

WINTER 2024

ICHTHUS



Hello Community,

As I'm writing this note, we have just finished the winter Chrysalis Flights. They had a great turn out. The girls flight had to deal with 3" of snow. The attendance for the candlelight was amazing. The men and women's winter walks start soon. The Men's Walk #204 is February 29th – March 3rd and the Women's Walk #205 is March 7th – 10th. Praying all goes well. The dates for the fall walks are September 26th – 29th for Men's Walk #206 and October 3rd - 6th for Women's Walk #207. If you plan on working, get your application filled out and sent in.

I know November is a long way off but this is when the board has elections. We will have positions to fill such as Assistant Chair, Treasurer, and Team Selection Chair. If you feel God calling you to serve the Community in these ways, please pray about it and if you have questions ask one of the board members or contact Becky Morris 812-240-4892. There are many ways to serve the community such as helping Kathy Anderson, the agape chair, make agape for the flights and walks. Her phone number is 812-298-6151. If your church would like to host a gathering, call Ron Buddle 317-710-1551. Information on how to host a gathering is on the El Shaddai Emmaus website or you can simply talk to Ron for more details.

Like Catherine Hill says, "Many hands make light work." In Nehemiah 3, it's all about work – how individuals pitch in and did the work together and accomplish the jobs that God wanted them to do.

Love you all
Kathy Marts, Past Chair
De Colores



THE EMMAUS EXPERIENCE ... IN THEIR WORDS

"It was like someone gives you a jalapeno and says it'll be fine, but you bite into it and it's a ghost pepper."

I was floored. This young man went into the Chrysalis weekend expecting to learn some things and came out changed. His expectations were blown off the charts! He received more from God than he could have ever imagined. He had experienced Ephesians 3:20, "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

And isn't that why we do what we do....

We work Walks and Flights, make Agape, pray, and serve expecting God to work. We sponsor, write letters, go to candlelight, attend gatherings, serve on boards and committees, and He is ever faithful ... above and beyond what we can even imagine.

Read some testimonies:

"I've been burnt out for so many years, now I'm on fire."

"These men were broken and humbled, but God lifted them up and now they are warriors!"

"I dropped my baggage off."

"Last night when I walked into this room filled with people, to me that was meeting Jesus."

"This has given me the foundation I need for the rest of my life."

"This walk was God's time."

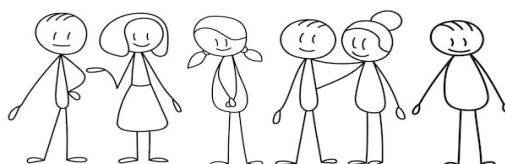
"To walk in here last night and get a prequel.... Well, I'll never forget that."

God works through (and often in spite of) the Emmaus community to accomplish His will. You can join Him. Pray for those around you. Make Agape to share. Volunteer to serve. Go to a Gathering. Attend Candlelight. Write a letter.

Teams are soon forming for the Fall Walks and God is ready to do His thing.

And remember, if you want to work, turn in an app!

De Colores,
Becky Beil
Emmaus Committee Chair



A WORD OF INSPIRATION FROM OUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

So, he departed again across the Jordan to the place where John (the Baptist) first was baptizing, and He remained there. – John 10:40

Just weeks until the celebration of Passover. Just weeks before Jesus would make his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Just weeks until Jesus would face the agony of the cross. Just weeks until his redemptive mission would be fulfilled. Is Jesus hiding, pouting, challenging his path? Jesus would continue to preach, teach, heal, and manage the conflict according to God's timetable, not the agenda of those planning to kill him.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in the Scripture passage of Luke 13:31-33, we see Jesus' unwavering determination as He continues His journey towards Jerusalem, despite the threats and challenges He faced. How did Jesus spend His last days?

Point 1: Jesus kept His Focus on His Mission

In Luke 13:31-33, we witness Jesus' resolute commitment to fulfilling His purpose on earth. Despite Herod's threats, Jesus remained steadfast in His mission to bring salvation to humanity. Throughout His ministry, Jesus consistently prioritized spreading the message of God's love and redemption. As we reflect on Jesus' unwavering dedication, let us also examine our own lives and ensure that we are aligning our actions with God's will.

