

LEXINGTON Emmaus COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

October 2004

Nominations for the Board of Directors

The Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors have prayerfully considered a slate of candidates for the 2005 Board of Directors. There are five open positions: one clergy and four lay. Both clergy and laity serve three year terms. The commitment includes chairing one of the standing committees or serving as one of the officers. The Board meets monthly, has a special training day in January, and supports the community training day held in the spring. Board members are expected to be supportive of Community Walks, Chrysalis Flights, gatherings, candlelights, and closings. A mail-in ballot will be in the November issue of this newsletter. The following members of the Lexington Community have agreed to run:

David Bondurant: Lexington Men's Walk #69. David is serving as a Table Leader on this fall's Men's Walk #85. David has previously served as an Assistant Table Leader on several previous Walks.

Nancy Clayton: Lexington Women's Walk #37. Nancy has served on many Walks in Lexington as well as several in the Northern Kentucky Community. She has given the Growth through Study, Life in Piety and most recently gave the Fourth Day talk as an ALD on Women's Walk #84.

Ted Gyorffy: Lexington's Men's Walk #40. Ted has served on several Walks and was most recently ALD on Men's Walk #81.

Kelly Hamilton: Lexington Women's Walk #46. Kelly attends St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lexington. She has served on many teams and in many positions. She was Lay Director of Women's Walk #72 and Lay Director of Girl's Chrysalis #20. Kelly has previously served on the Board as Secretary.

Alex Miller: Lexington Chrysalis #13. Alex will be the Lay Director on Boy's Chrysalis Flight #27 coming up in February 2005. Alex is currently serving as the Chrysalis Representative while filling an unexpired term on the Board due to a resignation.

Keith Wright: Madisonville Men's Walk # 19. Keith attends Crossroads Christian Church in Lexington. He has served on multiple Walks most often as Music Director but has also served as a Table Leader, Asst. Table Leader, Prayer Vigil and Chrysalis Lay Director. Since 1987, he has served two terms on the board, representing the areas of Literature, Chrysalis, and Music. He is currently the Community Treasurer, filling a vacancy created when a board member moved to another location.

Marty Wright: Lexington Women's Walk #28. Marty attends St. Luke United Methodist Church in Lexington. She has served on many Walks and in almost all positions. She was Lay Director for Lexington Women's Walk #54. She has previously served on the Board handling Gatherings, as Secretary and as the Community Lay Director.

Stan Schilffarth (Clergy): Stan's original Walk was in Columbus, Ohio. He has served many times as an Assistant Spiritual Director or Spiritual Director on various Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights.

Where Have All the Pilgrims Gone?

Do you know that we have had more than **2,584** pilgrims go on Emmaus Walks since the Lexington Community began?

Do you know that we send out more than **350** newsletters to members of the Lexington Emmaus Community each month?

Our participation in the functions of the community (gathering, send off, candlelight, closing, sponsorship) does not even come close to a good representation of those numbers.

Where have all the pilgrims gone?

Your Emmaus Community needs your help. Are there Emmaus folks in your church who have not been to a gathering recently? Invite them to come. Are there some in your reunion group who are not regular at the gatherings? Invite them to come. Are there Emmaus friends outside your church who have not been to a gathering recently? Invite them to come. Do you know Emmaus brothers and sisters who were always present and now seem to have just dropped out of sight? Invite them to come.

The Board has been working these past few months on ways to get people to become more involved and increase participation. We have some good ideas that will be implemented soon, but we can not do it alone. Will you please help?

Where have all the pilgrims gone?

DeColores,
Eddie Hayes
Community Lay Director



Please Be In Prayer For These Walks in other Communities

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

October 01-03

Kansas City Heartland Emmaus Men's

October 02-04

Bowling Green Kentucky Chrysalis

October 02-05

Mountain Top, PA, Emmaus Men's #17

October 07-10

Memphis Emmaus Men's #123
Reynoldsburg Ohio Emmaus Men's #46
Kansas City Heartland Emmaus Women's
Heart of Illinois Emmaus Men's
Central Illinois Emmaus Men's #178
New River Valley Emmaus, Virginia, Men's #25

October 09-12

Mountain Top, PA, Emmaus Women's #17

October 14-17

Jackson Area, Michigan, Emmaus Men's #39
Central Mississippi Emmaus Men's #64
North Mississippi Emmaus Men's
Brisbane W. Emmaus, Q-land, Aus., Men's #32

