



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

November. It's time for the National Elections. NOVEMBER 5th! Please get out and VOTE, we have a privilege and responsibility to vote for our leaders. This is a great nation, foundationally set up as a government for the people by the people. PLEASE PRAY- VOTE- PRAY!

The Board Elections are coming up in November, if you are interested in serving on the Board or serving on a committee, kitchen, team selection, housekeeping, agape, etc. Feel free to ask questions. Board members serve 3 years. Please prayerfully consider where to commit to serve and let us know! Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 23:11 the greatest among you shall be your servant. We have Board meetings every month everyone is welcome.

The nominees are:

David Coates
Rusty Stanton
Adam Brown
Amy Grand
Jerry Kunz

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To vote for the board members, go to [GSVE.org/Vote](https://www.gsve.org/Vote).

Also, consider how the Lord wants you to help in this ministry. Look at the Board of Directors page at [GSVE.org](https://www.gsve.org) to see all the ministry opportunities that are available. If you want to help in a specific area, just let us know.

We thank you for every prayer, for every contribution and every thing you do in support of this ministry. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Community Lay Director, Gary Jordan, may God Bless you and your family in Christ.

FROM THE BOARD...

BY KRIS LILES & ROCHELLE BARNEY



Greetings from Southern Ohio Chrysalis.

For those of you who may not be familiar with Chrysalis, it is a three-day weekend experience called a Flight which is much like the Walk to Emmaus, but it is designed for youth between the ages of 14-19 (basically high school youth or early college). The Southern Ohio Chrysalis (SOC) community is housed at Cornerstone Church in Portsmouth, Ohio, and has been in existence for over 25 years.

The Community operates under the direction of the Upper Room Ministries (just like Emmaus) and uses program materials designed by them. Also, like Emmaus, there is a Board made up of people who have attended Walks to Emmaus and Chrysalis Flights. The Board oversees all operations of the community.

There are many parallels with the Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights, such as, attendees need to be sponsored by someone who has already attended a Walk or Flight. Participants will take part in discussions centered around fourteen talks given by youth, adults, and clergy. Throughout the weekend “caterpillars” (as we call the participants when they arrive) will learn about the amazing, unconditional love of God. Then as they grow closer the Jesus Christ over the weekend, they will be transformed into “butterflies” (in reference to being transformed from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly) as their relationship deepens with our Lord and Savior.

Both Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends run much the same with many opportunities for volunteers who have previously attended walks or flights to assist with meals, participate on the prayer vigil, write agape letters, attend services (send-off, candlelight, and closing), and assist with set-up, tear-down, and clean up. SOC hosts four flights per year. Plans are well underway for Girls Flight #51 which will be held January 18-20, 2025, and for Boys Flight #49 which will be held February 15-17, 2025. The dates for the Summer 2025 flights are Boys Flight #50 July 12-14 and Girls Flight #52 July 19-21.

There have been jokes in the past that Chrysalis is Emmaus on steroids, as youth tend to be very high energy, which makes for a lively weekend.

For more information about Southern Ohio Chrysalis, please visit the website: southernohiochrysalis.org. You will find interviews with youth who share their experiences at Chrysalis. They may just inspire you to think about who you should consider sponsoring for an upcoming flight. You may also want to consider joining the Southern Ohio Chrysalis page on Facebook for announcements on upcoming events. And speaking of events, SOC will hold a “Friendsgiving” event on Saturday, November 16 from 5:00-7:00 at Cornerstone Church in Portsmouth. This event is like an Emmaus Gathering with music, worship, and food (which will be provided), and, since its youth, we’ll play some games too. We’d love for you to join us.

GSVE and SOC have enjoyed a beautiful partnership through the years, working together to bring adults and youth closer to Christ. Many pilgrims who have attended walks at GSVE have not only served on Emmaus Teams but also on Chrysalis Teams. And since Chrysalis has been around for so long, some of those youth who were butterflies on flights many years ago have now served in the Emmaus Community. Working together, many have humbly answered the call to serve, build and strengthen both of these communities. For all the blessings we have in our communities, we give God the glory!

DeColores, and as we say at Chrysalis – Fly With Christ!

Kris Liles and Rochelle Barney, Co-Community Lay Leaders, SOC

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

Thanksgiving is one of those occasions that we celebrate without thinking too deeply about, unless we get lost in a turbulence of turmoil. Think about it too much and it might start to hurt your brain.

Taking an opportunity to give thanks for the blessings that we have received in life is certainly a worthwhile endeavor. But where does the duty to give thanks begin and end? And just what are we thankful for?

Thankful for our material possessions, or that we aren't unfortunate enough to be poor?

Thankful for an abundance of family and friends in our lives, or thankful that we are not alone?

Thankful because Jesus or Grandma or our 3rd-grade teacher told us to be, or thankful because of genuine gratefulness?

Thanksgiving, in that sense, is an odd occasion then. It could perhaps come across as mandatory gratefulness. Yet, gratefulness is a learned skill that needs to be practiced to truly embody it.

As Americans, we make sense of this occasion for gratefulness by gathering around a meal. The opportunity to eat together is the great equalizer, putting the strong and mighty next to the weak and lowly, all the same at the table.

And even though Thanksgiving is not a church holiday, gratitude and thanksgiving are deeply connected to faith. In fact, 'Thanksgiving' is one of the names that we call Holy Communion. The Greek word for Holy Communion, Eucharist, means thanksgiving.

In the Eucharist, we pray, giving thanks to God for all that God has done for us. Yet we also recognize that our thanks are insufficient. Somehow, God still comes and joins us to the Body of Christ in the Bread and Cup.

