

WINTER 2022

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Greetings my Brothers and Sisters!

To God be the Glory for the things He has done! What a year it has been!! When I think about how the Lord has kept us, protected us, and directed us, He never left us and for that I am grateful. He has seen us through seen and unseen dangers, but through it all, we have learned that we must be still and wait upon the Lord.

During this season of waiting, I am reminded of Isaiah 40:31 which tells us *“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”*. We are waiting, He is renewing our strength, and we are getting ready to mount up with wings like eagles.

We are beginning 2022 with the new Governance Board model to oversee policymaking and finances and have elected Emmaus and Chrysalis committees to organize the walk and flight weekends. This new model allows more to serve and lead. In addition, we are thankful for our many volunteers who help in the background to ensure all goes well.

As we begin this new year together, know that as your Community Lay Director, I will do the best I can with all that our heavenly Father has given me to lead, guide, and direct you in the way that Papa wants us to go.

We are a TEAM because we know that Together Everyone Achieves More and we will work together to answer any questions that may arise. I ask for your continued prayers as we lead our El Shaddai Emmaus Community in the direction that the Lord has set for us. We are looking forward to a blessed year, not only for our Emmaus Community but for our families too.

Yours in His Service and Love you more!

Catherine Hill

Community Lay Director



A WORD OF INSPIRATION FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Let me begin by thanking Rick Koch for his years of service as the Community Spiritual Director for the El Shaddai Emmaus Community. Rick's enthusiasm and support have been continually visible during his time with us. As most of you know, he has retired from preaching and has moved to the Greenwood area and will be continuing to serve in that area as a volunteer. thank you, Rick, for all you've taught us and for your encouragement.

In the past couple of weeks, I have been reminded of a phrase that I heard some years ago: "The journey is not the destination." It was brought to mind especially in thinking about the journey that Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem. I'm sure that it was a difficult journey. what with Mary being 9 months pregnant. That 70 miles must have seemed like 700. And yet, when they arrived, the journey was made worthwhile with the birth of her firstborn.

There weren't any angels announcing **my** birth, no shepherds carrying the message, no magi with expensive gifts. Their destination overcame a difficult journey.

Many of you have taken difficult journeys. Some of you are on a difficult journey right now. Even more challenging, you can't yet see the destination. Just as Mary and Joseph trusted God on their journey, so we should trust him on ours, because, after all, our destination is out of this world!

Doug Davis
Community Spiritual Director

P.S. Be sure to pray for the upcoming walks this winter. Pray for the health of all the participants, both pilgrims and workers, and for good weather.

"I was not born to be free: I was born to adore and to obey." - C.S. Lewis



WEEKEND TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday Registration begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Sponsors please do not arrive much earlier, as the team may not be prepared to receive you.

Send-off 7:00 p.m. pilgrims and team adjourn to dining hall. Sponsors and Community remain at tabernacle for prayer for pilgrims, their crosses and their tables followed by the sharing of communion.

Saturday Agape Dinner: To assist with decoration and set-up arrive by 2 p.m. Those assisting with the serving of dinner arrive by 4 p.m.

Candlelight Prayer for pilgrims begins at 8 p.m. followed by communion and Pilgrim's Candlelight Walk.

MEN'S WALK #196, Clay City, Indiana

FEBRUARY 3 - 6, 2022

Lay Director
Bob Burton*

Spiritual Director
Lee Reberger*

Assistant Lay Directors:
Bobby Grizzle*
Scott Williams*
J.P. Piper*

Spiritual Team
Marlin Betts*
Lynn Dunning*
Judy Lints*
Aaron Wheaton*

Table Leaders
Dave Beil*
Zach Cochran*
Tadd Combs*
Aaron Rugenstein*
Bill Holloway*
Bill Webb*

Board Reps:
Scott Hastings
Brian Connor

Music:
David Brinson-Head
Keith Gaddis-Assistant

Assistant Table Leaders:

Lynn Allen
Ryan Ames
Eric Bass
Jordan Beck
David Howard

Kitchen

Allan Lewis– Head
Keith Waters– Assistant
Shawn Buchannan
Andy Camp
John Dunning
Phil Ellis
Jim Gruener
John Hines
Joe Kenworthy
Jim Morris
John Myers
Sam Nevill
Rick Rhoten
Larry Ridge
Richard Schroer
Mike Swayze
Brent Wright
Brian Wright

