

EMMAUS LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

September 2011

Hello to all of our Lexington Community. We are currently in meetings with the Teams of Walks 113 and 114. As we all know even when we are not on the team we need to support them with Prayers, Love and Agape for the Walks. This is what the Team needs, what the Community is designed to do and what God asks and leads us to do. As it is written in Isaiah 40:31

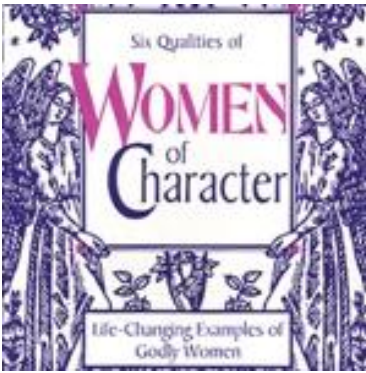
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

This has been my life verse since I completed my Walk in the Emmaus Community. For the past four years I have waited upon the Lord. I have been looking for his sign to lead me, I have been trying to hear his voice, I have been searching for some sign that his is showing me where I need to be. Then one morning, as I was reading the Bible, the Lord led me to new understanding of the verse. As we all know every time we read the Bible new guidance comes from His word. And I have seen, heard and found a new meaning in this verse that I hope **ALL of YOU** will please put in your heart and let your feet move you.

OK hear it is, and I do pray that it will hit the hearts of you out there that this message is for. We wait upon the LORD. Well if you sit there reading your Bible or contemplating where the Lord is leading you or where he wants you or what he needs you to do, then look at it in a different **LIGHT**. Waiting on the Lord is not always sitting and letting him give you a sign. Wait on the Lord as waiter serves your meal or a servant serves his master. Get out there and serve the Community, your Community needs your service. There are many out there that can do what the current Leaders are doing in the Community of Emmaus, and we – no the Lord needs you. I know that you can and will serve your church, your school, and your children. Please pray about serving **YOUR** Emmaus Community. We are in need of leaders on the Board, on Walks and on Chrysalis Flights. Call after call to have someone lead on a Walk, Flight or on the Board is wearing us thin and having the same persons as leaders with very few moving up through the ranks to lead others for the **FUTURE**. So we are calling you, no we believe that the **Lord is calling you** to wait on HIM through service in the Community of Emmaus as Leaders of ours and your future. Please be in prayer for you and others to begin to lead this Emmaus Community forward into the future.

Thanks and Blessings to you all

Earl Taylor eTa ><>



BOOK REVIEW by Patricia Walsh

Six Qualities of Women of Character; Life Changing Examples of Godly Women

By Debra L. Evans

I was given this book by my sweet daughter for Mother's Day 1996 and reread it after this last move to the new house. My small group decided to read it, discuss it, and attempt to emulate each characteristic. It has been life-changing for us all. The author chose a quote from Psalms to open the book, "As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight." (Psalm 16:3)

The title itself is ominous but so are the six qualities; brokenness, belief, surrender, obedience, devotion and service. The author takes you on a journey through each of the women's lives displaying amazing examples of each characteristic. Some of the women are familiar from reading the Scriptures such as Mary of Bethany and her alabaster jar broken for Jesus and some were unknown.

One unknown to me was. Her parents secretly taught her scriptures. By the time she was eleven years old she spoke and read nine languages, one of which was English. Her life was spent in brokenness and famine as an orphan. In a quote from her journal she wrote, "There was nothing but to be amalgamated into Nothingness... The Holy Spirit made it clear to me from the Word of God, that the salvation that God gives through Christ is present, and not something future. I believed it, I received it, and I was filled with joy."

Biblical references to apply the Truth and further understand the lives of each woman are carefully placed throughout. Each chapter has one woman from the Bible and others to emphasize the characteristic. As you work your way through from brokenness to surrender and finally to service it is almost like going through the Walk from priorities through grace to fourth day.

This book's focus is on women but could be read by anyone. I took away a new way to dedicate my days to Christ every morning with whatever He has given me for that day and a renewed sense of gratitude.



“I can’t do that! I’m not a leader!”

Has someone recently asked you to serve in a particular role for your church or Emmaus Community? For most of us our first instinct is to think “I can’t do that!” or “I don’t have the time!” Or “I am already doing my part.”

