

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON
COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

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

September 2003

Servants Not Elitists

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 23:11, "But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant." Too often we who have been on an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight have forgotten that we are called to be "servants" of Christ, not "Elitists!" I have listened to many local church pastors and members of various congregations only to find that we have neglected to be "servants" for Christ. God has called us to be "servants!" If we are not involved as "leader servants" in our local church, something is wrong with our Emmaus or Chrysalis experience!

Let us ask ourselves these questions as Christ's servants. "What am I doing to lead in the work of my local church?" "Am I a positive Christian example in my local church and community?" "Do people see me as a 'humble servant' for Christ or am I trying to form a 'cliche'?" "Am I showing compassionate Christian love to everyone I meet?" Emmaus Walks or Chrysalis Flights are for helping persons to grow in Christ's love and to be "servant leaders" within the life of your local church. Hopefully you will become involved in R.E.C.'s; Chrysalis Flights or Emmaus Walk teams in the near future. The local church is the first step.

As your Spiritual Director, I challenge you to become more actively involved and loving in your local church. We are called to be "servants" not "elitists!"

Fred Wiles

Spiritual Director
Lexington Emmaus Community

Matthew 25 ³⁴Then the King will say to those on the right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" ⁴⁰The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Changes to the Board

Due to the departure of Greg DeSalvatore and Judie Phelan, changes are underway to the committee assignments for the Board of Directors. The current membership of the Board is as follows:

Jeff Miller	Lay Director	859-273-7393
Fred Wiles	Spiritual Director	859-498-1870
Harvey Sigmon	Vice Lay Director/Agape	859-885-7560
Jan Allis	Treasurer	859-744-9447
Judy Seitz	Secretary/Records	859-858-9201
Norm Galloway (open)	Gatherings Music/Entertainment	859-254-2733
Eddie Hayes	Facilities/Storage	859-624-9870
Tim Miller	Leadership Development	606-784-6895
Marty Sell	Supplies	859-296-1038
Don Wright (open)	Newsletter Chrysalis	859-224-3736
Janet Butler	Kitchen	859-858-4216
Harold Mills	Registrar	859-269-7801
Bob Coppings (open)	Send-off/Sponsor's hour Literature	859-792-6017
Jeri Williams	Community Sheperd	859-272-0585

Tentative 2004 Chrysalis Flights

The dates for the 2004 Chrysalis Flights have been tentatively set as follows:

Girl's Flight #24 -- Feb 20-22

Boy's Flight #25 -- Feb 27-29

These dates will be finalized in the months ahead. Early submission of Flight applications is strongly encouraged!

Team Selection for Fall Walks

Teams are almost assembled for the Fall Walks, Men's #81 and Women's #82. While many of the team positions have been filled, if you are interested in serving in some capacity (whether you recently filled out a Fourth Day sheet or not), please let the upcoming Lay Directors, Bob New or Kelly Hamilton, or one of the team selection board members (Jeff Miller or Fred Wiles) know of your interest.

The Lay Directors for the Spring 2004 Walk have also been announced. For Walk #83, Gary Williams will serve as Lay Director. Pam Chandler will serve as Lay Director on Walk #84.

Mark Your Calendars

Time to mark your calendars with the following important dates:

Sept. 5:	September Gathering
October:	2004 Board Candidates published
Oct. 3:	October Gathering
November:	Election of 2004 Board
Nov. 6-9:	Men's Walk #81
Nov. 8:	Nov. Gathering at Candlelight
Nov. 13-16:	Women's Walk #82
December:	Mailing list is purged of all who do not return their election ballot.
Dec. 5:	December Gathering



First Chrysalis in Ghana

August 4, 2003

Dear Saints,

Greetings, in the matchless name of Jesus Christ!

We just completed a Chrysalis Flight.

We were blessed to have a team from the US come to help us start this first 'Flight' in Ghana. We organized this program out of a desire to begin to pass on the baton to these young people who are the future leaders of the church.

Many of the young men who participated gave wonderful testimonies of how the Lord has worked in their lives. Awesome! Anointed! Spectacular! Rich! Abundant! Special! Magnificent! All these words describe the love that Jesus showered down upon the 80 young boys and girls gathered at Ajumako Ghana Education Service Staff Development Institute here in Ghana from July 23 to 27 for their first ever Chrysalis Walk. During worship the whole altar area was alive with electricity from the presence of the Holy Spirit; it was hard for me to move through this God Zone to the pulpit to share.

During the closing session one by one many came forward sharing what the three days have meant to them. The hours ticked by almost four o'clock, no one was leaving and more believers shared their hearts. A few shared tears that later turned into joy.

Thanks for all your prayers and support. We could not have made it without you. I wanted you to know that the seed you help plant in Ghana has taken root and is growing and bearing fruits to the glory of God.

Yours for the spreading of His Word,

Mathias

(The Lexington Community was instrumental in the first Emmaus Walks in Ghana)

Prayers for Our Community

... Ken and Dudley Robertson on the death of Ken's father.

... the team and pilgrims for Men's Walk #81.

... Grant and Cathy Mathes during their move and their search for a home for their dog that they can no longer have in their home.

... the team and pilgrims for Women's Walk #82.

... the DeSalvatore family and their move to Ames, New York.

... Judie and Mike Phelan and their move to Virginia as Mike takes a new job.

Prayers for Other Communities

Please pray for these other communities having walks in the month of September:

September 11-14

Northern Lights Emmaus, Ohio, Men's #16
Lansing, MI, Area Emmaus Men's #57
North Mississippi Emmaus Women's #160

September 18-21

Mountain Top PA Emmaus Men's #16

September 25-28

Mountain Top PA Emmaus Women's #16
Living Waters Emmaus of Alabama Men's #67



Walk Fees to Increase

After thoroughly examining the costs and expenses of the Walks, the Board of Directors determined at its August meeting that an increase in fees is necessary. Effective in 2004, fees for both team members and pilgrims will increase to \$120. At this time, the Chrysalis fee remains \$80.



LEXINGTON EMMAUS WALK SCHEDULE

2003

Men's Walk #81 November 6 - 9
Women's Walk #82 November 13-16

2004

Men's Walk #83 March 18-21
Women's Walk #84 April 1-4

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 is also available on the website linked from our "News" page.

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, September 5, at 7:00 PM

**St. Luke United Methodist Church
Alumni Drive at New Circle Road
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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