



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JOE MCQUINIFF

I don't know about you, but it seems like summer just started, and now here we are in August. Before long, the kids will be heading back to school, buses will be back on the roads, and families will be settling into new routines. Time sure has a way of moving faster than we'd like. As this school year begins, I ask that we all take a few moments to pray. Pray for our students as they learn, grow, and face new challenges. Pray for our teachers, administrators, school staff, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and everyone who has a part in caring for our children. They all have an important job, and they need our prayers just as much as our students do.

Ask God to surround them with His protection, give them wisdom, patience, strength, and peace throughout the year. I also want to ask you to keep our Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus community in your prayers. Pray that we continue to love one another, encourage one another, and always point people toward Christ. We all have different gifts, but when we come together with willing hearts, God can do amazing things through this ministry. I want to thank each of you for the love you've shown me and for the way you continue to serve this community. Whether you're praying behind the scenes, serving on a team, attending gatherings, or simply reaching out to encourage someone, you are making a difference. Never underestimate what God can do through a faithful servant. As we move into this next season, let's continue to trust God with whatever lies ahead. He's been faithful every step of the way, and He isn't finished with us yet. Thank you for being part of this incredible Emmaus family. I pray God blesses each of you, keeps you safe, and fills your hearts with His peace and joy in the days ahead. De Colores!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6

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FROM THE BOARD...

BY AMY GRAND



FAQ's

What happens if?

- **If the community decides to leave the Upper Room:**

All manuals and trademarked publications need to be returned to Upper Room in Nashville.

The community will vote on what to do with the assets of GSVE; ie: The checking account, the "stuff" that is stored at the camp. The current board will likely recommend that all assets be moved to a new ministry in process - ABIDE Southern Ohio.

- **If the community decides to remain Emmaus and part of the Upper Room:**

A new board would need to be elected. A conversation with Michael and Annette Linton, owners of Koinonia Farms Camp would need to be had. The current board has a spoken promise with them that we would remain a conservative community holding fast to biblical truths and teachings. They have already been informed of the direction of the Upper Room and the possibility of the dissolution of GSVE.

- **What happens to the money in GSVE checking account?**

This will be decided with a community vote. All monies would go to another not-for-profit organization.

- **What happens to Chrysalis?**

Southern Ohio Chrysalis operates under its own non-profit license. Kris Liles has been in contact with the UR and they state that a parent Emmaus community is only needed to START a Chrysalis community. Please continue to support Southern Ohio Chrysalis; they are committed to stay a conservative community.

- **Is GSVE part of the Upper Room?**

No. GSVE is a separate non-profit organization.

- **Does the UR have control of our website?**

No. They can see our website, but they have no control of it.

- **If GSVE dissolves will we still have gatherings?**

YES! Please remain part of the community so we can keep you updated and you can help form the future weekends!

- **Will GSVE become ABIDE?**

No.

GSVE will either be dissolved or will continue as stated above.

ABIDE is a new independent, non-denominational ministry currently under development.

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If you have questions, ideas you'd like to share, please connect with one of the subcommittee members:

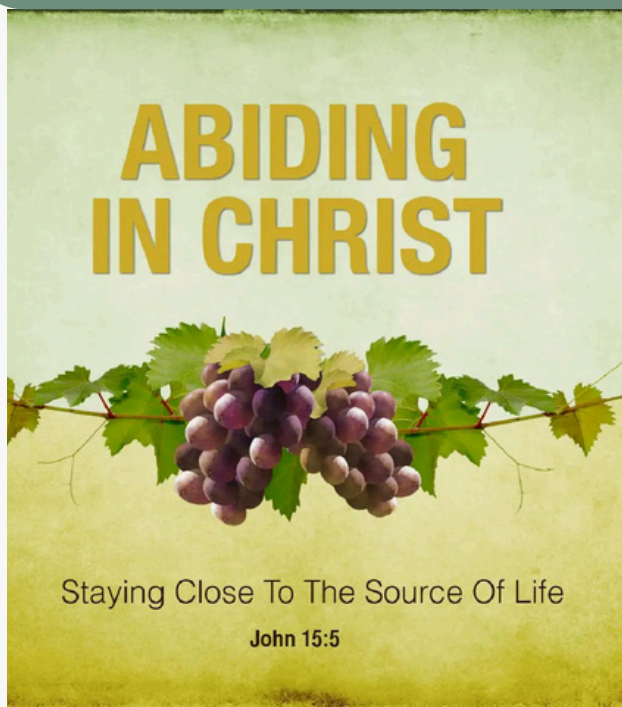
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We ask that you pray fervently and intentionally for the Lord's will to be done in the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus community, for the members of the board and sub-committee, for discernment and obedience to ways the Lord is calling us to serve the people in southern Ohio.

