



# GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CHAIR

BY LANA MCGRATH

### Remember that time...

It's time! It's time!! It's time for all hands on deck to support GSVE Women's Walk #60, September 14-17 and GSVE Men's Walk #45, October 12-15. You can sign up for the Prayer Vigil, Kitchen help and Housekeeping all on the website at [gsve.org](http://gsve.org). And don't forget about those agape gifts!!! The teams are meeting, previewing talks, nailing down details! It's a super-exciting time in our community that you don't want to miss! Remember when you went on your Walk or Chrysalis Flight and all those people who were supporting you through their acts of service, whether through prayer, cooking food, or cleaning showers and potties. It's out of our love for Christ and His kingdom work here that we serve.

Please prayerfully consider where and when you could serve on either of these weekends and get signed up as soon as possible. If you can't serve for a "full" shift, that's okay. Sign up and let the Kitchen or Housekeeping Chairperson know you can only be there for part of the time. ALL help is greatly appreciated!

And don't forget those special service times!!!

This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with your Emmaus and Chrysalis family to support the new pilgrims from these walks! We look forward to seeing you soon! De Colores!

In His Love & Service,

Lana McGrath - Community Lay Director

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# FROM THE BOARD...

BY KAREN EDMONSON



## Come Cook With Me . . .

When Brent and I went on our walks in 2000, we were amazed at all the people working behind the scene during the weekend. It takes volunteers with a servant's heart to clean bathrooms, setup sleeping areas, set the church back up before services Sunday morning, and clean church before we leave on Sunday evening. Still others are cooking the meals, serving the meals and cleaning up the dining room. Many are busy praying throughout the weekend and putting on skits. Then you have board members who attend monthly meetings, plan events, and prepare for the walk. Come and stand beside these many dedicated people, support our pilgrims on their walk and share your Agape.

Hello, I am Karen Edmonson. And I am chairing the kitchen committee this year. I have been busy preparing the menu. We are switching some things around and adding some new things. I have been grocery shopping and preparing the kitchen to be organized for Thursday when the pilgrims arrive. Come cook with me! Just go to [gsve.org](http://gsve.org), scroll to bottom and click **VOLUNTEER**, to serve for a meal or two. We'll have time to visit together as we prepare the meal. If you can't make it at the of a beginning shift, come at meal time and help serve and cleanup. If you don't think you can cook, we'll need someone to run the dishwasher. Want to do agape ahead of the walk? Bake some cookies to be shared over the weekend. Cookies should arrive Thursday evening so I know how many we have. You can message me through the website at [kitchen@gsve.org](mailto:kitchen@gsve.org)

***Hope to see you September 14-17 th and October 12-15 th .***



**CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT [GSVE.ORG](http://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

Thoughts on what it means to be a Disciple.

What do you think of when the word discipleship comes to mind? Do you think of discipline, or following Jesus, or helping others, or memorizing Scripture, etc.? When I think of discipleship, of being a follower of Jesus, one common theme always comes to mind. It is found in Jesus' words in Luke 9:23, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." To me, this is the essence of discipleship.

The cross was a place of great pain and humiliation, but it is also a place of great love. Jesus endured the scorn and ridicule of so many in order to buy life for us. He allowed Himself to be led to a place where He would suffer greatly. He humbled Himself so that He could die. He did not boast in Himself. He did not seek His own. He did not remember a wrong suffered. Instead, He loved. He taught. He healed. He forgave. This is what He meant when He said to pick up your cross and follow Him. He wants you to follow Him to the place where you die to yourself, where you live humility, where you do not boast, where you are forgiving and loving, and kind – and where you bring glory to God. This is what He is asking of us because this is what He exemplified. We cannot serve two masters. Either Jesus is Lord of our lives, or we are.

To be a disciple of Jesus means that we follow Him. It means that we are trying to become like Him in many ways. This is a very difficult thing to do because He is so good and we are sinners. So much of it is left up to ourselves and our responsibility. God lets us choose our way, our needs, our disciplines. Of course, He desires that we seek Him first; He desires that we love Him first. But, He will not force us into this. He lets us grow and learn from our success as well as our mistakes. He allows us the opportunities to die to ourselves and thereby grow in Christ. He provides the means for us to put others first. He arranges things so that we can make godly choices or choices that suit our fleshly desires and needs. In this, He is discipling us by providing choices to make in our lives.

Every opportunity of every day can be a place of turning. Whether or not someone else knows you are a Christian or knows the motives of your heart, you are to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3). It is a high calling, this thing called Christian discipleship. But it is a worthy calling.

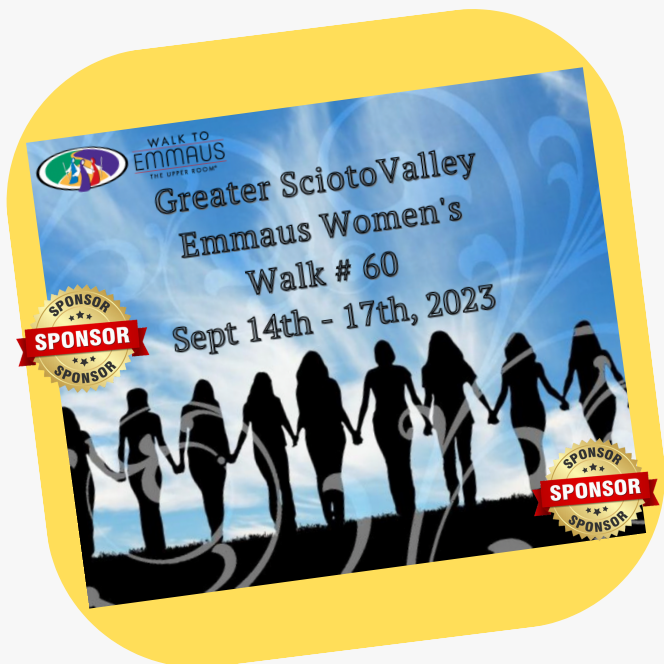
Nevertheless, when I compare myself to Jesus, I find myself falling short. To be honest, I don't like bearing the cross daily. It is heavy. I am not particularly fond of disciplining myself to read His Word, not to mention actually applying it to my life. Being humble is something I struggle with and considering the welfare of others means that I have to be less selfish. All of these things are difficult – and all of these things are unchildlike. Therefore, I cling to the cross, confess my sins, and yet again ask for forgiveness and the strength to continue to walk in a manner worthy of my calling. I will choose to follow Him regardless of the difficulties, the humiliation, and the suffering. Why? Because that is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. That is what it means if I claim the name of Christian for myself.

How about you? Do you claim the title of Christian? If so, are you living as though that were true?

Blessings Pastor Dave



# UPCOMING EVENTS '23



## 2023 WALKS

Sept 14-17 Women's Walk #60

Lay Director - Charlotte Spires

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](http://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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