We all need to prayerfully consider opportunities to serve that come our way. We may need to prioritize our current activities and evaluate if that is where the Lord can best use our skills. As humans, we may not have the time or skills to do something on our own, but the good thing is God does not ask us to do it alone. We are on His Team and He provides the time, energy, and skills needed to get the job done. With the Holy Spirit, all things are possible.

Spiritual growth comes from taking chances and stretching our comfort zone. With prayer and council from the scriptures, we can make decisions to serve that will benefit both you and those around you. Moses did not want to take on the role of leader of the Israelites. Paul never pictured himself as an apostle for Christ, spreading the Good News. God opened their hearts and provided them what they needed to do His work.

Look into your heart and ask if you are limiting yourself of opportunities to serve because you won’t trust God to support you in this endeavor. Prayerfully consider each request and God will help clarify if this is your time to step out and serve. The Lord will bless you more than you can imagine!

Definition: Called - participating with God to Change the world around us.

Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise.

Proverbs 19: 20-21

God Will Do More Than You Can Imagine.

Exodus 7:11

R.E.C. Love Walk

Put Saturday September 24th at 5:30 P.M. On your calendar. This is the date and time of the Love Walk for the Women's R.E.C. Weekend at Atwood Camp FMC Lexington. Show up at the Atwood Parking Lot at 5:30 P.M. No fences, no security checks. Bring your children too. The women are so blessed to see young children. Contact Roy Johnson with any questions. 859-293-2968, royburd@insightbb.com

HELP IS NEEDED! IS THE LORD CALLING YOU?

Child Care Coordinator

The Lexington Emmaus Board of Directors is looking for just the right person to take on the task of arranging child care for our gatherings. In the past year we have had difficulty arranging to have childcare provided at every gathering. Some churches just are not able to supply the childcare even though we will pay them. We have to use child care providers that have been background checked, at least 21 years old and will follow our community policies and those of the UPPER ROOM for Emmaus Communities. If the Lord is speaking to you to fill this need, pray, talk to a board member and take action.

Nominations for New Board Members

The governing body for our community is the Board of Directors. We have a currently have a 17 member board to lead us into the future. Community members are nominated and elected by secret ballot by the community. The members who are elected serve on the board for a three year term. At the end of that term, new board members are elected for a new three year term. If a board member is appointed to fill out a term that is vacated then they serve the remainder of that term but must be elected to continue on the board.

Prayer Vigil

Each and every Emmaus Walk is covered by a 72 Hour Prayer Vigil. Community members are asked to sign-up at the gathering or by contacting Jeanie Heaberlin or Paul Purcell.

Agape

Please remember while preparing tokens of Agape for our pilgrims and caterpillars, that it is the philosophy of the Upper Room Emmaus that all Agape be given anonymously. We still can make and preserve our Agape tradition by attaching a label such as those below if you choose or with no label. Each set of Agape needs to include 60-70 pieces unless otherwise specified and all the same item. This includes the team and the pilgrims. Remember no individual gifts will be distributed.

From: A Pilgrim on Lexington Emmaus
Walk #107, Table of John

Sonrise Sisters
Lexington Emmaus Community

From: A Butterfly on Lexington
Chrysalis Flight 32

From: Anonymous

Lexington Emmaus Community
Future Walks and Flights

2011

October 6 – 9, 2011 Men’s Walk 113
 October 20 – 23, 2011 Women’s Walk 114

2012

February 18 – 20, 2012 Chrysalis Flight 33
 March 15 – 18, 2012 Men’s Walk 115
 March 22 – 25, 2012 Women’s Walk 116
 July 27 – 29, 2012 Chrysalis Flight 34
 October 11 – 14, 2012 Men’s Walk 117
 October 25 – 28, 2012 Women’s Walk 118

2013

February 15 – 18, 2013 –Chrysalis Flight 35
 April 11 – 14, 2013 – Men’s Walk 119
 April 18 – 21, 2013 – Women’s Walk 120
 October 10 – 13, 2013 - Men’s Walk 121
 October 17 – 20, 2013 – Women’s Walk 122

