



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JOHN MANASCO

It's that time again for the changing of the guard. Each year in January the GSVE Board rotates board members that have completed their 3-year term and adds new members to continue the ministry. As a part of that transition a new Chairman of the Board is selected by the Board. It is my humble honor to take up that responsibility for 2025.

Unlike being the CEO of a corporation, my view of being Chair is that of a Steward being given the responsibility to take care and protect that which is valuable. The dictionary tells us that stewardship is "the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care". Everything we have is given by God. We are called to be stewards to do good with our time, talent and resources. Hebrews 10: 24-25 encourages "And let us consider how we spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. God's love has been shared with us, so we are now the steward of that love. Let's encourage each other to share God's love with those around us. What better way than to sponsor a friend or loved one on the Walk to Emmaus weekend.

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Over the past two years we have been growing as we continue to follow God's call to spread his gospel and share His agape love with those on the Emmaus weekends. The response to the walks being held at Koinonia Camp has been amazing. As much as we love the Weekend events, we need you to make them happen. The board wants you to help out in one of our ministry areas. Most of you are familiar with volunteering to help in the kitchen or housekeeping. But there are many other areas of ministry that we need you to help make the Walk and our 4 th days meaningful. We need your help in sponsorship, creating agape, camp setup and teardown, small groups and much more. Where can you help? We have the spring walks on the calendar and are gearing up now.

Who will you "spur on toward love"?

FROM THE BOARD...

BY DANNY STURGILL



As we celebrate a start to a new year this saying by Melody Bettie. “Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” To grasp this concept, we need to understand what gratitude is. So, what is Gratitude? Gratitude is taking a moment to reflect on how lucky you are when something good happens, whether it is small or big.

This past year for Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus we have experienced one major change. The move to camp Koinonia for our walk. With the move we left behind some valuable moments and people. So, I went on a journey to find the gratitude for the past from the community of Emmaus for Trinity so we can create a vision for the future. Here is only a small amount of the gratitude that I found. They allowed Emmaus a foothold into the community (Chillicothe) and “housed” us for decades. We were able to partner with them and it allowed Emmaus and Trinity to grow. For many years Trinity supported GSVE. Never an issue “taking over” the church for Emmaus weekends. The Emmaus folks in their choir would sing for the Walk during Sunday a.m. chapel. More than a few times the Walk would go to the sanctuary during second service and sing from the back. There was a true partnership for a long time. Personally, I only got to enjoy Trinity for my walk and a few gatherings. However, I am so grateful having a community of believers being behind this ministry. I truly believe that my walk was the refresher that pulled me up and set me on this path I am on today.

Looking back brings Jeremiah 29:11 to the forefront of my mind which says, For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. The start of His plans to prosper Emmaus was to plant us as Trinity as our venue for walk weekends and now we are being transplanted to Camp Koinonia so we can grow in our hope and the future will be bright.

Now that we look back with gratitude on the past is time to plan and create a vision for tomorrow. We as a board can only do so much. We need you the community to join in on this. Has God given you a talent playing and or singing? Has God given you a talent for cooking for others? Has God given you the ability to tidy up after others? Or has God gifted you with the ability to spend quality time with Him sending the names of people up with their needs in prayer? These are only a few of the things you can do in the community. As we start a new year let us know what areas you are gifted in and willing to serve.

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

Numbers 11:10, 'Moses was troubled. The burden is too heavy for me.' In this chapter Moses couldn't cope! Things had just got too much for him and he brought all his troubles and poured them out in complaint to God.

I was struck by the graciousness of God. God gives Moses a way through the situation. He understands the burden is too heavy for him and provides others who can help. Are we finding it difficult to cope? Have we grumbled to another without pouring it all out to God in prayer? It's not easy to open up and, first of all, recognize and then confess how needy we are. Sometimes we don't know what is wrong and it's not until we start speaking to God about it all that the difficulties begin to unravel within us like untangling a ball of string. One thought leads to another thought which often leads to a confession of all our need.

