Men's #87
Central Texas Conf. Emmaus Women's #274

May 12-15 (cont.)

Grace Emmaus Comm., Corbin KY Men's #1
Dallas TX Emmaus Men's #189
Northeast Texas Emmaus Men's #05-81
SWTC - BOerNe Again Emmaus Men's #1228
SWTC - Austin, TX North Emmaus Men's #1229
SWTC - Hill Country Emmaus Women's #1230
Shenandoah Valley Chrysalis Boy's #6
Shenandoah Valley Chrysalis Girl's #6

May 19-22

Houston Bay Area, TX Emmaus Women's #28
New York Annual Conf. Emmaus Women's #28
Sonshine Emmaus (VA) Women's #40
Gulf Coast (FL) Emmaus Women's #65
Southeast Florida Emmaus Men's #54
New Covenant (TN) Emmaus Women's #43
Port Elizabeth S. Africa Emmaus Men's #25
Riverside S. Africa Emmaus Men's #35
S. Sydney Australia Emmaus Women's #38
W. Sydney Australia Emmaus Women's #61
Auckland NZ Emmaus Women's #24
Com. Mex. Emmaus Puebla Sureste Men's #13
Southern Nevada Emmaus Men's #47
Nebraska Emmaus Women's #87
SWTC - Coastal Bend Emmaus Women's #1232
SWTC - Hays Praise Emmaus Women's #1227
SWTC - New Life Emmaus Men's #1231
Grace Emmaus Comm., Corbin KY Women's #2

May 26-29

Southern Nevada Emmaus Women's #48

May 28-30

East Central Indiana Chrysalis Boy's #5

Please Be in Prayer for Those in our Community

... We pray for those considering attending a Walk or Flight and for those who will be their sponsor.

... We pray for the clergy who provide spiritual leadership and especially those who will be undertaking a new challenge in another church in the months ahead.



Emmaus Board of Directors for 2005

Several changes have been made to the membership of the Lexington Emmaus Community Board of Directors for 2005 since the beginning of the year. The current board is:

Judy Seitz	Lay Director/Team Selection	859-858-9201
Bob Coppings	Spiritual Director	859-272-7871
Harvey Sigmon	Vice Lay Director/Agape	859-885-7560
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Donna Jones	Community Shepherd	859-654-3003

Scholarship Endowment Fund

Did you know the Community has an investment fund specifically designated for scholarships for Walks and Flights? Through the generosity of several individuals, the Community maintains a fund for scholarships where a portion of the annual interest is used to pay for these scholarships. Donations to this fund can be made at any time or the fund can be identified as the recipient to honor the death of a member or friend of the community. Donations should be sent to:

Lexington Emmaus Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 23554
Lexington, Ky 40523-3554

Mark Your Calendars Now

Time to mark your calendars with the following upcoming important dates:

May 2005

May 6: May Gathering
May 2: Board Meeting

June 2005

June 3: June Gathering
June 6: Board Meeting

July 2005

July 1: July Gathering
July 11: Board Meeting

August 2005

Aug 1: Board Meeting
Aug 5: Gathering / Potluck



Have you completed the survey that came with the April letter from the Community Lay Director? It's not too late; fill it out and mail it to Emmaus Survey, P.O. Box 23554, Lexington, KY 40523-3554.



Men's Walk #87



Pilgrims from Men's Walk #87: Rich Barker, Perry Barnes, Casey McKenzie, Jerry Mason, Glenn Moore, Mike Snyder, Jacob Diaz, Tom Fossett, Mark Koenig and David Meade

Women's Walk #88



Pilgrims from Women's Walk #88: Loretta Barnes, Barb Burke, Amelia Cutadean, Irene Dewey, Stephanie Dollak, Mary Fairchild, Helen Faith, Betsy Gronotte, Heather Hiestand, Klazina Howard, Sheryl Jurich, Julie Koenig, Nancy McKenzie, Denise McKinney, Rebecca Meade, Amber Mears, Ruby Mink, Vicki Simmons, Sherry Snyder, Karen Stevenson, Linda Wickstrom and Kathy Wright

Standing in the Gap

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” — Romans 8:28

Stubbornly clinging to this verse and others like it in Scripture, the men of Lexington Walk to Emmaus #87 forged through all of the adversity the enemy could throw at us and came out at the end with a fresh and wonderful realization of just how much God loves us.

