

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Emmaus Community:

I love a new year. It's a chance to set new goals and make resolutions to get everything right this time around. All the areas I failed to improve in 2012 are there in front of me again in 2013.

This year I resolve to be a better father, husband, friend, brother and uncle. I have a goal to get healthier and I want to make better financial decisions. I also want to be a better son. I want to grow closer to Christ in some way, every day. I want to spend more time in God's word, spend time praising the Lord whether I am at church or alone in my room.

A goal of mine this year is to be more aware as I get close to the sin line. I pray that God opens my eyes to the opportunity to gossip (or insert any other temptation) that awaits me in the break room around the corner, then provide me the strength to overcome the temptation.

I could go on and on about all the improvements I need to make in just about every area of my life. That's what the start of a New Year means to me. It's a re-set. That's why I think on our calendar, the celebration of the birth of Christ is followed by the celebration of a new year. Our acceptance and surrender to Christ allows the same opportunity in a spiritual sense that a New Year offers in a worldly sense. I guess the biggest difference is that with the changing of our calendar, the slate isn't wiped clean like it is when we turn our lives over to Christ. The proclamation that "I want to make better financial decisions!" doesn't make the credit card bills go away. "I want to be healthier this year!" doesn't mean I step on the scale and see the number I want to see. There is grueling work that has to be done to achieve those goals. A smaller waist line comes by eating less and exercising more. More money in the bank means packing a lunch and eating out less. Skipping the trip to the movies with the family and stopping by the RedBox instead.

But the newness that a right relationship with Christ offers doesn't require anything from us except faith. Once we admit that He is Lord, believe that He is the Son of God and confess and turn away from our Sin it becomes New Year's Day eternally! *2 Corinthians 5:17* says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

There is a process of being sanctified that happens throughout our lives, but the minute we surrender all, we are a new creation in Christ. God's scales are heavily slanted toward guilty, so much so that there is nothing we can do to even them out, nothing except ask Christ into our lives. When we do that He will say yes, step on those scales of justice and all of a sudden a guilty conviction brings back a verdict of innocent. Christ standing in the gap for us ought to get us out of bed every day with the feeling that it's New Year's Day. Join me in striving to celebrate New Year's Day 365 times this year.

In community happenings the board is excited about 2013! The upcoming walks are just two of the many things going on in our community. We've been part of and seen the prayer that has been already poured into the walks and are expectant as we wait to see what God has planned for the pilgrims. Please join us in praying for Bob Blunk, who is Lay Director of the men's walk, and Elizabeth Reed, who will lead the women's walk.

It's also time to start praying about who you are going to sponsor. Remember what your weekend meant to you? Ask God to show you who He would have you sponsor on this set of walks. There are people who may have said no to walks ten times in the past, but that could be because God wanted them on these walks.

Also be sure to check the community calendar and try to attend as many gatherings as you can. It's a great way to re-connect with walk brothers and sisters, but also a way to meet other people in the community.

I am looking forward to seeing what God has planned for the Dayspring Emmaus Community in the coming year. Come and be a part of it.

Blessings, much love and DeColores,
George Browning
Community Lay Director
DaySpring Emmaus Community



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

Men's Walk #115
Bob Blunk, Lay Director

April 11 – 14, 2013
Indian Creek Baptist Camp

Women's Walk #116
Elizabeth Reed, Lay Director

April 18 – 20, 2013
Indian Creek Baptist Camp

Forms to sponsor a pilgrim can be found at: <http://www.dayspringemmaus.org/forms>
Please pray prior to speaking to someone about going on the Walk to Emmaus
and ask God who He is calling you to sponsor.

Be sure to *carefully and thoroughly* read the Sponsor's Covenant attached to the application.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... we're on Facebook? Search for "DaySpring Emmaus Community (Southern IN)" and click on "join group."
See what DaySpring Emmaus events and happenings are coming up. Catch up with friends and former walk members.