I remember years ago putting a brave face on a difficult situation. It was a coping strategy. I put my brave face on before my friends and before myself, but one day I couldn't bear it any longer, and suddenly in prayer, I realized my own deep need. Pride had finally given way and I recognized my need of Christ in the middle of this situation. I'll never forget the presence of Christ standing close, bringing comfort with such overwhelming love and compassion for me. I was changed. God was right beside me. I had opened the deeps of my being to Him and faced my need with His help. I learned a spiritual secret in that hour: being vulnerable and childlike before God made me dependent on God and with that came new strength. God meets our needs in various ways. Mine was an inner issue that needed sorted, Moses' need was different. He needed practical help and God provided that too. Whatever your need, He is able and willing to meet it.

Don't try and manage life on your own and in your own strength. It's just pride in another form. Become like a child and learn to be dependent on our Heavenly Father. Not only will it bring Him pleasure, but it will also bless you beyond measure, and bring to you the riches of heaven. Matthew 18:3 'Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.'

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

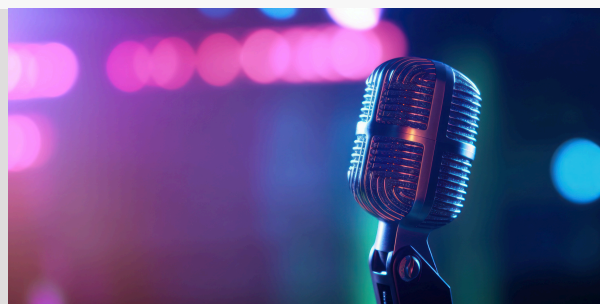
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The website has been recently updated and reorganized. Events and walk information are now on the home page, right where you want it.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Chrysalis Flights, Girls January 18-20
Boys February 15-17
Information at
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**Board Meeting
February 2nd @ 2:30 PM
Harvest Center Church
678 Kinnamon Lane
Chillicothe Ohio 45601
All are welcome to attend.**

Next Gathering
February 9th 2:30 pm
First Wesleyan Church
89 S. Mulberry Street
Chillicothe Ohio 45601

Next Walks
April 24-27 Women's Walk 63
May 15-18 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](https://gsve.org). WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE WALKS.

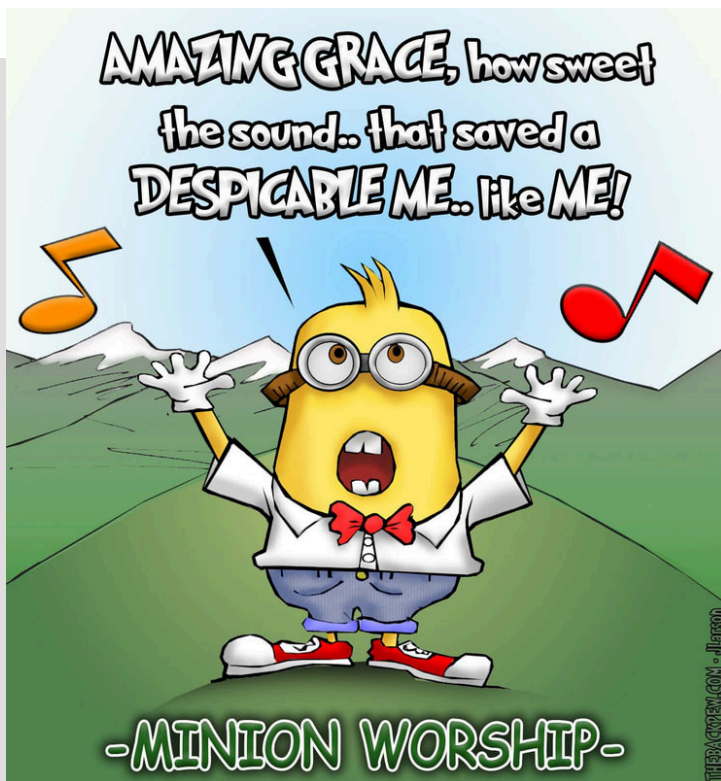
Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out GSVE.org

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