



March 2011

Talk From the Walk

The Newsletter of the Louisville Area Emmaus Community

*... did not our hearts burn within us?
Luke 24:32*

Greetings,

Spring is near...Time for new growth...Daylight Savings Time starts soon.

Speaking of new growth, if it's March, it must be time for a new pair of men's and women's Walk to Emmaus weekends. Make it a point this month to express your support to our lay directors, Charlie Grigsby and Connie Homola; to their teams for Walks 131 and 132; and to the sponsors bringing new pilgrims. These servants have been actively filling their roles as members of the PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS. They've been preparing for months to be part of God's plan for a life-changing blessing on a new group of pilgrims.

If you haven't witnessed that type of change in someone lately, come out to the Closings on March 6th and 20th. Listen to the pilgrims express their answers to "What this weekend meant to me?" You're sure to hear how God is still at work in our world today.

By way of the cross, our Savior provided the way for our direct access to the throne. Be a priest. Go to the throne in prayer for our upcoming Emmaus, Chrysalis, and REC weekends. As much as we may prepare for the many details of these weekends, it is prayer that brings the Holy Spirit into our midst.

Hope to see you at this month's Gathering, 7:27 at Covenant UMC on the 11th. I'm happy to announce that Judy Elmer and Larry Stoess have accepted the roles of lay director and spiritual director for this summer's Women's Walk 133 to be held July 21st – 24th.

Jesus is Coming! Is there oil in your lamp?

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David Blandford
Community Lay Director

Rules from God (A wonderful set of guidelines)



1. **Wake Up!** Decide to have a good day. “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)
2. **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. “The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)
3. **Shut Up!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so he must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. “Those who guard their mouths preserve their lives; those who open wide their lips come to ruin.” (Proverbs 13:3)
4. **Stand Up!** ...For what you believe in. Stand for something, or you’ll fall for anything. “So let us not grow weary...for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all.” (Galatians 6:9-10)
5. **Look Up!** ...To the Lord. “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)
6. **Reach Up!** ...For something higher. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
7. **Lift Up!** ... Your prayers. “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer, let your requests be made know to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

YBIC,

George Davis

Walk 64

Table of John

Mosaic UMC (clap)

Why Do We Follow the Upper Room Guidelines ???



Have you found yourselves wondering why we seem to make changes to the way we do things just because the Upper Room Ministries wants it that way? Do you sometimes wish we'd go back to doing things the way we did when you first went on your walk? Those seem to be common sentiments within our community.

It's not surprising that people like things to stay the way they're comfortable with doing them. In my sixteen years in this community, there has been more than one change to cause me to wonder, "Why?" The best reason I can think of for us to follow the Upper Room model is because it has proven itself over and over again.

God has used this tool for decades to change lives all over the world. Simply put, the model works. Sure, if I were king for the day, I'd probably do a few things differently. Someone else would do it differently than me. Whose ideas are the right ones? We are a diverse Christian community from varied backgrounds, but we are one body united in Jesus Christ.

The truth is, the Louisville community doesn't do everything exactly according to the Upper Room manual. Over the years, variations to the model have crept into the way we do things. The Upper Room leadership realizes that most every community has its own "local flavor" instilled within their weekends. We do, however, attempt to remain true to aspects that directly affect the spirit of the walks. When we recognize things that may have strayed too far, we address the need to return to the model.

One such recent, not so popular change in this community is the decision to cease piping audio of the weekend talks into the prayer chapel. I've got to admit that personally, I didn't like the idea of that change either.

I enjoy hearing the talks, like most of us do. But like we often say in Emmaus, it's not about me. After thinking through the reasons for this proposed change, I voted in favor of it. What goes on in the conference room on any given weekend is for that particular set of pilgrims and the conference room team members to whom the pilgrims are giving their trust.

Speakers have the opportunity to preview their talks to family and friends ahead of time, if they choose.

During the weekend itself, we need to be in prayer for the speakers and pilgrims. That's what the *PRAYER CHAPEL* is all about! The best written, best delivered talk will not achieve its full effect without the intervention of the Holy Spirit. The greatest evangelist in history, the Apostle Paul, realized that even he only "...planted the seed...but God makes it grow". (1 Cor 3:6)

We encourage community members to come to the prayer chapel during the weekends and support our speakers.

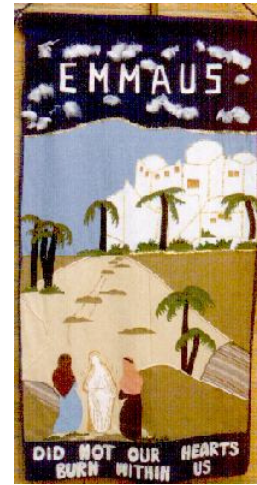
Thanks for listening,

David Blandford

Walk to Emmaus 2010 Schedule

2011

- Walk # 131 - March 3-6
- Walk # 132 - March 17-20
- Walk # 133 - July 21-24
- Walk # 134 - October 6-9
- Walk # 135 - October 20-23



**Submit all
Emmaus Walk
applications to....**

**Louisville Emmaus Community
Attn: Registrar
P.O Box 71
Crestwood, KY 40014**

Reminder....



