

GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

Time for the Fair, hot weather, a few storms ready or not it's time. Get your camper ready, pack your bags, get the kids in, let's go. Hope you had a great summer, maybe a vacation or just relaxing with family and friends. Time to get ready for back to school, new clothes, sports, running here and there! Busy Busy Busy!

Fair week August 3-10 I would like to remind all to be careful and watch out for others, especially during fair week. People will be taking kids to fair events, showing their animals, family and friends will be visiting.

Then back to school, a lot of people will be taking their kids to and from school, sporting events, young and old. Slow down, be patient with others, we don't know what others may be going through. A good time to practice our christian values. Jesus said they will know you by your love for one another!

Also I would like to encourage you and your families to get back in church, if you don't have a church, find one. We need to remember the kindness and love God has Graced us with, in like minded fellowship. Jesus died for us, forgave our sins, reconciled us back to the Father! We need to glorify Him with praise and worship indivally and corporately!

Hebrews 13:15-16, By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Amen! Amen!

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Remember our Upcoming events:

Women's Walk #62 is scheduled for October 3-6.

Men's Walk #46 is scheduled for October 24-27

Sign up your Pilgrims, find out information for kitchen help, setup, cleanup, Prayer Vigil and more at gsve.org.

Next Council Meeting is August 25th 2:30-4pm at Harvest Center Church 678 Kinnamon Lane, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Ice Cream Social Gathering is August 18th at 2:30pm in Chillicothe City Park at Pump House shelter.

DON'T FORGET Elections coming up this fall, if you are interested or know someone Interested in serving on the Emmaus Board, please get names in to us at gsve.org as soon as possible.

I thank you in advance for every prayer and everything you do to contribute to this ministry.

FROM THE BOARD...

BY MICHELE ROUT



I am Michele Rout. I am the treasurer for the GSVE Board and co-chair for music. Years ago, I sat on the board and was community lay director. My original walk was Women's Walk # 36 (ish?), table of Rebecca. It has been so exciting moving to our new location and doing music for the first women's walk at Camp Koinonia. Not to say that we didn't experience a few bumps on the re-start but things went so much better than we had expected and the Spirit was moving.

The other excitement is with the gatherings moving to various locations so that we can experience churches and venues to change things up a bit. Remember with each gathering and each walk, there are plenty of areas you can serve on when it comes to Music and Entertainment. We need people to serve on the team, help with "Sister Act", special music, gathering music, and skits. MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE.

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, please feel free to reach out to me so that we can get you worked into the program. I can be reached through the Website, or feel free to call my cell phone 740-701-8006.

Often we do not realize how much music and entertainment can provide messages to pilgrims and other team members and evoke emotions that enhance the impact of the message of Emmaus. The little things are often not "little" when God chooses to use them to impact on His message.

Hebrews 10: 24-15 is one of my favorite versus and sums up my hope for our organization.

And let us consider how we may 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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

When Summer Has Ended

Thinking about the end of summer brought me to a passage in the Bible that I want to share with you today. The passage is a sobering one found in Jeremiah 8:20: "The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved!"

This passage carries with it a message of glorious opportunity, but it also contains a sad refrain. God's Word is like that. Jeremiah implied that there had been a time of harvest - a time for great things, but, on the other side of the coin, the harvest time does come to an end. Those who miss it are facing death. For the people of Jeremiah's day an awful judgment had come because the people has wasted all the opportunities that God had given them.

Many Bible passages are like a coin with two sides. Think of John 3:16. This verse tells us of God's love, but it also reminds us that it is God's will that all come to repentance and enjoy salvation in the time provided. It tells us that God gave His own Son to save us, but also speaks of perishing. Our passage today reminds us that there is a harvest time - a time when one can enjoy the blessing of salvation. However, our verse today reminds us that without Christ one is lost now and in eternity.

The verse we are looking at today speaks of the summer of opportunity, but it also reveals the danger of wasted and lost prospects. We are reminded in Jeremiah 8:20 that summer is temporary. I don't know about you, but I love the summer season - I always have. I like the long days with lots of sunshine and weather conducive for outdoor activities. The Bible declares in Revelation that there will be no night when we get to heaven. Summer is the time with the most light, and to me it is the most like heaven on earth as far as seasons go. Oh, I know, some of you don't like the hot weather, so you prefer spring and fall.

In our text today we note that the idea of lost opportunity, in a spiritual sense, is set before us. Just as we have time in the spring and summer to plant, grow and harvest crops, we have the opportunity in life to do that which will bring forth eternal fruit during the summertime of our spiritual lives. There is a time, a summer of the soul, for us to get things right with God and do the right things for God. That time will pass and summer will end. One who throws away the open door of opportunity with God is making a sad, and perhaps, eternal mistake. So enjoy the last of summer, but always be ready for the harvest.

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

Lead Worship

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or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



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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 FALL WALKS AT KOINONIA

Women's Walk #62

Oct. 3th-6th, 2024


Men's Walk #46

Oct 24th-27th, 2024

Registration is open **NOW**


[GSVE.ORG/Events](https://www.gsve.org/events)




 Greater Scioto Valley
Emmaus

Board Meeting

 25 August, 2024

 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

 **Harvest Center Church**
678 Kinnamon Lane
Chillicothe OH 45601

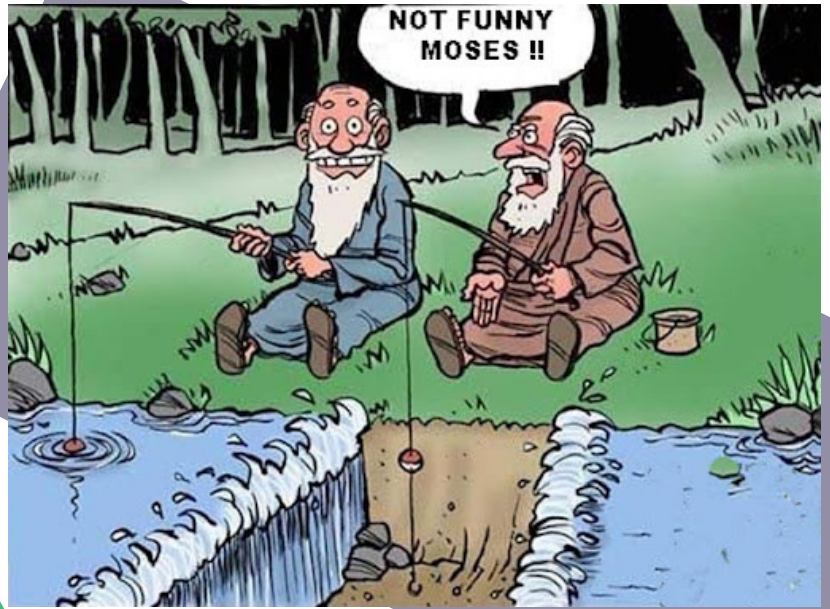
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WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT [GSVE.ORG](https://www.gsve.org). WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET 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... TECH EDITION



Hunky Dory Community Church added a Drive-Thru-Prayer window for your convenience.

Well demon do you feel lucky?
Well do ya, PUNK?
Go Ahead
**MAKE MY
DAY!**



It was becoming obvious that Joe the Guardian Angel was watching too many DIRTY HARRY movies.



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VISIT GSVE.ORG to sign up TODAY!

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.