

# LEXINGTON EMMAUS COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

May 2012

## What is it About Giving? The Story Continues

### Luke 6:38 (NIV)

*<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

If you read my article from last month’s newsletter, you will remember me speaking about this verse from Luke and as we give to the Lord, He gives back to us by blessing us in so many different ways. Well, today, (Sunday) that blessing was once again demonstrated in both my wife Sandra’s life and in mine.

Sandra and I sponsored April Luther on the last Emmaus Women’s walk. We had already agreed to sponsor April’s mother, (Shawnee Schoon) on this same walk. April came to us on a Wednesday evening and asked if we could sponsor her on this Women’s Walk as well. I know she wanted to be close to her mother, due to some health issues Shawnee was having, but she also wanted to experience Emmaus for herself. Shawnee’s husband Ward attended the Men’s Walk last fall, so I’m sure his experience had something to do with April’s desire to attend.

At the Women’s Walk closing both Shawnee and April shared about the encounter April had with Jesus Christ during the weekend. So, I knew that the Lord had once again made an eternal change in a person’s life through this ministry called The Walk to Emmaus.

This morning, at our normal Sunday church service April came before the church and was baptized. She proclaimed publicly what the Lord had done in her life. Now, I attend First UMC church in Winchester and as you are probably aware, most Methodist churches do not have a baptismal. However, at First church we do in fact have a baptismal. April wanted to be immersed in her baptism, so that is exactly what happened. Sandra and I had a front row seat, so we had a close up view of the Lord’s blessing. It was a time of tears of joy.

To add to the blessing, April’s eight year old daughter Sydney was one of the Acolytes. So she was part of the service as well. Finally, after the baptism our church organist began to play “Glorify Thy Name”. This was the theme song on Men’s Emmaus Walk number 40 where I was the Lay Director. The Lord made it very clear to me that He was giving back, “pressed down, shaken together and running over”.

The Lord always blesses you when you agree to be a sponsor on an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis. I would encourage you discover this truth for yourself.

May you continue to receive and share His blessing.  
Roy Johnson

Lay Director

Lam 3:22-23

P.S. I hope to get April to share her side of this story at an upcoming Emmaus gathering.





## Be Bold and Courageous!

I have been reading out of the book of Joshua in my private devotional time, and has anyone ever noticed how many times God tells Joshua to be bold and courageous? At least three times in the first nine verses!

Joshua has just taken over for the much esteemed leader Moses, and undoubtedly the new leader is reminded about what very great shoes he is going to have to fill. Perhaps he is feeling a little unsure of himself, unsure about the strength of their army, unsure about the next step. So what does God tell him? *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go,”* Joshua 1:9. In other words, this land is already yours, Joshua. You are empowered. Go get it!

This summer the Lexington Emmaus/Chrysalis community is embarking on a summer “experiment” Chrysalis flight. It’s a new time to be doing it, and many people are feeling unsure about the potential for success in the face of summer vacations, summer camps, and less than encouraging attendance at gatherings and spring Emmaus Walks.

But like Joshua and Israelites perhaps we need to be reminded where our focus needs to be. Our strength is never in ourselves, but in our obedience to God. The February flights’ enrollment was excellent and there is a sense of expectancy about what God wants to accomplish in the life of these youth. Like the Israelites our call is to be obedient. They tended to fail only when they took their eyes off God and His purpose in their lives.

So what are our purpose and our call as members of this Lexington Emmaus/Chrysalis Community, who have experienced first-hand this incredible three-day experience with our Lord and Savior? What did we say at the end our three-day experience? Most of us promised to share it, to live in the glow of it, to make it possible for others.

So let us be bold, courageous, and obedient in our promise to share God’s love in these instruments called Chrysalis and Emmaus. Sponsor a young man or woman on this summer flight. Don’t wait until July (there is no July gathering to remind you!) Begin seeking God’s direction, and start talking to youth now. Support the weekend with prayers, presence and tangible expressions of agape love, and let’s wait for the fruit of our obedience to God’s call!

Begin praying and seeking God’s direction for men and women for the October Emmaus Walks. So many of us have friends who are in need of the encouragement and renewal that three days in God’s presence can bring; who is God calling you to gift with an Emmaus Walk?

What are you waiting for Emmaus Community? **Be bold and courageous!**

## Attention! Clergy

Please update your contact information so we can keep you informed. We also would love to invite you to participate in Candlelight, Sponsor's Hour, Walks and Flights. We have many Clergy with inaccurate emails and phone numbers. Please help us out by contacting Terry Vickous at [tmvickous@windstream.net](mailto:tmvickous@windstream.net) or Kathy Roswell at [k.rosewell@insightbb.com](mailto:k.rosewell@insightbb.com)

## Fall 2012 Walk Registration is now OPEN!

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

**Men's Walk #117 - October 11-14, 2012**

**Women's Walk #118 – October 25-28, 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.



## *Summer Chrysalis*

Registration Open!

Flight #34

July 28-30, 2012

Asbury Theological Seminary  
Wilmore, KY

Lay Directors:

Regina Burris  
and  
Michael Deaton

### **Lexington Emmaus Community 2012 Board of Directors**

Lay Director – Roy Johnson  
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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](http://www.lexingtonemmaus.org)

Lexington Emmaus Community  
Future Walks and Flights

**2012**

**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



Please PRAY!

Boy's Chrysalis – Michael Deaton

Girl's Chrysalis – Regina Burris

Fall Men's Lay Director – Steve Burris

Women's Lay Director – Marcy Baugh

**Join Us at the Next Gathering!**

**LEXINGTON:** May 4<sup>th</sup> at West Side Community UMC, 2875 US Highway 127, Hustonville, KY. Potluck 6:30 PM, Worship Service at 7:30 PM. Childcare is available.

**PAINTSVILLE:** May 11<sup>th</sup> 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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**COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY**-E-mail request to Judy Seitz at [prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org](mailto:prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org)

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# 2012 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## 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 Trinity Hill UMC**, 3600 Tate's Creek Road Lexington, 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**
- 7 **Registration Deadline for Chrysalis Flight #34**
- 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
- 20 **Registration Deadline for Men's Walk #117**

## OCTOBER

- 4 **Registration Deadline for Women's Walk #118**
- 5 **Gathering at Wesleyan UMC**, Winchester, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 PM Worship
- 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, 7:30 Worship
- 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, 7:30 Worship
- 14 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 25 **Christmas** "Christ the Savior is born"

## JANUARY

- 4 **Gathering at TBA**
- 11 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 25 **Registration Deadline for Chrysalis Flight #35**

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 [royburd@insightbb.com](mailto:royburd@insightbb.com).



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