Welcome New Community Members

Walk #113

Walk #114

Ben Aich

Jessie Able

Mike Becht

Jan Backherms

Terry Bennett

Connie Bellner

James Berkenmeyer

Bobbi Bickers

Mark Bickers

Bobbie Bradley

Roger Bradley

Jessica Carpenter

Robert Brishaber II

Lisa Clark

Ross Davison

Elizabeth Drechsel

Sid Dye

Kathy Dye

Craig Hamby

Marcia Fellows

Travis Hancock

Esther Fredericks

Pete Kreitler

Diane Geswein

Doug Lark

Cynthia Hamby

Louis Long

Morgan Hancock

Larry Mardis

Martha Harris

Aaron Martin

Phyllis Henderson

Dennis Martin

Suzanne Johnson

Gene Mattingly

Kathleen LaCroix

Rob McClellan

Alisa Lark

Jim McMillan

Helen Long

Caleb Melancon

Lou Anne Mattingly

Brandon Missi

Sheila Maurer

Terry Morgan

Dawn May

Buck Payton

Debbie McGuire

Benjamin Schott

Denise McNew

Andy Smith

Jenny Melancon

Matt Spengler

Becky Moreillon

Jay Timberlake

Patti Naville

David Troutman

Judy Neeld

Dan Wagner

Korinne Nessmith

Ken Watson

DeDe Payton

Michael White

Jenny Renn

Tammy Rieckers

Teddi Robinson

Marjorie Rotenberger

Tammy Sales

Tammi Souder

Betsy Standafer

Kristin Traub

Cindy Van Ness

Kim Varner

Linda Voyles

Tammy Watson



DAYSPRING EMMAUS CALENDAR 2013

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri., January 4	Gathering	7:27 PM	First Capital Christian Church 305 Oliver Street, Corydon, IN
Fri., February 1	Gathering	7:27 PM	Edwardsville UMC 4830 State Road 62, Georgetown, IN
Fri., March 1	Gathering	7:27 PM	Park Memorial UMC 1820 E. Park Place, Jeffersonville, IN
Sun., April 7	Walks #115 & #116 Team Dedications (Team & Comm.)	3:00 – 6:00 PM	Edwardsville UMC 4830 State Rd 62, Georgetown, IN
April 11 - 14	Men's Walk #115	7:00 PM	Indian Creek Baptist Camp 5920 Lickford Bridge Road SW, Mauckport, IN
Sat., April 13	Candlelight Men's Walk #115	7:30 PM	Old Capitol UMC 141 W. Heidelberg Road NW, Corydon, IN
April 18-21	Women's Walk #116	7:00 PM	Indian Creek Baptist Camp 5920 Lickford Bridge Road SW, Mauckport, IN
Sat., April 20	Candlelight Women's Walk #116	7:30 PM	Old Capitol UMC 141 W. Heidelberg Road NW, Corydon, IN
Sat., April 27	Follow-up Walks #115 & 116 Gathering	4:27 PM 5:27 PM	Unity Chapel UMC 1770 Lost Creek Road NW, Ramsey, IN
Fri., May 10	Praise Gathering	7:27 PM	Wesley Chapel UMC 2100 Hwy 150, Floyds Knobs, IN 47119
Fri., June 7	Gathering	7:27 PM	Pekin UMC 244 S. Shorts Corner Road, New Pekin, IN
Fri., July 5	Gathering	7:27 PM	New Life Christian Church 8090 Tandy Rd. NE, Lanesville, IN
Sat., August 17	Community Homecoming/Picnic	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Silver Heights Camp 501 Camp Avenue, New Albany, IN
Fri., September 6	Gathering	7:27 PM	Sellersburg UMC 226 N. New Albany Avenue, Sellersburg, IN
Sun., September 29	Walks #117 & #118 Team Dedications (Team & Comm.)	3:00 – 6:00 PM	TBD
October 10-13	Men's Walk #117	7:00 PM	Indian Creek Baptist Camp 5920 Lickford Bridge Road SW, Mauckport, IN
Sat., October 12	Candlelight Men's Walk #117	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC 141 W. Heidelberg Road NW, Corydon, IN
October 17-20	Women's Walk #118	7:00 PM	Indian Creek Baptist Camp 5920 Lickford Bridge Road SW, Mauckport, IN
Sat., October 19	Candlelight Women's Walk #118	7:30 PM	Old Capital UMC 141 W. Heidelberg Road NW, Corydon, IN
Sat., November 2	Follow-Up Walks #117 & #118 Gathering	4:27 PM 5:27 PM	Georgetown Christian Church 9420 State Road 64, Georgetown, IN
Fri., December 6	Gathering	7:27 PM	Faithpoint UMC 794 Hwy. 150 Floyds Knobs, IN 812-923-0940



Stay Connected With Reunion Groups!

The Emmaus group reunion is an accountability group of two or more persons who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. Group reunions meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of persons sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. Members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's core commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. Members express that reinforcement through gentle accountability, encouragement and support of one's stated discipline and plans. For a list of reunion groups, visit:

<http://www.dayspringemmaus.org/reuniongroups>

DAYSPRING REC UPCOMING WALKS

January 18 – 20, 2013

Harrison County Men

Mike McCarty, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm – January 19th

Old Capitol UMC

141 West Heidelberg Road, Corydon, Indiana

January 25 - 27

Harrison County Women

Lynda Alexander, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm – January 26th

Old Capitol UMC

141 West Heidelberg Road, Corydon, Indiana

March 15 - 17

Branchville Correctional Facility

Darren Pavey, Lay Director

Candlelight @ 6:30 pm (Central) / 7:30 pm (Eastern)

March 16th

Branchville Correctional Facility

21390 Old State Road 37, Branchville, Indiana

**** Must provide LD with name and driver's license number one week prior to walk or you will NOT be admitted ****

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

Chrysalis Flight #49

Lay Directors: Sherri Haldeman & Dean Donohue

January 19-21, 2013

Sendoff: Jan 19 @ 8:30 am

Candlelight: Jan 20 @ 8:00 pm

Closing: Jan 21 @ 4:00 pm

(For ages 15-18)

All Chrysalis events are held at the Flaget Center
1935 Lewiston Place, Louisville, KY

Applications are being accepted now for 2013 Flights and Journeys. Dates will be published in the Spring 2013 publication of the DaySpring Emmaus newsletter or visit the new Chrysalis website: www.cornerstonechrysalis.com

WHAT IS CHRYSALIS? Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship.