2014

February 15 – 17, 2014 –Chrysalis Flight 36
 April 24 – 27, 2014 – Men’s Walk 121
 May 1 – 4, 2014 – Women’s Walk 122
 October 2 – 5, 2014 - Men’s Walk 123
 October 9 – 12, 2014 – Women’s Walk 124



**Please be in Prayer for our Kentucky
 Emmaus Communities' Fall Walks**

- September 8-11
 - Campbellsville Emmaus Men's Walk #68
 - Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus Men's Walk #93
 - Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Men's Walk #22
- September 15-18
 - Campbellsville Emmaus Women's Walk #69
 - Lake Cumberland Area Emmaus Women's Walk #104
 - Northern Kentucky Emmaus Men's Walk #34
 - Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #106
- September 22-25
 - Purchase Area Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #107
- October 6-9
 - Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Women's Walk #23
 - Louisville Area Emmaus Men's Walk # 134
- October 13-16
 - Ashland Area Emmaus Men's Walk #29
 - Elizabethtown Emmaus Men's Walk #120
- October 20-23
 - Elizabethtown Emmaus Women's Walk #121
 - Louisville Area Emmaus Women's Walk # 135
 - Northern Kentucky Emmaus Women's Walk #34
 - Pennyrile Emmaus Men's Walk #68
- October 27-31
 - Ashland Area Emmaus Women's Walk #34
 - Pennyrile Emmaus Women's Walk #69
- November 3-6
 - Owensboro Emmaus Men's Walk #103
- November 10-13
 - Owensboro Emmaus Women's Walk #104



Blessed are those who find
 wisdom, those who gain
 understanding
 Proverbs 2:13

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Lexington Emmaus Community Snow Policy

If Fayette County schools are closed due to the weather the Gathering will be cancelled. If the weather turns bad during a school day check the TV, Website and radio.

Please Pray for Our Fall Walks

Men's Walk #113: Paul Purcell,
Lay Director
Women's Walk #114: Janie Heaberlin,
Lay Director

Deadline!
October Newsletter
September 24

Deadlines for Fall Emmaus Walks

Remember that the **Fall Walks** are just around the corner; deadline for the Men's Walk will be **September 15th** and **September 29th** for the Women's Walk.

Join Us at the Next Lexington Gathering, Friday, SEPT. 2nd

LEXINGTON: First United Methodist Church, Richmond, at 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
Directions: From Lexington, Travel I-75 south. Take exit 90A to merge onto US-25 S/US-421 S/ Lexington Rd. Turn right onto US-25 BUS S/Lexington Rd. Continue to follow US-25 BUS S. Destination will be on the left, 401 West Main St. Richmond, KY 40475-1458

Join Us at the Next Paintsville Gathering, Friday, SEPT. 9th

PAINTSVILLE: Gathering at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

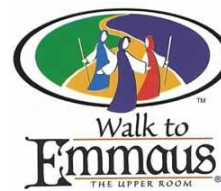
More Information on Gatherings

Everyone bring a dish to share: veggie/side dish, main dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Everyone will help clean up, so the work will be light

CHILD CARE-Child care is available at most Gatherings. Sponsors assist finding childcare for Walks.

COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY-E-mail request to Judy Seitz at prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Gathering at First United Methodist Church**, 401 West Main Street Richmond, KY, at 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 9 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

OCTOBER

- 8 **Gathering at Candlelight Service** during Men's Walk Asbury's Estes Chapel (Sat.)
- 14 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 27 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

NOVEMBER

- 4 **Gathering at Centenary UMC**, 2800 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, Potluck 6:30 PM, Worship Service at 7:30 PM.
- 11 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 17 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY

DECEMBER

- 2 **Gathering at Trinity Hill United Methodist**, 3600 Tates Creek Road Lexington, Potluck 6:30 PM, Worship Service at 7:30 PM.
- 9 **Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC**, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 15 **Emmaus Board Meeting, Nicholasville UMC**, 303 W Maple St, Nicholasville, KY
- 25 Christmas! The Savior is Born!

Would you like to host a Lexington Emmaus Gathering at your Church in 2012?

The Emmaus Gathering is looking for venues for our monthly meal and worship service in 2012. The requirements are just space for a potluck meal and a worship setting for at least 75-150 people. If you are interested, get more information by contacting John Greene at <mailto:johncgreene@insightbb.com>

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