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Doug Mace-Head
David Erwin Assistant
Joe Harbrueger-Assistant
Nate Alexander
Kyle Camp
Lennie Erwin
Beau Fagin
Mike Fisher
Rob Grizzle
Billy Langman
Scott Lowe
Bill Marts
David McAdams
Keith Rader
Kyle Warnick
David Wells
Shaun Williams
Jeff Williamson

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Josh Betts
Hugh Carpenter

Steve Daugherty
Alan Lain
Ralph Peeler

CITY

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Clinton

Brazil
Brazil
Fairbanks

SPONSOR

Chrissy Betts
Kent Hutchinson/
Kevin Barnes

Nathan Albert
John/Lynn Dunning

A Word About REGISTRATION

Our registrars work diligently to review applications and mail out timely notices. Good sponsorship includes reviewing and making sure that your pilgrim and sponsor application is complete prior to submission. An incomplete application will delay processing. Please review the following before mailing.

1. Applications are priority dated when received and can only be processed when submitted with the \$35.00 deposit **and** both the front and back page are complete. There have been instances where shirt size, sponsors walk number and community (if not El Shaddai), and male or female information have been omitted. Please – leave no blank unfilled.
2. Please use only blue or black ink, printing legibly so all letters and numbers are clear.
3. Please advise if your pilgrim has dietary or special needs. This enables the team to be prepared to address those needs.
4. Always include your Emmaus walk number and Community next to your name on the sponsor's portion of the application.
5. Pilgrim and Sponsor letters are mailed approximately six weeks prior to the walk. Your pilgrim should receive their letter at the same time as you. Please contact them to verify that they are planning to attend, remind them to mail in their confirmation card and answer any questions they may have.
6. If they are not able to attend, please let one of us know immediately in order to have a full walk.
7. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Thank you for your diligent and faithful sponsorship
Sue Bass-Harmon: 812-239-5814 (c) 812-448-8450 (h)
jambass@frontier.com
Nancy Frederick: 812-201-6075 (c) 812-443-2033 (h)
Nancyfrederick44@msn.com

For updates to the pilgrims list for both women and men's walks check out the Website at:

ElShaddaiEmmaus.org

At the time of publication there was still room for a few more pilgrims on the men's walk.

WOMEN'S WALK #197, Clay City, Indiana FEBRUARY 10 - 13, 2022

Lay Director

Betsy Mace*

Assistant Lay Directors

Becky Williams*

Kelly Miller*

Cindy Slater*

Table Leaders

Debbie Haskett*

Gari Kenworthy*

Lynn Padgett

Patti O'Day

Jennifer Gher

Paula West

Assistant Table Leaders

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Megan Williams*

Jan Alexander Zellars

Betty Hayes*

Rhonda Eyler

CHA's

Denise Howard-Head

Elizabeth Hoseman-Assistant

Amanda Stanley

April Holloway

Becky Loudermilk

Crystal Hastings

Heather Draxler

Jill Hannah

Kathy Deal

Kathy Marts

Marissa Beck

Pam Hobbs

Sandra Small

Sheila Piper

Verna Davis

Victoria Smith

Spiritual Director

Kathy Roush*

Spiritual Team

Doug Davis*

Judy Lints*

Bob Roush*

Laura Wells*

Board Reps

Mary Ellen Jackson

Karen Allen

Music

Catherine Hill-Head*

KarlaNoorlag-Assistant

Crystal Flath

Pam Miller

Susie Ooley-Viray

Kitchen

Amber Barnes-Head

Kim Burton-Assistant

Beth Warnick

Christina Bedwell

Holly Konarski

Jean Cantrell

Julie Capps Stoelting

Kathy Anderson

Kay Robinson

Laura Buchanan

Lynn Dunning

Mary Hargis

Penny Gruener

Roxanna Vandergriff

Sue Fisher

Valerie Combs

PILGRIM (maiden)

Ashley Alberts (Swalley)

Melissa Auterson (McCloud)

Angela Barnett (Smith)

Shawna Batchelor

Jamie Burress (Brazzell)

Catherine Burton

Peggy Camp (Webster)

Catherine Daugherty (Pfeil)

Mandy Davis (Harbrueger)

Chrily Eaglin

Alison Elsmann

Olivia Farrington

Dora Garraton (Dónna)

Amy Gibson (Fellows)

Dana Gilson (Lyons)

