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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

Thanks to everyone who attended March 22-23 Koinonia Camp Friday & Saturday experience!. To the board members and families, those who are team members of the upcoming Men's and Women's Walk. All those who spend the night at the camp and those who prepared our meals! Thank you for your co-operation and patience working through the plan preparing for the upcoming walks. "walking through" the Walk schedule/events and laying out the specific logistic plans of a Walk. This "mock walk" was intended to work out any logistical issues we find at the new venue. The walk through and discussion went very well and helped us with some issues, concluded on time 2:30PM on Saturday. The Board meeting immediately followed the event.

Now spring is here, world turning green, flowers blooming, and grass growing. All this a picture of New Life pointing to Christ's resurrection, to a New Life in Christ! As we celebrated together EASTER Sunday, remembering the price Christ Jesus paid for our sins. Remember our Savior and Lord, He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2-22-24

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Remember the Cross, the price was paid in full, reconciled to God. AMEN AMEN!

That is why learning and knowing the Bible is important for all our families. We not only want our children to read their Bibles, but we also want them to know what they're reading and why they're reading it. We want them to see how the entire Bible connects together to tell one story - The redemption story.

We love the Bible for it is the inspired word of GOD, the information on each page is accurate, to the point, and easily understandable, even for children. When we read and study through the Bible, we will have the word of GOD to introduce us to each book. It is a great way to really understand the context of each book that we go through-for you and for me, for all of us."

Most of all the BIBLE is the living Word of GOD. HE IS RISEN, the only True and living GOD. HE has Risen! Happy EASTER to all Amen Amen.

May your days be blessed, Gary Jordan

FROM THE BOARD...

BY JODY WILSON



Hello everyone, my name is Jody Wilson, and this is my first year on the board. I have been blessed to be given the opportunity to fulfill the Good Shepherd position. The Good Shepherd is commissioned to encourage and support small groups within the Emmaus community. So, when it comes to my view of small groups. For that, I've got to look outside of myself.

Ephesians 4:15-16 “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Proverbs 27:17 tells us “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 informs “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

There are many benefits to studying the Bible and pursuing God with a smaller group of people. When you're in the right size small group, each member gets more opportunities to share, listen, and learn. You can build stronger relationships that promote healthy accountability. You can encourage each other and build quality relationships that are desperately needed in our world.

For those that are currently involved in a small group, please send me some information about your group. And for those that are desiring to join/start a small group meeting let me know that too.

Send your information to Goodshepard@gsve.org.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting you at the next gathering and/or walks.

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

Temptation is no stranger to mankind. From our youngest years, we desire things that we should not have or ought to not do. Being tempted by sin or by our flesh is something that every person must deal with. Even Jesus dealt with temptation. In Matthew 4:1-11, Jesus is tempted three times by Satan. But where you and I so often fall into sin through our temptations, Jesus remained steadfast.

HOW TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

So how did Jesus do it? By observing Jesus' example in Matthew 4, I think we can learn how to overcome temptation.

Jesus Knew The Father Intimately: In the first temptation, Jesus professes His love for the Father by declaring that God's word is more life-giving and satisfying than the very physical thing that sustains human life – food! This is because Jesus had cultivated an intimacy with the Father through prayer and meditation on God's Word. Intimacy with God dampens the allure and temptation of sin.

Jesus Knew The Scriptures Intimately:

When faced with all three temptations, Jesus immediately fires back at Satan by quoting Scripture. In the second temptation, Satan tried twisting Scripture to reinforce the temptation to reveal His divine nature inappropriately. Yet Jesus rebuked Satan by quoting Scripture in its proper context. Knowing God's word intimately will be one of our best weapons in overcoming temptation.

Jesus Sought The Father's Will Over His Own:

In His third temptation in the wilderness, Jesus rebukes Satan by reaffirming His commitment to the Father's will – “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Jesus submitted His desires to the Father's will and overcame His greatest temptation.

Seek intimacy with the Lord through His Word so that when temptation comes back around, you'll be able to resist it much more easily. Just as a fencer is familiar with their foil and dangerous when wielding it, so you must be with God's word as you seek the Father's will in your life and fight the good fight against sin and overcome temptation.

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

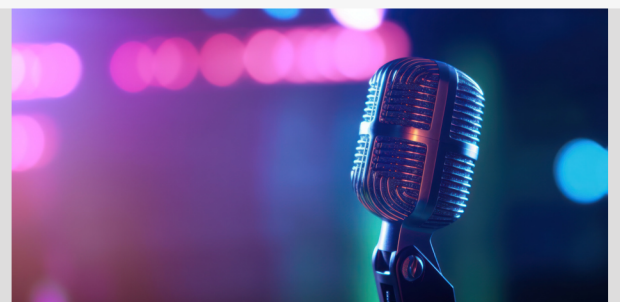
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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

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



APRIL GATHERING

April 21st 2:30 pm:
Calvary Methodist Church of Waverly
107 West 3rd Street
Waverly, OH 45690

2024 WALKS AT KOINONIA

Men's Walk #45

June 6th-9th, 2024

Women's Walk #61

June 13th-16th, 2024

Registration is open **NOW**
[GSVE.ORG](https://www.gsve.org)



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://www.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](https://www.gsve.org)

JUST FOR LAUGHS...



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VISIT GSVE.ORG to sign up TODAY!

APRIL 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.