



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JOHN MANASCO

GSVE Women's Walk # 63

Welcome to the GSVE community! We are so glad you chose to take that short journey to Emmaus and learn a little more about Jesus. It is my prayer that your fourth days are filled with God's love and grace. May the Lord continue to meet you in your daily walk. But here is the rub. When you got back home, the rest your family didn't experience a lot of chores. You like closest coming down from the mountain found those you left for a few days exactly where they were in their spiritual condition. I hope that was not your experience, but it happens more than we want to admit. For me, coming down from the mountain top experience, sometimes is challenging. Especially when you find yourself quickly back in the valley situations. But here is a little bit of encouragement from the Psalms.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalms 95:1-7 NIV

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If you find yourself missing that mountaintop experience, remember, the one who created the mountains. Remember, the one who dug the depths of the sea. Remember, the one who reached out and loved you and me before we ever knew him. And then simply ask Him, Lord, what do you want me to do for you today?

Speaking with a brother in Christ, recently, we were able to share some situation's in our lives. Details are not important for this conversation, but the takeaway is that you never really know the needs of those around you. Be eager to listen. Slow to speak. Be willing to let someone else share their problems. They are not looking for someone to give him the answer. They're looking for a brother or sister to lean on.

In Christ,
John Manasco

FROM THE BOARD...

BY LANNA MCGRATH



I've been involved in Emmaus and Chrysalis since 1998!! And one thing I've learned is that there is always something to learn!! Whether it's in life in general or within the Emmaus/Chrysalis ministries. I now serve an appointed position to the board as "Community Trainer".

You may be wondering what kind of "training" could there possibly be to serve. The short answer is that we all need at least a reminder of the various roles and responsibilities it takes not only on walk weekends but throughout the year. Emmaus is designed to be an ongoing experience if one chooses to remain connected to the ministry.

Taking a look at the various board positions you will see that the roles and responsibilities vary from housekeeping (setting up/tearing down/cleaning for walks and Gatherings), agape (preparing and training the agape team member) to administrative functions such as treasurer and purchasing. It takes a lot of people, time and effort to keep our community going.

We are hoping to coordinate some "training" dates within our community and also connecting to other communities in our area to help anyone interested become more informed and hopefully more involved, knowing what the various roles and responsibilities may be. Anything from how share groups should work, how to sponsor and the responsibilities that go with it, to serving in a board position or as part of committee.

If you would like more information on the various aspects of the Emmaus/Chrysalis communities and ways you might be able to serve, please contact me!! I would be more than happy to meet with you!

I pray you will consider how the Lord may be calling you to serve not only in the Emmaus/Chrysalis communities but wherever He may be leading you!

De Colores!!

Lanna McGrath

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When working on my three Easter sermons this year, I came across a common theme that I wanted to share, maybe a little different thought for some but here goes.

By the way, I ask a lot of questions when I preach, I want people to think and discover truth on their own.

When was God at his best? When can we point and say that's God at the top of the ladder?

God created the heavens.

All of us would probably turn to Genesis where it says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." What more could God do than create the heavens and the earth? That has to be God at his best. Maybe not.

That's God. If you want to see him at his best, walk out and look at his greatness. God has bedecked the sky with globes of light called stars, and there are more stars in the sky than there are grains of sand on the earth. That has to be God at his best.

Are you sure?

God created human beings.

No. I think not. That was pretty good. But several verses later in Genesis 1, God said, "Let us make man."

So let's conclude that it was God who created the heavens and the earth, and God who made man and woman. That was God at his best? No.

God performed miracles.

There are those who suggest the many miracles God wrought in the Old Testament. No. No? I know when it was. It was when he cooked quail and sent them down with the manna. It was when he got water from a dry rock. Not just a little water, but enough for the millions, plus all of their livestock. That had to be God at his best. No. That's not our God. He's better than that.

God sent his Son.

To see God's greatness is to take a look at him when he looked at man. God made man. Man failed. Everything about man failed. That's why you can't think of your phone number! You've been through the Fall. We have to use computers!

Jesus died for our sins, rose for our justification. That's God at his best.

No. That's too great for me. I cannot understand this. It's too much of a mystery. I have to find something that will make it simpler.

PASTOR BRUCE'S THOUGHT... CONT

And God forgives our sins.

I believe I see where we can see him at his best.

Now I can really know who he is. He is a sin forgiver. He's the one who purges and cleanses us. That has to be God at his best. The one who is talking to Peter has to be Christ at his best.

He wasn't his best when he created the heavens and the earth; not when he made man; not when he called the Red Sea to separate; not when he sent manna from on high; not the virgin birth; not the miracles of the resurrection of the dead. But continuing to talk to lost mankind has to be God at his best. No.