Point 2: Jesus continued in Compassion and Healing

Throughout the final weeks of His life, Jesus continued to demonstrate compassion and perform miracles. In Luke 13:10-17, we see Jesus healing a woman who had been crippled for eighteen years. This act of compassion not only restored the woman's physical health but also symbolized Jesus' desire to bring wholeness and restoration to all who seek Him. As followers of Christ, let us emulate His example by showing love and compassion to those in need around us.

Point 3: Jesus is still teaching through Parables

In the days leading up to His crucifixion, Jesus continued to impart wisdom through His teachings and parables. In Luke 13:18-21, Jesus uses the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast to illustrate the growth of God's kingdom. These teachings remind us of the transformative power of faith and the importance of nurturing our spiritual lives. Let us heed Jesus' words and strive to cultivate a deep and abiding relationship with God as we journey through life.

Our Lenten journey continues. As we reflect on Jesus' actions in the last weeks before His death, let us be inspired by His unwavering faith, compassion, and teachings. Just as Jesus stayed the course despite the challenges He faced, may we also remain steadfast in our commitment to following Him. Let us draw strength from His example and continue to spread God's love and grace to all we encounter.

Lee Reberger
Community Spiritual Director

IN MEMORIUM

Did you know that, in the event of the death of an El Shaddai Emmaus member, you may honor them with Gideon bibles? Five bibles are distributed by Gideons in memory of each member.

Below is a list of deceased community members that have had Gideon bibles donated this past year in their honor.

2023

Kim Smith

Bill Webb

Stan Henderson

David Zellers

Stephen Brannan

Walter TerMeer

Rhea Hood

Stephanie Jeffers

Shirley Booth

Ron Harris

Linda Taylor

Thank you for letting us know so we can remember our fellow community members. Anyone interested in donating to the Memorial Fund in honor of a deceased member, or donate as lead by the Lord, you may do so. The following information is requested for the acknowledgement to be sent to the member's surviving family:

1. The deceased Emmaus member's first and last name
2. What walk attended (if known)
3. The surviving spouse or child's name
4. The appropriate address to send the acknowledgement

Please contact the Memorial Chairperson

Karen Allen

(812)249-0945

elshaddaitreasurer@aol.org

or

klsjallen@aol.com

May God bless your kindness!

WALK WORTHY

*Walk worthy of God who calls you into
His own kingdom and glory
1 Thessalonians 2:12*

We prepare ourselves for our spiritual walks by reading the Bible, praying, and fellowshiping with other believers. When we are faithful, God empowers us to live for Him. Sometimes, though, we walk through difficult places, and we can begin to doubt. That's when we need fellow Christians to come alongside and remind us that we already have the strength to walk worthy of God.

You may be struggling today. You may be wondering if you can make it. You can. Like a runner in a marathon, you've prepared yourself. Don't let doubts creep in. You can finish the race. God has already given you the strength and ability to walk worthy of Him.

