

GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

May 1st how is it possible just yesterday it seems it was April 1st! But I love this spring weather. I hope all is well with you and your families. School is almost over, we should remember all the Seniors in our prayers for their safety during their many gatherings with each other and for their family members traveling to celebrate their Graduation. It should be part of our weekly prayers for the safety of all the students, teachers, bus drivers, custodians in all our schools, after all they are the future parents and leaders of this country.

As we move into 2024 a lot of things are happening in the GSVE. We have our teams selected for the upcoming Men's walk, and a Women's walk. **Men's Walk #45** is happening June 6-9th and **Women's Walk #61** June 13-16th at the Koinonia Farm Camp address 15605 Long Run Road, Laurelville, Ohio 43135

As always we need help from our GSVE community, we still need pilgrims for both walks, also we need volunteers for the kitchen, prayer vigil, housekeeping and other things. To volunteer you can go to gsve.org and sign up. Remember how your walk was, how it encouraged and strengthened your walk with the Lord! The joy of the fellowship with other Believers in Christ. Most of all we cherish your prayers as we prepare for the walks and for the teams preparing for the walks. Remember all registration forms, sponsorship, pilgrims, forms available online at gsve.org.

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We continue to have monthly board meetings, next meeting is May 19th 2:30-4pm at Harvest Center Church 678 Kinnamon Lane Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 which is open to all. We now have the Gatherings every other month, next Gathering is JUNE 30TH 3:30-5:00 pm at Koinonia Farm Camp 15605 Long Run Road, Laurelville, Ohio 43135

We are having our Gatherings at different Churches now to better inform our community about the EMMAUS mission of sharing THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE WORLD. If you would like to Host a Gathering at your church Email us at info@gsve.org.

We thank you in advance for every prayer, everything you contribute and things you do, everything is appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 23:11 greatest among you shall be your servant.

May your days be blessed Gary Jordan

FROM THE BOARD...

BY CINDY MOODY



DeColores!

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about my position on the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Board. My name is Cindy Moody and I serve on the board as the Agape Chairperson. I took my walk in the Southwest Virginia Emmaus Community in 2012. Afterwards I began serving in the background by working in the kitchen, making agape for other walks, and fell in love with being able to leave little agape gifts during mealtime and bedtime.

Do you remember all the small agape gifts you received on your walk? Some you may have even kept as a reminder some of the agape love that was shown to you by others within the community. I still have a small box with some of my agape from my original walk. It's another reminder of how much love was shown to me on my walk. That someone took their time, made agape, and prayed for me while making them. Something so simple made a big impression on me and I'm sure it did on you too.

As we begin planning for our walks in June, I pray you will consider sharing your creativeness by making and sharing agape with our Pilgrims. There are a couple of ways to donate your agape items. You can bring them to Camp Koinonia, or I am willing to meet you and take them to camp for you.

I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help serve in this background ministry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by emailing agape@gsve.org.

KAIROS @ CCI

A heartfelt thank you to the GSV Emmaus community for inviting us to speak at your last gathering. We came with two purposes in mind: to share the good news of the awesome things the Spirit is accomplishing through Kairos Prison Ministry at Chillicothe Correctional, and to invite you to join us as Kairos volunteers.

Kairos is a prison adaptation of the Walk to Emmaus, beginning with a 3 1/2 day retreat and continuing with weekly prayer and share and monthly reunions. Every time we try to tell people about the vibrant Christian community behind the walls at CCI, we struggle to communicate how special it is. We find ourselves referring to the calling of Nathanael (you remember him, sitting under the fig tree), his skeptical initial response, and the invitation from his friend Philip – “Come and see.”

None of us ever imagined that we would be Kairos volunteers. I first felt called on my Walk to Emmaus (Cincinnati #71, table of Luke). When I entered Lebanon Correctional for the first time, I wondered what in the world I was doing and if Jesus might have made some terrible mistake in calling me there. Now, twenty years later, prayer and share at CCI is the highlight of my week. It's holy time, on holy ground. When we link arms with our brothers in blue in the CCI chapel or death row gym and sing “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place,” we mean it.

Honestly, being a Kairos volunteer is not that hard. We only have four rules: listen, listen, love, love. Contact Fred Thomas (513-253-9333; fredthomas65@gmail.com) if you would like to “come and see” at a Thursday afternoon at prayer and share. De Colores!

