



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY LANA MCGRATH

I don't know about you but summer seems to have flown by. Families are getting ready for school to start, taking some last minute vacations or day trips, and the sure sign of the end of summer here in Ross County is the fair! Our family just enjoyed a long weekend camping complete with great food (including homemade ice cream!), some folks coming to visit, playing, lots of walks and mostly just getting to be together in a beautiful place without a lot of outside distractions.

It takes a bit of planning and coordinating schedules to make these kind of trips happen but they are so very worth it!! Thinking of our Emmaus community preparing for the upcoming Walks, it is much like preparing for our family outings. There's a LOT to do!! And it takes everyone doing their part to make it happen. Sometimes you might even have to step into a new role and get stretched a little!

I know I say it often, but this community needs your support and just like any other event you plan to participate in it takes planning on your part. There are so many ways you can support GSVE, not just during the walks but throughout the planning and preparation as well.

Please begin by praying for all aspects of the community....leadership, teams, pilgrims, kitchen, housekeeping and providing agape. Pray that the Lord will lead you if you are being called to sponsor a pilgrim.

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Ask God where He would like to use you to serve on a walk weekend and commit to being there. You can sign up for the prayer vigil, kitchen and housekeeping on the website. There will also be sign-up sheets at the next Gathering, August 17.

Put it on your calendar, your phone, set reminders, use post-it notes....whatever it takes to remind you of your commitment to serve and then....show up! It is always a great time to serve with others as we serve the pilgrims and team of each walk. Maybe make it a group effort and enlist a couple of Emmaus friends to join you! As we move into these final weeks of preparation please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do to serve. You will be blessed beyond measure when you follow His leading!

See you on August 17th!!! DeColores!!

Lana McGraph - Community Lay Director

FROM THE BOARD...



BY AMY BROWN, GOOD SHEPHERD

Hi my name is Amy Brown, Greater Scioto Valley Walk to Emmaus walk # 54 Table of Ruth. I am new to the board this year and have been appointed to the Good Shepherd position. The responsibility of the Good Shepherd is to help the new pilgrims find a share group to be involved in. Share groups usually meet once a week to do bible studies and talk about things after the walks. These small groups are essential to our Fourth Days as they help to encourage and support us after our walk to Emmaus. I am gathering information on share groups at the moment since I am new to this position. With both a Men's Walk and a Women's Walk in the next few months, I hope to learn about some existing share groups so that I can assist the new pilgrims in finding a share group to join after their walk. I really enjoy everyone and being part of this Emmaus family!! God Bless everyone!!

Amy Brown
Philippians 4:13

What is an Emmaus Reunion or Share Group?

The Emmaus reunion group or Share Group is a small accountability group of 2 to 6 persons who have usually participated in the 3 day Walk to Emmaus (or Chrysalis Flight) who want to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action.

...these group reunions have a common purpose: to help us persevere in grace. Group reunions undergird our desire to carry those aspects of the three-day experience that we most value and that are fundamental to our formation as faithful Christian disciples into our everyday lives.

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CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

where you will find links to sign up for the 72 hour Prayer Vigil, Housekeeping, and Kitchen Help for the upcoming walks, info on future events and a whole lot more!

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

In these totally uncertain days we can easily become discouraged and focus on the negative and very quickly lose our focus on God. God is the one constant we can hold one to. The book of Ephesians is a good place to turn when we are feeling discouraged, or feel like we are under attack by the forces of this world and the forces of evil.

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; (Ephesians 6:16)

Righteousness is our breastplate, and guards our spiritual body and core, a most important protection to be sure. But a shield, like that of our faith, is useful and necessary for defense in every direction. We who are of the faith are attacked from all angles, and in all walks of life. We literally find ourselves in the middle of a 360 degree battlefield. Paul grieved this fact when he said that whenever he wants “to do right, evil lies close at hand” that is from Romans 7:21. So as temptation lurks, and is launched upon us unexpectedly, only a deep rooted faith, connecting our head and our heart is crucial for sustaining our life in Christ.