The true Thanksgiving might just be that of God towards us. God's faithfulness toward and gratefulness for creation.

Maybe that is the best way to understand Thanksgiving. We can never express our true gratitude and thanks to God for this life of abundance, but God's love and gratefulness given for our sake makes a true Thanksgiving possible.

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

Lead Worship

email: Music@gsve.org

or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

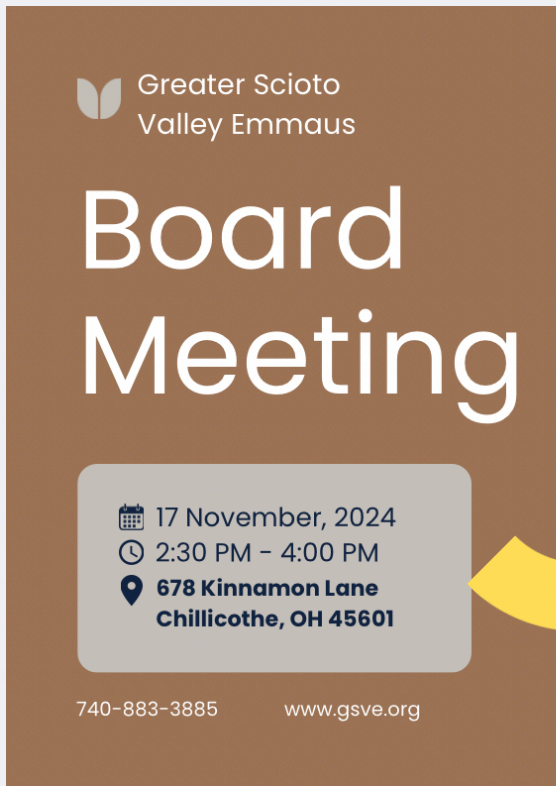


**Spring Walks
2025**
**Women's Walk #63
April 24th-27th**
**Men's Walk #47
May 15th-16th**

**Chrysalis Flights, Girls January 18-20
Boys February 15-17**
Information at
southernohiochrysalisweb@gmail.com



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CORNERSTONE CHURCH
DEVOTION | MUSIC | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP
NOVEMBER 16 @5PM



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Board Meeting

17 November, 2024
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
678 Kinnamon Lane
Chillicothe, OH 45601

740-883-3885 www.gsve.org



DEC 15
Gathering
2:30PM
*Walnut Street Methodist Church
24 South Walnut St. Chillicothe, OH 45601*

WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT GSVE.ORG. WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE WALKS.

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

JUST FOR LAUGHS...



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NO Harold! Pastor said we should be involved in CHRISTIAN SERVICE not... have CHRISTIANS SERVE US!



THEBACKPEW.COM - Jarlson

there are many gifts, but the one Spirit: Spirit: & varieties of service, but the same Lord. **1 Cor 12:4,5 NICE TRY HAROLD!**



VISIT GSVE.ORG to sign up TODAY!

QUESTIONS ???

IS GSVE LEAVING CHILLICOTHE?

No. GSVE is based in and will continue to be focused on the ministry of the Chillicothe and surrounding communities. Holding our Walk Weekends at a nearby facility with cabins and conference accommodations is what we are giving the GSVE community a new experience. Monthly Gatherings will be held at various churches in the Chillicothe area. Let us know if you would like to host a Gathering at your Church.

WHERE ARE THE GSVE WALKS BEING HOSTED?

Koinonia Farms is located east of Laurelville, OH. This beautiful location in the Hocking Hill area is the ministry built by a local Christian family with strong ties to Chillicothe. It was built during the Covid pandemic shutdown and they continue to build new accommodations and features. They want to offer the use of their facilities as a ministry gift to GSVE. They are excited to offer a partnership with us to share the gospel and promote Christian discipleship.

WHY CHANGE VENUES FOR THE WALKS?

There are a number of reasons, the most pressing being that our numbers were declining, both in service and pilgrim participation. We've been given an opportunity to revitalize and grow by pivoting the experience to a camp environment which allows for communion with God's beautiful creation, without distractions from the outside world. Since our announcing a change in venue, we have had an overwhelming positive response to the new experience we will be able to offer.

WHY SO FAR AWAY? I'M CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVING

This venue will come with the need for a commitment to intentional service. There are accommodations for "live-in" logistics and kitchen team. The camp has ample space to house additional servants. We would encourage car-pooling when coming to serve for just a few hours. Both the Love Community and Southern Ohio Emmaus currently hold their walks at camps, and have a wonderful experience.

WHY CHANGE NOW?

The future of GSVE has been prayerfully poured over by many people for a long time, even before Covid brought us to a screeching halt. While some Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are thriving, many, like GSVE, are struggling to recover from such a shutdown. The need for a ministry like ours is evident in those communities that are doing well. In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus tells the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." The purpose of Emmaus is to support the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. As laborers we must continue to pray and go into the "harvest" of believers so that they may continue to grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

WHAT ABOUT GATHERINGS?

Gatherings will be held in churches in the Chillicothe area so that we can reach others with the ministries of Emmaus and Chrysalis. The Board is evaluating elements of Gatherings, such as day of the week and time of day and would love to have input from the community on this topic. Our Gatherings in the park were well attended and we definitely have multiple outdoor resources for better weather. GSVE is an ecumenical organization and we need to show our support in strengthening disciples within all area churches, not just inviting them on the Walks.

We encourage you to send additional questions by email to communityld@gsve.org.