Now is the time to pray about sponsoring a Pilgrim. Right now, there are plenty of spaces available on the Spring Walks. But if you put it off, well, you just never know if there will still be space available.

It's our responsibility to ask those whom God places on our hearts to attend the walks; otherwise, how will they know of this amazing opportunity?

Make it a goal to ask at least two people if they would like to be a part of one of these weekends.

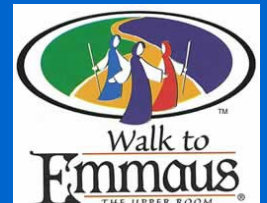
Position Team Member Talk

Lay Director	Charlie Grigsby	Perseverance
ALD IN	Perry Probst	4 th Days
ALD OUT	Chuck Littrel	Priority
ALD AGAPE	Mark Young	
Spiritual Director	Rolf Ruegg	Means of Grace
Clergy	Regina Ruegg	Prevenient Grace
	Paul Hegele	Justifying Grace
	Phil Singleton	Obstacles to Grace
	Ronnie Caswell	Sanctifying Grace
Board Rep	Kenny Clark	
Table Leaders	Vernon Hodge	
	John Suter	
	Rodney Elzy	
	Tommy Thompson	
	Buzz Frank	
	Jeff Crites	
	Bill Receveur	
	Jeff Rankin	
Asst. Table Leaders	Tom Holdway	Priesthood of Believers
	Steve Gatlin	Life in Piety
	Michael Belt	Growth through Study
	Steve Watkins	Christian Action
	Ron Cutler	Discipleship
	John Jordan Jr	Changing our World
	Mark Smithson	Body of Christ
	John Bohnenkamp	Silent
Music Team	Tony Underwood -Ldr	
	Dan Weeks	David Sierra
	Billy Scrivner	Brad Rumer - PowerPt
Agape Team	Ed Folz	Steve Sample
	Brian Marshall	Steve McCarty
	Rick Pardue	Paul Villagran
	Jack Cummins	Jack Schweickhardt
	Charlie Ferreira	Art Longnaker
	Brian Golden	

Men's Spring Walk

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March 3-6, 2011



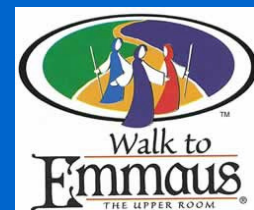
Position Team Member Talk

Lay Director	Connie Homola	Perseverance
ALD IN	Debbie Jordan	4 th Day
ALD OUT	Susan Rittenhouse	Priority
ALD AGAPE	Dottie Shaw-McIntyre	
Spiritual Director	Mary Buford	Means of Grace
Board Rep	Chris Wild	
Clergy	Regina Ruegg	Prevenient Grace
	Sylvia Baker-Noren	Obstacles to Grace
	Keith Switzer	Justifying Grace
	Kevin Kimes	Sanctifying Grace
Table Leaders	Melanie Miller	
	Peggy Larger	
	Barbara Nestman	
	Mary Jennings	
	Tara Batson	
	Lauren Wiley	
	Vonnie Hood	
	Tammy Hall	
Asst. Table Leaders	Paula Purifoy	Priesthood of Believers
	Cathy Stoess	Life of Piety
	Peggy Edmonston	Grow Through Study
	Joni Pardue	Christian Action
	Nancy Crittenden	Discipleship
	Wendy Turner	Changing Our world
	Tiffany Linton	Body of Christ
	Peggy Jo Christian	Silent ATL
Music Team	Gail Pauley	Head of Music
	Peggy Rumer	Vocals
	Diane Belt	Vocals
	Jackie Shamblin	Keyboard
	Janet Conway	Power Point
Agape	Amy Stuber Linda Kliethermes Laura Blankenbaker Julie Roche Valerie Grigsby Cheri Mills	Stephanie Culver Harriet Beatty Helena Trebuna Beverly Hollingsworth Autumn Hall Melissa Withrow Sarah Golden

Women's Spring Walk

#132

Mar 17-20, 2011



REC Schedule 2011

Residents Encounter Christ



		DATES	LAY DIRECTOR
KSR	Spring	Feb 18-20	Keith Knapp
	Fall	Oct 7-9	
LLCC	Spring	Mar 11-13	Todd Trebuna
	Fall	Sep 16-18	
RCC-A	Spring	Mar 25-27	Tammy Underwood
	Fall	Oct 7-9	
KCIW	Spring	Apr 15-17	Donna Davis
	Fall	Nov 18-20	
RCC-B	Spring	Aug 5-7	
	Fall		

Schedule is not yet finalized; proposed dates may change. Additional Lay Directors, as well as Spiritual Directors will soon be announced.

Greetings from the REC Board!

This year is going fast! The REC held at KSR has already come and gone and Luther Luckett is just around the corner! Praise to God for the good work that was done at KSR and the work in progress for Luther Luckett.