But God is at his best when he saves lost souls.

Would you like for me to tell you when he was at his best? It isn't even in the Bible.

God was at his best nearly 41 years ago, shortly after that interaction with Pastor Fred Fox.

Then he got up in my head. Then he got all over me. I didn't know what was happening to me; I didn't understand it.

That is God at his best — when he saved me. When he — the great God of the universe — came all the way down and got into the heart and spirit of me, a sinner.

God Bless

Community Spiritual Director

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Volunteer to help at a Gathering

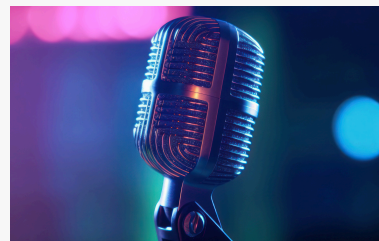
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

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



Chrysalis Flights, Girls July 19-21
Boys July 12-14

Information at
southernohiochrysalisweb@gmail.com

Board Meeting

JUN 1st @ 2:30 PM

Acts Believe Church

11986 Pleasant Valley Rd, Chillicothe,
OH 45601

All are welcome to attend.

Next Gathering

June 8th 2:30 pm

First Wesleyan Church

89 S. Mulberry Street

Chillicothe Ohio 45601

Next Walks

Oct 2-5 Women's Walk 64

Oct 9-12 Men's Walk 47

Check gsve.org to stay informed.



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

Come Join the Emmaus Men's Choir



Opened to all men in all Emmaus communities



Thursday May 1, 2025

First Baptist Church

250 Lafayette St

Greenfield, OH 45123

For more information contact Rusty Staten: 937-403-6642

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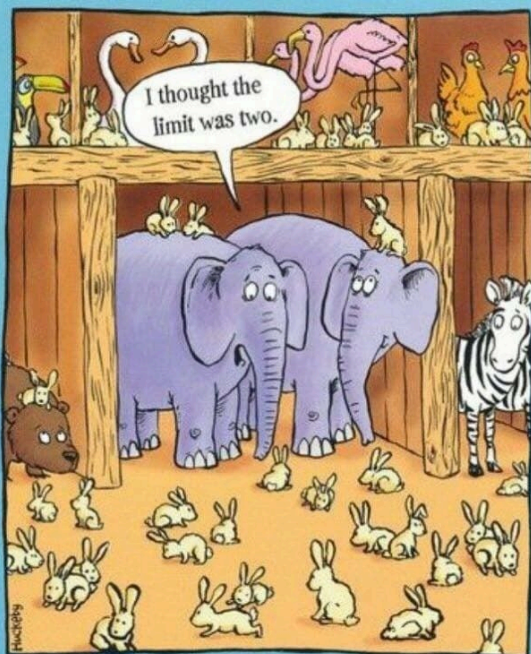


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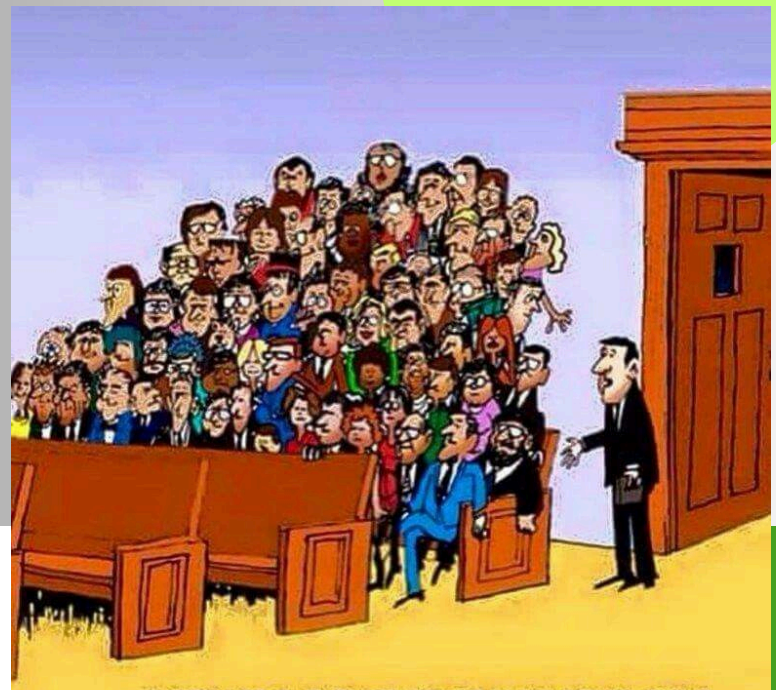
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