



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

Summertime is here, I love the summer. Hotdogs and hamburgers on the grill, garden tomatoes and onions, green beans, new potatoes, mouth watering!

Hope the Holidays were nice to you and your families. Memorial Day; remembering the price paid for our Freedoms we enjoy everyday. Let us remember those who gave their all for us. They stood against evil and gave their lives and defended the innocent!

Remember, But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with words or with our tongue but in deed and truth. This is His commandment, that we Believe in the Lord's Son Jesus Christ and love one another! 1 John 3:17-18 For this the message which we heard from the beginning, that we should love one another! 1 John 3:11 Let us not waste what they have died for! Look around, blessed beyond understanding, help those in need. We take things so for granted, we need a call to remember those who sacrificed their all. Jesus Christ suffered for all, Take up your Cross and follow Him!

Almost forgotten, we are having Emmaus Gatherings at different churches now to better inform our communities about the Emmaus Mission of sharing THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST to the world. If your Church would like to host a gathering at your Church contact us at info@gsve.org. Thank You

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ATTENTION UPCOMING EVENTS; PRAY PRAY PRAY, WE NEED YOU!

June is here, we have 2 walks happening Men's walk # 45 June 6-9, Women's walk # 61 June 13-16. We need the Emmaus community to pray for the walks and our new location. It is Koinonia Farm Camp 15605 Long Run Road Laurelville, Ohio 43135. Any information pilgrim registrations, sponsorship, prayer list, volunteer support, to sign up go to, gsve.org. We covet your prayers and other support to make this a great experience for the Pilgrims and Teams. Thank you so much!

The next Gathering will be at the Koinonia Camp June 30 at 3:30-5pm

FROM THE BOARD...

BY LANA MCGRATH



I currently serve in the Leadership position which is a non-voting member of the Board. After serving as Community Lay Director, the following year is Leadership. This position allows for there to be assistance for the Community Lay Director and the board in general. Our current board has many “experienced” members so my role is much easier. But going forward, we are praying for others in the community to lean in to their calling to serve, either on the board or a sub-committees led by a board member.

My Walk was #11 back in 1998!! Emmaus and Chrysalis have been a big part of my life since that time. When I was asked to consider serving on the board post-covid to help get things up and running again I was excited!! I have seen Emmaus and Chrysalis change lives over and over again, the way it did mine, and knew the Lord was calling me “back into action”. I am so very thankful He allows me to be a part of this ministry. I want to encourage each of you to pray about where the Lord is leading you in ministry, whether in Emmaus, Chrysalis, your church, or other area of life. Scripture tells us we are all given gifts to use for the building of the Kingdom and what you have to offer really does matter. There are no insignificant gifts, and there is plenty to do!!

As we prepare for the upcoming walks, please plan on participating in whatever ways the Lord is calling you. There’s the prayer vigil, prayer partners, housekeeping, kitchen, making agape. And please schedule and plan on attending Candlelight and Closing.

I know the camp is new to all of us so make a plan to carpool together. Make an evening or afternoon of getting together with other Emmaus family members to remember your own walks, and to show God’s love to the pilgrims.

Let this move to a new venue be a time for you to renew, refresh, and participate in the body of Christ as a member of the Emmaus and Chrysalis families.

In His Service & Love,
Lana McGrath

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

Summertime a time to desire God!

Don't let summer make your soul shrivel. God made summer as a foretaste of heaven, not a substitute. If the mailman brings you a love letter from your fiancé, don't fall in love with the mailman. That's what summer is: God's messenger with a sun-soaked, tree-green, flower-blooming, lake-glistening letter of love to show us what he is planning for us in the age to come—"things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Don't fall in love with the video preview, and find yourself unable to love the coming reality.

Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things (Colossians 1:18), including vacations and picnics and softball and long walks and cookouts. He invites us this summer: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). This is serious summer refreshment.

Do we want it? That is the question. Christ gives himself to us in proportion to how much we want his refreshment. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). One of the reasons for having Evening Renewal Gatherings every other Sunday evening is to say to the Lord corporately: we want all your refreshment. We really want it.

Peter's word to us about this is: "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

Repentance is not just turning away from sin, but also turning toward the Lord with hearts open and expectant and submissive.

What sort of summer mindset is this? It is the mindset of Colossians 3:1-2, "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

In the summer the earth is very much with us. And it is God's earth! But it is all prelude to the real drama of heaven. It is a foretaste of the real banquet. It is a video preview to the reality of what the eternal summer will be like when "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). So you see: the summer sun is a mere pointer to the sun that will be.

The glory of God. Summer is for seeing and showing that. Will we have eyes to see? Do you want to have eyes to see? Lord, let us see the light beyond the light. Seek that this summer.

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 WALKS AT KOINONIA

Men's Walk #45

June 6th-9th, 2024

Women's Walk #61

June 13th-16th, 2024

Registration is open **NOW**

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June Gathering

Will be our Welcome Gathering to both
Men's # 45 and Women's Walk #61.

Join us at Koinonia Camp Farms

June 30th. 3:00PM - 5:00PM

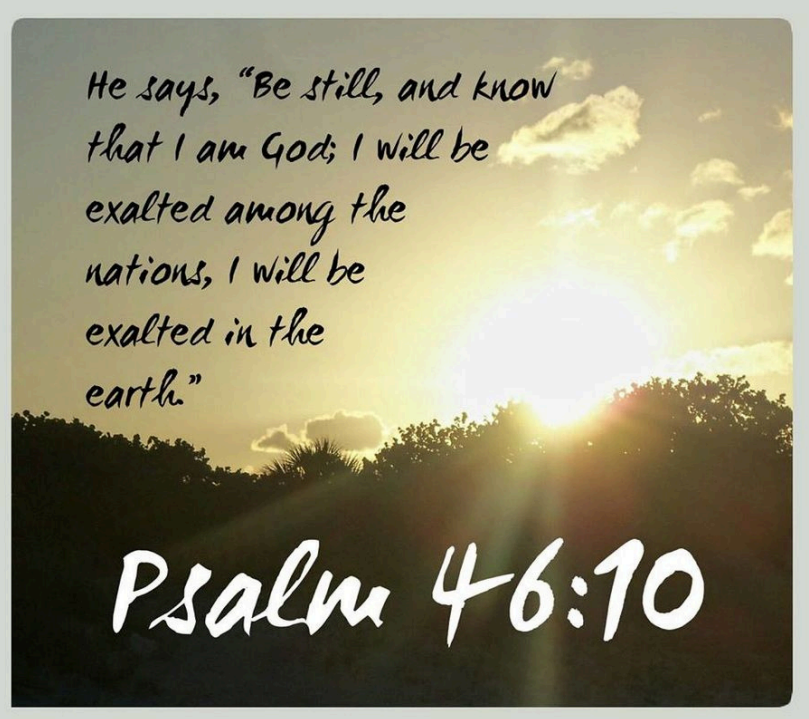
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WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT GSVE.ORG. WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO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

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

JUST FOR LAUGHS... TECH EDITION



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MARCH 2024

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.