Maddy Gruener

Kristina Herring (Martinez)

Ashley Lewis

Jessica McClain

Vicki McKinney

Angie Miller (Lawrence)

Jordan Morris (Pierce)

Deb Norris (Walker)

Cindi Pistelli (Boyd)

Crissy Renfro (Harrah)

Danielle Schroer (Isselhardt)

Hannah Stumpf

Linda Waters (Pearce)

CITY

Center Point

Terre Haute

Linton

Terre Haute

Terre Haute

Sullivan

Terre Haute

Brazil

Terre Haute

Terre Haute

Rosedale

Clinton

Clinton

Terre Haute

Reelsville

Gosport

Terre Haute

Terre Haute

W. Terre Haute

Brazil

W. Terre Haute

Spencer

Spencer

Greencastle

Terre Haute

Clay City

Indianapolis

Terre Haute

SPONSOR

Tiffany Gordan

Karen Allen

Scott & Becky Williams

Jennifer Smith

Lynn Dunning

Sally Burton

Katie Waldrop

Molly Ascherman

Katie Waldrop, Bill & Betsy

Harbrueger

Trey Miller & Charles

Kindrick

Gene & Jane Crowley

Beau Fagin

Bob & Rita Steed

Patty O'Day & Julie Stoelting

Patty Spencer

Jim & Penny Gruener

Janet Wood

Catherine Hill & Giovvy

Sanders

Catherine Hill & Giovvy

Sanders

Kay Robinson

Catherine Hill

Angie Williams

Laura Culler

Lynn Dunning

Jerry & Shelly Stuthers

Richard Schroer

Becky Loudermilk

Willie Campbell

They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" Luke 24:32 CEV

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Just Look What God Will Do with Your Sponsorship!

By Kathy Deal

Emmaus/Chrysalis sponsorship is one of the greatest gifts we can give another Christian. If you think all of the Wabash Valley churches have been tapped, think again! There are several that could truly benefit from the Walk to Emmaus to help in discipleship growth. Twenty-eight years ago, I went on my own walk meeting God in such a powerful way and being born again in that old Tabernacle on the Free Methodist Campground in Clay City, IN. I have found a tremendous Christian family in El Shaddai who have helped me grow spiritually over these many years—thank you. I have sponsored many special folks over the years who have gone on to share that agape love with many others. It just takes one little spark to ignite a whole community of believers!

Here are some tips for new sponsors. Pray and seek God to direct you to whom you may sponsor and study your Day Four book (chapter 8: Next generation: sponsorship) that you received in your agape sack. The pilgrim should be actively attending their home church and desiring a closer walk with the Lord. They should not be going through a personal trauma, and this is definitely not a weekend to “fix” someone going through turmoil. Spend some time talking to them about Emmaus and answer their questions. Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are not a part of a secret society! We suggest that sponsors look upon the weekend like Christmas. You don’t tell your loved ones what you are getting them for Christmas. Let the pilgrim open up their beautiful gift of deeper understanding of Christ’s love at the Walk. Even if you told them every detail, they wouldn’t understand it until they experienced it for themselves, right?

Important: The board and registrars remind all sponsors that pilgrim applications cannot be processed unless the down payment of \$35 accompanies the application. Once the pilgrim and the sponsors receive their letters from the registrars, please contact your pilgrim immediately to let them know that they must mail their confirmation card as soon as possible. Next, the sponsor needs to start early gathering agape notes and cards from the pilgrim’s family and friends. It’s good to aim for 10-15 letters, notes, emails, or cards. Just to be safe, set the deadline 2 weeks ahead of the walk weekend for folks to turn in their letters to you emphasizing this is a special surprise for the pilgrim at the end of the walk. Bring these agape notes/cards either on Thursday during sponsor’s hour or Saturday night before Candlelight prayer time.

Before the walk, plan to meet with your pilgrim and give them a list of things that they may and may not bring to the walk explaining the rationale for each. They need to understand the importance of being “unplugged” from all electronics and watches. Providing them with a thorough list of what they may/may not bring helps them to feel less anxious and better prepared. In the weeks before, plan to pick them up (Remember, they do not drive themselves!) so you are there at 6:00-6:30 PM for registration. Please do NOT come earlier as the team is not ready to receive them. Throughout the weekend, please check in with the pilgrim’s family to offer any assistance.