October 21-24

North Indiana Emmaus Women's #178
Memphis Emmaus Women's #124
Heart of Illinois Emmaus Women's
Central Mississippi Emmaus Women's #65
Central Illinois Emmaus Women's #179
Cleveland/Athens, TN Emmaus Women's
Lynchburg/Central VA Emmaus Women's #46
North Mississippi Emmaus Women's
North Texas Tres Dias Men's #25
Houston Bay Area Emmaus Women's #25
Brisbane W. Emmaus, Q-land, Aus., Women's #33
New River Valley Emmaus, VA, Women's #26

October 28-31

North Indiana Emmaus Women's #178A
Diocese of Wichita Men's Cursillo
Diocese of Wichita Kairos
Jackson Area, Michigan, Emmaus Women's #40
North Texas Tres Dias Women's #25
Kanawha Valley Emmaus Women's #52
Bowling Green Kentucky Emmaus Men's

Other October

Kalamazoo Area, MI, Emmaus Men's
Kalamazoo Area, MI, Emmaus Women's
W. WA Puget Sound Emmaus Men's #151
W. WA Puget Sound Emmaus Women's #152



Why sponsor a young adult for Chrysalis? Why don't we just wait until they get old enough to go on an Emmaus Walk? Well, being involved in the lives of young people is vital. Chrysalis years are the formative years where they decide for themselves if they are going to live a life with God. According to the Barna Research Group, 42% of young adults who say that they attended church regularly while in high school, say that they attend church seldom or not at all now.

It really doesn't surprise me because I have seen many of my friends, who were active members in their church and youth group, have their faith in Jesus Christ fall away during these years. I have often wondered why they decided to abandoned their faith while I decided to live a life for Christ. I found one reason for this -- community, and in particular, the Lexington Chrysalis Community. It is because I had this community that I could stay involved and be the man of God that I am today. During my Chrysalis flight, during my senior year of high school, I encountered a living Christ. Jesus became the solid rock in my life during this time. This rock is what I stood on through the turbulent waters of my early twenties, when most of my friends gave up and fell away.

This is the reason why you need to think now about sponsoring a young person on a Chrysalis flight. Imagine this person coming back from a weekend filled with the Holy Spirit. This could be the experience that solidifies them in their faith and allows you not to worry about them falling away like almost half of the young people do today. Why? Because they will have a firm foundation to stand upon during the storms of life. I know that you know at least one person who is between a sophomore in high school and a sophomore in college. This is an opportunity to change a young person's life. Start praying for and talking with potential caterpillars today as you think about sponsoring them on a flight. The next Chrysalis Flights are going to be this coming February!

Tell your youth pastors about this great opportunity to enrich and grow spiritual leaders in their youth groups. Tell friends and relatives of this great opportunity as well! Get the word out now about this opportunity to capture this generation for the Glory of God!

We have a new location for our Flights in 2005 -- Bluegrass Christian Camp located only 15 minutes away from Lexington, past the interstate and Athens on Richmond Road. (<http://www.bluegrasschristiancamp.org/>)

Girl's Flight 26 – February 11-13
Boy's Flight 27 – February 19-21

Please contact me, Alex Miller (Boy's Lay Director) at alexmiller2@yahoo.com or Amy Winn (Girl's Lay Director) at amywinn@hotmail.com if you need more information.

Alex Miller
Chrysalis Representative
Lexington Emmaus Community
Board of Directors

Mark Your Calendars Now

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

September

Sept. 30 -
Oct 3: Men's Walk #85

October:

Oct. 2: Gathering at Men's Candlelight
Oct. 4: Board Meeting
Oct 14 -
Oct 17: Women's Walk #86

November:

Nov. 1: Election of 2005 Board
Board Meeting
Nov. 5: November Gathering

December

Dec. 3: December Gathering
Dec. 6: Board Meeting with both 2004
and 2005 Board members



LEXINGTON EMMAUS WALK SCHEDULE

2004

Men's Walk #85, Sept. 30 - Oct. 3
Women's Walk #86, Oct. 14-17

2005

Girl's Flight #26, February 11-13
Boy's Flight #27, February 19-21
Men's Walk #87, March 10-13
Women's Walk #88, March 31 - April 3

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 e-mailed to don@wrightsrealm.com or call 859-224-3736.



LEXINGTON EMMAUS GATHERING

Saturday, October 2, at 8:00 PM

**Estes Chapel
Asbury Theological Seminary
Wilmore, Ky**

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a special time of worship, prayer, communion and fellowship.

No child care will be available at the Candlelight/Gathering this month.

The November Gathering will be held at the usual location -- the Andover Campus of First UMC Lexington. That Gathering will be on November 5th beginning at 7 PM. The Andover Campus of First UMC is located at 4131 Todds Rd, Lexington, Ky.



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