Chrysalis "Flights" (for 10th through 12th graders) and "Journeys" (for young adults, ages 19-24) are three-day events. This three-day spiritual renewal time provides an opportunity for you to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. The point is to inspire, challenge and equip you for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community.

Chrysalis lifts up a way for you to enjoy Christ's friendship and love and to be Christ's friend and partner in the world. The three days focus on God's grace, your experience with Christ as friend, what it means to be the body of Christ, and giving love to a needy world.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A CHRYSALIS FLIGHT OR JOURNEY? You'll spend three days with other people your age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. You'll experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days for you to discover or re-discover your spiritual self, to analyze and realize who you are in Christ.

You'll hear talks that focus on the needs of maturing youth or young adults, offer the message of the gospel and the friendship and example of Jesus Christ. Each day speakers present topics with life examples, followed by discussion, reflection, and creative expression of how these messages can encourage your personal faith.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: Chrysalis is open to young people of any Christian denomination. The ages include upper high school students (ages 15-18 and completed 9th grade) and young adults (ages 19-24 and graduated from high school). We invite you to join in a flight or journey, an exciting three days of experiencing God's love in a fresh new way. Spread your wings. It's a new day!

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Faces in the DaySpring Community

This edition's "face" in the community is **John Barr**. John went on Walk #53 (at O'Bannon Woods) and sat at the table of Paul. He recalls the fondest memory from his walk as being the table prayer time. Apparently sitting at the table of Paul was indicative of how John's life of discipleship was about to change after his walk. Being fairly active in his church at Unity Chapel UMC, John suddenly found himself working prison ministry in county jails and state prisons. The DaySpring Residents Encounter Christ (R.E.C.) program has become a passion of his. "I truly feel that God has called me to this ministry. I found that by saying yes to God's call and putting on the cloak of servant enabled a very shy, very quiet person to be able to speak in front of large groups and share my testimony of how God worked in my life." He adds, "working with the residents of these facilities has given me a new appreciation of my normal life. The soft bed, warm home, hot shower, and loving family that I took for granted I now see as tremendous blessings that I thank

God for every day." John's words of advice to us are to "do everything in your life to His glory! Say yes when He calls and be amazed at how He will use you." And how true this statement has become in his daily walk. John has served on the Emmaus board as the IT representative and built the current DaySpring website. He has served on several Emmaus Walks and was the Lay Director of Walk #99. He has worked between 40 and 50 R.E.C.s and has been the Lay Director for two of them. "I say all this not to draw attention to myself, but to demonstrate what can happen when you say yes to His call." In his spare time, John likes to fish, read, cook, garden, and mix music. Once you meet John, you will never forget him. He is truly a modern-day Apostle Paul. You will be blessed and honored to know him as your brother in Christ.



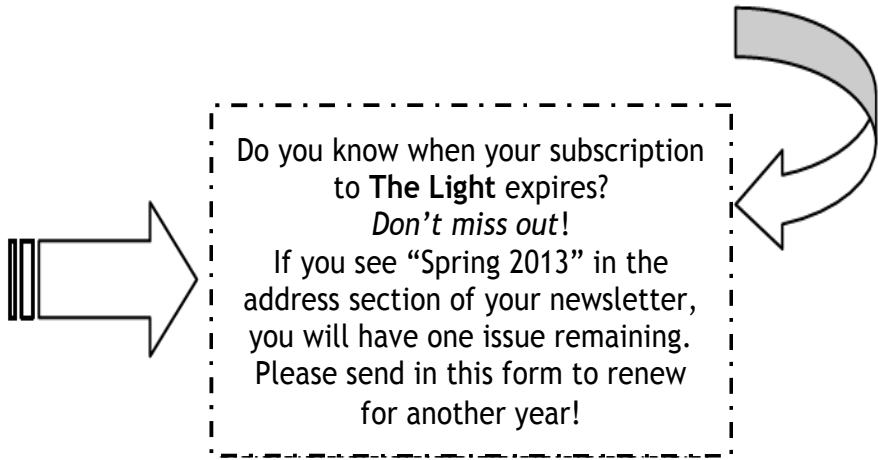
***"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* (Matthew 18:20)**

Join us for the next DaySpring Emmaus Gatherings:

Friday, February 1st at 7:27 pm at Edwardsville UMC
(4830 State Road 62, Georgetown, IN)

Friday, March 1st at 7:27 pm at Park Memorial UMC
(1820 E. Park Place, Jeffersonville, IN)

* * * Please bring a snack or dessert and/or a 2-liter of soda to share. * * *



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