Submitted by Lori Montgomery

Men's Winter Walk #204

PILGRIMS	CITY	SPONSORS
1. Joshua Alsip	Brazil	Don & Jana Targett
2. David Barnett	Center Point	Gene & Jane Crowley
3. Daniel Barr	Evansville	Angie Barr
4. Karl Blincoe	Terre Haute	David & Bonnie Flower
5. CJ Bryan	Terre Haute	Scott Hastings
6. Kade Carter	Brazil	Erin Vitz
7. Mike Cottrell	Rosedale	Scott & Crystal Hastings
8. Michael Davis	Farmersburg	Ellen Clark
9. Timothy Dean	Clay City	Stacy Williamson
10. Tim Dewey	Brazil	Mike Mogan
11. Ethan Edington	Terre Haute	Andy Camp
12. Dave Forbes	Brazil	Josh Pleake
13. Ron George	Paris, IL	Sheila Piper
14. Jordan Effner	Clinton	Bobby Grizzle
15. John H Glover	Linton	Jaclyn Hansens
16. Geoff Greven	Clinton	Mike Speer
17. Shane Huffman	Linton	Kyle Camp
18. Max Hoffman	Terre Haute	Jackie Hoffman
19. Jason Joles	Clay City	Dave & Becky Beil
20. Robert Kropack	Spencer	Tiffany Kropack
21. Gary D Lane	Paris, IL	Doug Mace
22. Mark Lowe	Brazil	Alan Lain
23. Adam Millar	Terre Haute	Mark Pabst
24. Matthew Pearce	Brazil	Jennifer Pearce
25. Jordan Ray	Linton	Linda Felker
26. Rick Riordan	Jasonville	Jacklyn Hansens
27. Nathan Smith	Greencastle	Aaron Albers
28. James Snyder	Poland	Brooke Snyder
29. Joshua Spruill	Linton	Jacklyn Hansens
30. Mike Taylor	Clinton	Troy Teague
31. Zach Warnick	Sullivan	Kyle Warnick
32. Terry Whittington	Brazil	Tina Whittington

(this list includes the confirmed registrations at the time of printing)

TEAM

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J.P. Piper

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Billy Langman
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Brent Wright

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Brad Hadesty
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Larry Waters
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Zach Cochran (Asst)
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Johnny Dunning
Kenny Felker
Ed Getts
Wayne Jeffers
Joe Kenworthy
Russell Lynch
Tommy McGregor
Shawn Nicosin
Bill Stearns
Gary Strole
Mike Swayze
Donald Targett
David Waite
Banjo (Dan) Wallace
Keith Walters

Women's Winter Walk #205

PILGRIMS

1. Emily (Targett) Alsip
2. Cheri Barren
3. Dina (Lee) Bryan
4. Jayme (Sullivan) Campbell
5. Kourtney Cordell
6. Carol (Wycoff) Couch
7. Leann (Otte) Dossett
8. Pamela (Love) Fisher
9. Paula (Huey) Forbes
10. Debra (Buckner) George
11. Kim (Cress) Hambrock
12. Christie Heffner
13. Melissa Heffner
14. Bailey (Flath) Hollis
15. Jessica James
16. Renita (Akers) Jones
17. Deneese Killion
18. Linda (Wilson) Lane
19. Macrea (Hensley) Mitchell
20. Robin (Fivecoat) Morse
21. Jasmin Paderman
22. Gina (Kelley) Pugh
23. Shana (Gillihan) Risley
24. Gina Scott
25. Heather (Jeffers) Simpkins
26. Courtney Smith
27. Peggy Gillespie-Smith
28. Maggie Soto
29. Carla (Evans) Spruill
30. Bambi (Stearns) Street
31. Mallory (Tarr) Tucker
32. Stephanie (Blythe) Vanwormer
33. Elizabeth (Lowdermilk) Vitz
34. Belinda (Cotton) Weir

CITY

- Brazil
Terre Haute
Terre Haute
Gosport
Linton
Terre Haute
Terre Haute
Brazil
Brazil
Paris, IL
Terre Haute
Center Point
Center Point
Terre Haute
Terre Haute
Clay City
Clay City
Paris, IL
Cory
Terre Haute
Danville
Marshall, IL
Mt Carmel, IL
Merom
Amboy
Terre Haute
Terre Haute
Terre Haute
Linton
Brazil
Crawfordsville
Mt Carmel, IL
Columbus
Terre Haute

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Cindy Mattox & Jim Hardesty
Todd Umphries
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Courtney & Shawn Nicoson
Sheila Piper
Laura Wells
Marty & Tina Heffner
Marty & Austin Heffner
Crystal Flath
Joyce Skirvin & David Land
Becky Beil
Diana Stephens
Betsy Mace
Jennifer Schroer
Debbe Haskett
Tye Crews
Katrina Hughes
Jennifer Alexander
Ellen Clark
Mary Thompson
Sheri & Rick Swan
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Tina Heffner
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Macy Tucker
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Kathy Deal
Angie Miller
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EMMAUS SPONSORSHIP

Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of the Walk to Emmaus. Many people take sponsorship for granted; and they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Yet, sponsorship is arguably the most important job in Emmaus. It is more than just “signing up people”. It begins and ends with prayer. Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community, and for the churches affected by the weekend experience. It is a demonstration of agape love by making oneself an instrument of convenient grace.