Please remember to be present at the sponsors’ hour on Thursday evening (right after send-off), Saturday agape dinner (if serving or having someone else there to serve by 3:50 PM), Saturday evening prayer time (8 PM), Saturday candlelight (9 PM), and Sunday closing ceremonies (no later than 4 PM). Designate a special server if it is not you (Must be of the opposite gender from the Emmaus or Chrysalis communities) who will serve them at the Saturday agape dinner. Our agape dinner hosts, Bob Burton and Pat Killeen, will provide important directions. If you are able to come by 2 or so, our agape dinner coordinators are grateful for extra pairs of hands.

Of course, please be present for the Sunday closing ceremony when you will share in Holy Communion with your pilgrim. You will enjoy the ride home sharing all of the great moments of the weekend. Remember, gifts larger than an envelope may NOT go in the agape sack. Please save it for the drive home.

At the close of the weekend, your sponsorship role has really just begun as you must accompany your pilgrim to their first gathering. The reunion group gathering starts at 6:00, and it is a very special time. Encourage them in their spiritual growth journey in their Fourth Days and pray, pray, and pray for them. Sponsorship is truly a blessing, but it requires your total commitment of discipleship. Some years ago, I sponsored my friend Catherine Hill, who is now our new Community Lay Director. Just look what God will do with your willingness to sponsor!

In Memoriam



Did you know that, in the event of the death of an El Shaddai Emmaus member, we honor them with a memorial of Gideon Bibles? Five bibles are distributed by Gideon's in memory of each member.

Below is a list of deceased community members that have had bibles donated in their honor in 2020 and 2021.

2020

**Pauline McPherson
Judy Joseph
Andy Stadler
Susan Lamb
Jan Schnerpel
Steve McCain
Owen Youngblood
Susan Rowan
Beverly Conrad
Bonnie Callahan
Barbara Stultz
Karla Bender**

2021

**Jerry A. Baker
Jerry C. Baker
Erin Dulin
Beth Hardesty
Jim Rempe
Jean Trendelman
Ken Joseph
Kevin Fleetwood
Don Dalton
Frances Wyndham**



Thank you for allowing us to honor our fellow community members in this special way. Anyone interested in donating to the Memorial Fund to honor a deceased member, or donate as led by the Lord, may do so by providing the following information:

1. The deceased Emmaus member's first and last name.
2. What walk they attended (if known)
3. The surviving spouse, child or a family member name and an appropriate address to allow an acknowledgement to be sent to the family.

To Karen Allen, our Memorial Chairperson by telephone 812 249-0945 or email to klsjallen@aol.com

May God bless your kindness!

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As our community begins a new journey with the establishment of the Governance Board and Standing Committees the Board Members would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Nomination Committee for their endless hours of prayer, devotion, and service to this extremely important project:

Dana McLain, Randy Hill, Nick Agresta, Lynn Padgett, Ted Jackson, Lisa Deakins, Chris Lee and Eric Bass who served as acting committee chair. Theirs was the first step on a very important journey.

We ask the community for continued prayers as we move into the new year.

*Commit
to the
Lord whatever
you do, and
He will establish your plans*
Proverbs 16:3



2022 MONTHLY GATHERINGS

GATHERING TIMES:

Fellowships & Refreshment: 6:15 pm
Sanctuary: 7:00 pm

JANUARY 21

Grace Chapel
2104 US Hwy 40
Brazil

FEBRUARY 18

Center Point UMC
200 S. Cherry St.
Center Point

MARCH 18

First Christian Church of Clinton
649 Blackman St.
Clinton

APRIL 22

Calvary Temple of Terre Haute
2100 N. 6 ½ St.
Terre Haute

MAY 20

Terre Haute Church of God
2509 Thompson St.
Terre Haute

JUNE 17

St. John's United Church of Christ
3456 St. Rd. 42
Centerpoint

JULY 15

Blackhawk Community Church
12655 St. Rd. 159
Pimento

AUGUST 19

The Bridge
1901 8th Ave.
Terre Haute

SEPTEMBER 16

TBA - Please Contact the Board
If your church would be available to host

OCTOBER 21

Cross Lane Community Church
2204 Lafayette Ave.
Terre Haute

NOVEMBER 18 (Elections)

Memorial UMC
2701 Poplar St.
Terre Haute

Dec - No Gathering - Merry Christmas

For our new community members
and as a reminder for the rest of us; please
remember to bring a salty or sweet finger

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