Many times we forget how unique the REC ministry really is. Those who participate have stringent parameters and boundaries. We must be willing to submit to a background check with the state of Kentucky, sign permission for random drug testing, adhere to a strict dresscode, have our car searched if asked or ourself as well, just to name a few of the conditions involved. And we, like anybody else in any ministry, are human and at any time can make a mistake that goes against the state penal system, not purposefully. So we again will review all that is asked of us and make every effort to always follow the strict code that we agree to. The prisoner has had every freedom stripped. We try, with God's help, to show them that regardless of where they are, God's love abounds. His love frees us and allows us to live outside of the chains of this life.

Pray this month for all of the REC volunteers, both past and present. Pray for those that just served and those about to serve. Pray for those who would have served but could not for some reason. Pray for the prison staff and the prisoner. Pray for those who sign up for an REC, hoping to find a light in a prison filled with darkness.

On behalf of all REC volunteers,

Carol Sheeley, REC Board

Charlie Barnett	LLCC Liason
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Charles Stallard	Emmaus Board Liason

Cornerstone



Welcome New Board Members!!!

*Chuck Young
David Rinsinger
Glenn Farquhar
Art Longnaker
David Laun*

New Application Deadline!!!

Please be aware that the board has moved the deadline up for all Chrysalis and Young Adult Chrysalis Applications to the Friday before the weekend by 5pm. Please be sure to have all applications into the registrar well in advance to insure that proper paperwork can be sent and that the Lay Directors can prayerfully consider table arrangements.

Thanks

Upcoming Weekends!!!

**Flight 46
June 24th-26th**

Application due by 5pm on June 17th

**Journey 15
July 29th-31st**

Application due by 5pm on July 22nd

Flight 47

January 14th -16th, 2012

Application due by 5pm on January 6th

**The Chrysalis Community
needs your help!!!**

We are currently accepting donations for a new warmer.

We are also in need of a new bell.

Thanks for your support!!!

Gatherings



Attend a monthly Gathering
scheduled for the **2nd Friday**
at **7:27pm**

*Rekindle the **fire** set ablaze in your heart
during your Emmaus
or Chrysalis weekend.*

*Invite a friend or perspective
pilgrim to join you.*

*Reconnect with brothers and
sisters in Christ.*

*Rejoice and sing praises, be inspired by a
4th Day Talk, fill your tummy with agape
snack, and fill your heart with the love and
peace of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDCARE....

Remember that the community provides childcare services at all Gatherings, so bring your children and leave them in the professional care of the folks at Family Tree Childcare Services. A \$5.00 donation per family is suggested.



Date

Location

**4th Day
Speaker**

**Communion
Celebrant**

March Covenant United Methodist

Steve Gatlin

Rev Owen Dolin

April Mosaic United Methodist

Carol Williams

Rev. Eliseo Mejia

***See an expanded schedule
on the following page.***

Questions or comments
regarding Gatherings?

Contact...

Susan Rittenhouse
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2011 Gathering Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church/Address</u>
Jan 14	St. Francis in the Fields 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Rd. - Harrod's Creek
Feb 11	Bethany United Methodist Church 6100 Moorman Rd. - Louisville
Mar 11	Covenant United Methodist Church 909 W. Jefferson St. - LaGrange
Apr 8	Mosaic United Methodist Church 8008 St. Andrew's Church Rd. - Pleasure Ridge Park
May 13	Fern Creek UMC 6727 Bardstown Rd. - Louisville
Jun 10	Henry Christian Church 136 Castle Hwy. - Eminence
Jul 8	St. John's UMC 12799 W.Hwy 42 - Prospect
Aug 12	Buechel UMC 2817 Hikes Lane - Louisville
Sep 9	Epworth UMC 919 Palatka Rd. - Louisville
Oct 14	New Life Church 3402 Goose Creek Rd. - Louisville
Nov 11	Adventure Christian Church 3321 Ruckreigel Pkwy - Louisville
Dec 9	Watson Memorial Baptist Church 7217 Nachland - Louisville

Board & Committee Members



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 Crestwood Baptist - Ken Stringer & Art Longnaker
 Crestwood Christian - Janice Leedy
 Crestwood UMC - Cathy Henney & Karen Mitchell
 Drennon Christian - Corey & Harriet Beatty
 Fern Creek UMC - Lisa Newman
 Forest Park Community - Perry Probst
 Henry County Christian - Daryl & Joy Davis
 Hartsong - Sherri Luney
 Hopewell Presbyterian - Donna & Ralph Gazaway

LaGrange Baptist - Steve Homola
 LaGrange Presbyterian - Jeff & Traci Clark
 Middletown UMC - Doug & Sandra Dearen
 Mosaic UMC - George Davis
 Mt. Washinton 1st Baptist - Kenney & Donna Clark
 New Castle Christian - Judy & Bill Croucher
 New Life - Rodney & Pat Elzy
 Shiloh UMC - Lew & Mary Hawes
 Southeast Christian - Mark Young
 St. Francis - Larry Williams & Terry Schamore
 St. John UMC - Catherine Detweiler
 St. Paul UMC - Frank & Ann Bayens
 Summit Heights - Mike & Betty Welker
 Westport Baptist - Maureen James

If you want to

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