MARCH 2024

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers and mothers to be. I pray that you will live long in good health to enjoy the fruits of your labor. You will sit down and play UNO, Puzzles, Dominoes etc with your grandchildren in Jesus Mighty Name.

Mothers do a lot of the most important job in the world and their work is most valuable. The same tribute also should extend to ladies who never may have had a child of their own, but have devoted hours and years helping care for and teach the kids of others. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, dedicated him to the Lord, and God honored her request by using him in the Ministry of God.

Jochebed, the mother of Moses, demonstrated a wonderful story of a mother's love and sacrifice for her son. Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice thought Him of the Lord and was noticed by Apostle Paul and many others in his life . Salome, the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John requested in Mat 20:21, " Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom". She wanted her boys to excel in the Kingdom of God.

I declare that caring for a family and raising children and grandchildren is the most noble calling in the world. Mothers fit in to many roles as nutritionist, educator, Nurse, maid, counselor, peacemaker, entertainer, transportation center and many more. We must appreciate and thank mothers every day. They are precious gift from God.

An attempt to put a price tag on the value of a good wife and mother, will conclude with Proverb 31:10, "She is worth far more than rubies." If you sum up all that a mother does in a day or week, it would read similarly to the exhaustive list in Proverb 31.

The wise advice after such a discovery would be Proverb 31:28, "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her". The bottom line would read as Proverb 31:31, "Give her the reward she has earned."

On this Mothers' Day, children, give your mothers not only flowers, hugs and kisses but affection, attention, acknowledgement, affirmation and appreciation.
HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

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



MARCH 2024

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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**

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

GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

MAY BOARD MEETING

2:30PM - 4:00PM

MAY 19TH

HARVEST CENTER CHURCH
678 KINNAMON LN,
CHILlicothe, OH 45601

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

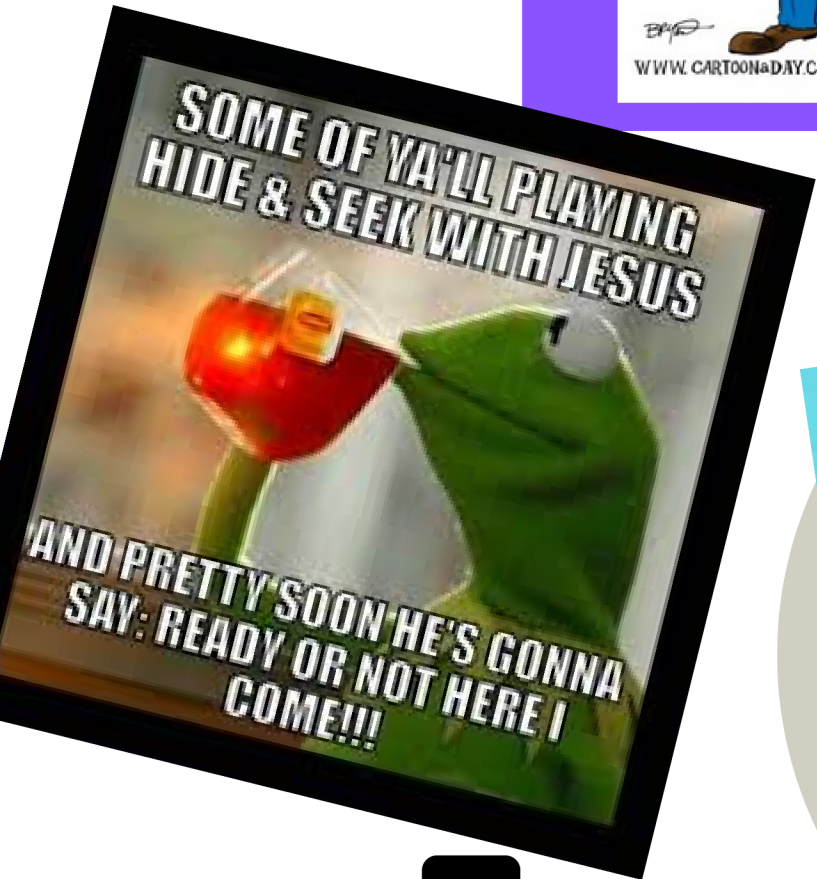
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WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT [GSVE.ORG](https://gsve.org). WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT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

Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out [GSVE.org](https://gsve.org)

JUST FOR LAUGHS... TECH EDITION



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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.