In His love & service,
Amy Grand

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Remember our Upcoming events:

Find out information for kitchen help, setup, cleanup, Prayer Vigil and more at gsve.org.

***Our next gathering is August 20 at Harvest Center Church
6:30 pm-8:30 pm***

I thank you in advance for every prayer and everything you do to contribute to this ministry.

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY JAMIE DARLING

Hello Blessed Children of God, I'd like to share 1 Peter 1:3-9...go ahead, I'll wait as you read it :) After I read it, it made me think. I wonder if we really understand from what we have been saved? In my churches we are in a sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. The Fruit in which we produce because we are connected to the Vine. The Fruit that is our identity, our character, our image we bear in the name of Jesus Christ. When we think of it that way, it makes us stop and think. I have been analyzing my thoughts and actions a lot lately in accordance with the fruit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23. It's a chore, I can tell ya that! But it is so needed. The following are some practical ways we can work with the power of the Holy Spirit to experience and display the fruit of joy. Not one fruit is elevated above the other, unless of course you speak of Love, in which God is and the greatest of "these" is Love. But when I look to uncertainty in the world or in my life, I often see that the fruit of Joy is where the enemy goes to steal first. I pray you find Joy, God's Joy, each and every day as you walk with your Savior. May the following help you in doing so.

In His Service,
Pastor Jamie Darling
GSVE Community Spiritual Director

- **Rehearse with God the reasons you trust Him.** Starting with reading aloud Psalm 103. And join with others to share in prayer, thanksgiving and study.
- **Keep a Joy journal.** Use a box to save keepsakes that remind you of the Joy you have experienced with God and through others over the years.
- **Surround yourself with Joyful people.** Joy is contagious, so befriend others who encourage you and show in their own lives the trust they have in God.
- **Approach lifestyle challenges and trials redemptively.** In other words, when a trial shows up in your life, you don't say, woe is me, you say, but God. Look for ways that God will use this to reveal himself and grow you more into his image. Read Romans 5 and James 1. Great reads for learning how to process pressure in your life. Joy will sneak up on you, if you view your hardest lessons as gifts from God.
- **Make praise and gratitude a habit.** How has God met a need in your life? Now Praise him for it! Thank Him always. Joy flows from a grateful and responsive heart. Before you go to bed at night, write down 3-5 blessings in your joy journal. Start planting joy and you'll see joy grow.
- **Worship Him in music.** Whatever your style is, listen to music that draws you closer to him.
- **Take the long view.** I remember dad telling me about stocks and the best are not going to have short term rewards, it's in the long haul, when you get the best reward. Regardless of what is happening today, we remember that God oversees our days, all of our days, and He is working to develop us into his character.
- **Trust that God controls your life's details** (Romans 8:28)
- **Trust that he hears every request** (Psalm 116:1)
- **Trust that His joy will be your strength** (Nehemiah 8:10)

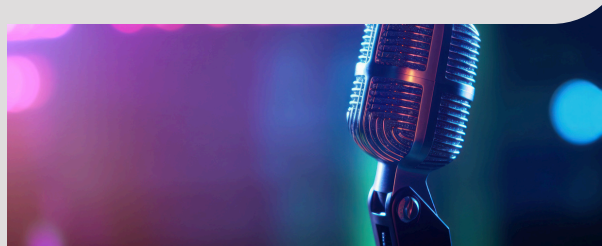
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or

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

The website has been recently updated and reorganized. Events and walk information are now on the home page, right where you want it.

Check it out and stay in touch and join us as we follow Christ.

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Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out GSVE.org

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