One commentator reminds us that faith is the “assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” This comes from a verse in Hebrews 11:1. Essentially, it means our intellectual approval to God’s truth, and moral consent to live in light of that truth. Faith is our ever-ready shield because, it takes into account the entire scope of life in all its complexities. Every facet of our life is touched, influenced, and affected by our belief in Jesus as the Word of God. There is no direction we can travel in which Scripture has not spoken to, it is a complete and comprehensive view on human life and experience. And it is our belief and trust in both the written and revealed Word of God that equates to our faith.

Paul called them “flaming darts” because they are poisonous, and inflame when they take root, and take hold in our lives. But the faith that comes by hearing the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17) can extinguish those flaming darts and provide a way of escape from temptation.

So we need to ask ourselves.

What daily activities can you engage in that will bolster your faith, and better connect your heart’s belief to your mind’s understanding?

Blessing Pastor Dave

UPCOMING EVENTS '23

August 17

GATHERING in the Park

6:00 - 8:00 pm Yoctangee Park
(Kiwanis Shelter behind the YMCA)



2023 WALKS

Sept 14-17 Women's Walk #60

Lay Director - Michelle Conley

Oct 12-15 Men's Walk #44

Lay Director - Jamie Rout



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.

Sign up for the 72 hour Prayer Vigil, Housekeeping, and Kitchen Help
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WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY DURING THE
WALK WEEKENDS. VOLUNTEERING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
WAY FOR THE BOARD TO SEE WHO IS INTERESTED IN
SERVING ON A TEAM IN THE FUTURE! GO TO GSVE.ORG TO
SIGN UP

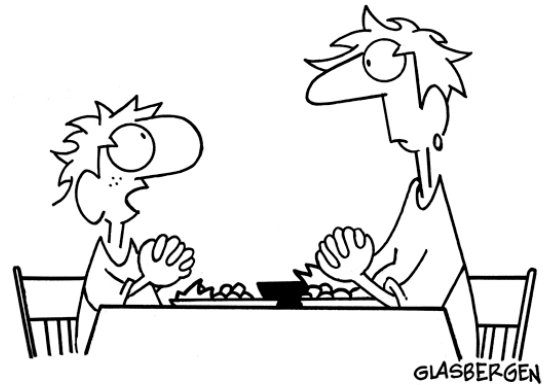


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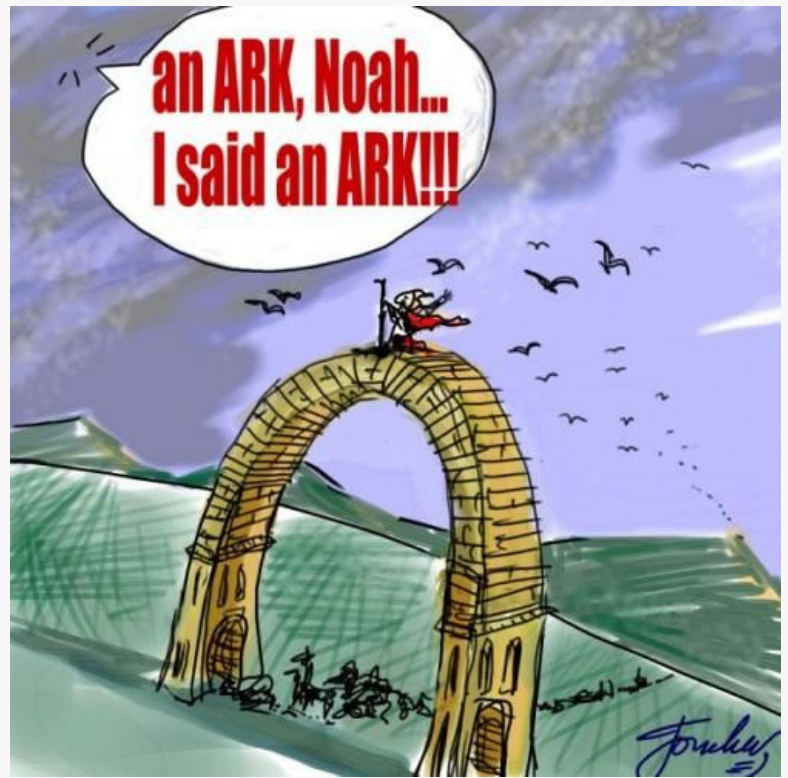
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