I’ve never been associated with a Walk that encountered so much adversity. It was a struggle just to find team members and candidates. Yet the Lord provided a couple of experienced team members to stand in the gap, even in the final days before the Walk. And the Holy Spirit provided that team unity so necessary during a weekend.

In spite of the fact that three team members had to leave the weekend early due to illness or other emergencies, and even the Lay Director himself was ill for a good part of the weekend, the ten men who undertook this Walk experienced the mighty power of God’s agape love as only Emmaus can show it. Almost everyone shared at closing Sunday night, and for men to share their feelings publicly is a tribute to that power.

Thanks to all for another wonderful weekend of agape love.

In His Service,
Doug Butler, ALD Walk #87

God’s Grace Abounds!

On March 31, 2005, women gathered at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore to begin their Walk to Emmaus and were led by The Two Donnas, Donna New as Lay Director and Donna Jones as Spiritual Director.

In the first team meeting that night, there were comments about how much laughter had been heard during “My New Friend.” We had a clue right there about these women: they were a WITH-IT group. Perhaps it was their sensitivity to the pleasant side of human nature that caused the flow of the Holy Spirit to begin early in the weekend. Before the Pilgrims left in silence that night, they were already becoming a cohesive unit. The momentum of Thursday night rolled into Friday. We found the Holy Spirit could not be drowned by the heavy rains that day. Pilgrims and team alike flourished in the atmosphere of fine talks, worshipful music and some off-the-wall “Rooster in the Henhouse” entertainment by the Table of Servants.

On Saturday, we saw the Holy Spirit not only was impervious to rain but could not be blown aside by the sharp winds that beset us as we walked to and from campus buildings. The Spirit continued to flow among us as we sang and ate, as we took notes and ate, as we made posters and ate, and even as we just ate. The Spirit brought us together in a serious way during Dying Moments Communion. That evening He delighted us with some zaniness in Agapeland and culminating in the serenity and charm of Candlelight Service.

Grace was offered in an unusual way to the Pilgrims on Sunday morning, and they did not even know it was happening. All America went to Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 AM—all except for our women on the Walk to Emmaus. With Board permission, the Team chose to ignore the time change so the Pilgrims could have a full night’s sleep. (You can actually do that on “Emmaus Time.”) Another recognizable helping of God’s grace came when a scheduled speaker became ill just before the Walk and was unable to attend. Someone on the Prayer Team happened to be familiar with that talk and she agreed to present it despite the short notice.

On Sunday, God blessed us with a warm, sunny, who-needs-Florida day, chasing away memories of the drizzly days before. It showed us the Holy Spirit is also sunshine-proof, as well as waterproof and windproof. He is as operational in one kind of weather as well as another. By the time they received their Emmaus crosses, the 22 women who had begun the 3-day journey as strangers to each other had become a unified body bearing the title, “Lexington Women’s Walk to Emmaus #88.” They were proudly introduced to the Community at Closing, where they shared their weekend experiences and their plans for extending the Walk into their Fourth Days. When their hearts’ desires have gone into action, the Kingdom of God shall be well served.

De Colores,
Jan Smith, ALD Walk #88





LEXINGTON EMMAUS WALK SCHEDULE

2005

Men's Walk #89, November 3-6
Women's Walk #90, November 10-13

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.

Returned mail is an unnecessary expense for the community; please tell us of your address changes in advance. Address and phone number changes should be sent by e-mail to newsletter@lexingtonemmaus.org by calling 859-224-3736.



LEXINGTON EMMAUS GATHERING

Friday, May 6, at 7:00 PM

**St Luke UMC
2351 Alumni Drive, 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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