New sponsors can miss key times and responsibilities that are important for the pilgrim to receive the full experience. If you are working the same walk as your pilgrim, please make arrangements for a co-sponsor to assist in sponsorship. Please review these responsibilities.

1. The sponsor must gather letters or cards of encouragement for the pilgrim. Notes from family and friends that are not part of the Emmaus Community are fine in addition to those who are a part of the community. The more letters, the better the experience for the pilgrim. They may be turned in on Thursday or Saturday nights of the walk quietly without the pilgrim seeing them. Make sure the first and last name of the pilgrim is on the envelope and the word “pilgrim” underneath it. Larger agape that cannot fit in a normal envelope must be given to the pilgrim in the vehicle on the way home.
2. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to help to take care of any needs of the pilgrim or the pilgrim’s family while the pilgrim is away for 3 days. Check in with the family over the weekend.
3. Registration begins at 6pm on Thursday evening. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to drive the pilgrim to the campground and stay with the pilgrim through send-off at 7pm. This includes check in and helping them get settled in their room. After send-off, the sponsors will go to Sponsor’s Hour. This is a time for sponsors to pray for over the pilgrim’s Emmaus cross.
4. Sponsors may serve as a server or will need to provide a server (opposite gender of the pilgrim who has been on a previous Emmaus Walk or a Chrysalis Flight) for the agape dinner. The server must be present at the campground no later than 4pm on Saturday. If the server can arrive early, decorating for the agape dinner will begin at 2:30pm. All help is appreciated. At 4:15pm, instructions will be given to the servers for the Agape dinner. Please remember to dress for an evening dinner. Please do not bring anything extra to set your pilgrim apart from others.
5. Saturday at 8pm, sponsors should be in the dining hall to pray for their pilgrim before Candlelight. After prayer, sponsors will take communion and move to the tabernacle for the 9pm Candlelight.
6. Closing begins at 4:30pm on Sunday. Please be at the tabernacle by 4:15pm. After closing you will take your pilgrim and their belongings home.
7. Encourage your pilgrim in their Fourth day. Give them an opportunity to talk through and appreciate their experience. Contact them on Monday to see how they are doing. Be sure they are aware of the Reunion Gathering which normally starts at 6 PM and offer to take them. Encourage them to find a reunion group to help them to grow in their Fourth Day journey.

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Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the
hands, feet, and heart of Christ.*

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS

March 15, 2024*

First Christian Church
649 Blackman Street
Clinton, IN 47842

***Reunion for Winter Walks 204 & 205
Start at 6pm***

April 19, 2024

Bee Ridge Church
3010 W. County Rd 1000N
Brazil, IN 47834

May 17, 2024

Calvary Temple Church
2100 N. 6th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47804

June 21, 2024

Terre Haute Church of God
2509 Thompson St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

July 19, 2024

Blackhawk Community Church
12655 IN 159
Pimento, IN 47866

August 16, 2024

St. Johns Church of God
3456 IN 42
Center Point, IN 47840

September 20, 2024

Mckinley Hill Church of God
10700 N county rd. 300 E
Brazil In 47834

October 18, 2024

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church
3050 East Davis Dr.
Terre Haute, IN 47802

***Reunion for Fall Walks 206 & 207
Start at 6pm***

November 15, 2024

Center Point Church
208 S. Cherry Street
Center Point, IN 47840

6:15 pm - Fellowship and Refreshments

7:00 pm - Worship gathering

(Host church will provide paper goods, ice and beverages.)