

Lexington Emmaus Community



From the Lay Director.....

Hello Lexington Emmaus Community,

I thought our year together was getting off to a good start. After talking about it since 2016, Chrysalis 39 finally happened this past President's Day weekend. The Community was able to meet a fine group of young men and women at the March Gathering. Then Men's Walk 141 had to be canceled due to not enough pilgrims signed up, but I was looking forward to Women's Walk 142. Then the perils of the world started closing in. We tried to wait and see what would happen with COVID-19, but were finally forced to stop preparations for Women's Walk 142.

If ever I have had to take comfort from Jeremiah 29:11, it is now. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Verse 10 makes it plain that these plans are not to come to fruition immediately, but at some point in the future. It is my sincerest hope and prayer that in the case of the Lexington Emmaus Community, October 2020 will be a time of prospering.

There are so many things that the daily rush of life seems to leave too little time for. The daily rush of life has become quite subdued for many of us. You can only watch so much TV. Put aside your electronics. Retreat to a quiet corner and listen for that still small voice for His direction for your life. Examine how you have been ordering your priorities lately. Plan what you need to do to get back on track if you have drifted away from God's plan for your life. Ponder on who amongst your family, friends, co-workers and fellow church members would be blessed by participating in an Emmaus Walk. Remember, an Emmaus Walk is not about fixing brokenness. It is about advancing the quality of relationship with our Lord and Savior. It is about developing leaders in our churches. Look for those who seem to be seeking God's direction in their life. Look for those who are already showing some leadership ability and inclination. Ask the Lord to provide you with the words needed for the invitation. Ask the Lord to plant the seeds for a desire for a closer relationship with Him.

I very much wish we could come together the first Friday of April. I hope we will be able to come together by the first Friday of May.

Stay safe out there.

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Michael Watts
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Lexington Emmaus Community



Fall Walks

(No, not dog walks, **EMMAUS WALKS!**)

Got some spare time on your hands? It's a great time to write letters, telephone, text, Facetime, Zoom, Instant Message, or even smoke signal someone to get them thinking about attending our Fall Emmaus Walks.

Emmaus Walk Applications

Dates:

Men - October 15-18

Women - October 22-25



Glory Sightings

For those of us who watch the Governor's news conference every day, we get to see where difficult times can bring out the best in people. We know that God is typically involved in these "good things", so our newsletters will feature "Glory Sightings" that we can share. When you have a Glory Sighting, send a brief couple of sentences to lexemmaus@gmail.com and we'll share it in our next newsletter. Please put "Anonymous" if you want it to be that way.

One thing worth noting is the importance of reunion groups. My reunion group, Sonrise Sisters, has been texting thru-out this time and it has been a positive outlet for us. - Kristin Hobbs

Today Marco and I went hiking at the Asbury Trails with our pilgrims from the Fall Walks, JT and Elaine. We walked all over that place, but at the last section we went to there was a family from our church and their dog. It was a joyous reunion for all of us. God allowed us to fellowship there next to the Kentucky River even though we can't meet in church. - Becky Munoz

During times of stress or holiday, a special type of God's Spirit can be felt in the way caring people interact with each other. This health crisis has shown ways to enjoy the fellowship of this same feeling as a witness to the love of Jesus. = JR Hamm

With all the stay at home time I find that I have more time to stay in God's word. More time to talk and listen and just "be". More time to appreciate that even in the chaos He is renewing the face of His creation. He is in control. - Carolyn Walker

During this time of social distancing and being alone it is a blessing to have technology (yes, even for me Susan Bryant.) It was a blessing to see the faces of the men in my reunion group and to be able to share as usual. I missed the handshakes and hugs, but the Holy Spirit was present for sure. - Wally Briggs

This week I took an evening walk around the neighborhood and it was deserted and eerie. Then, I walked past a mother, and her young son riding a scooter. It was heartwarming just to see a little normalcy. We know who warms the heart! Howard Rosewell

Future Gatherings

May 1, 2020
Trinity Hill UMC
Lexington, KY

June 5, 2020

Georgetown First UMC
Georgetown, KY

July 11, 2020

Community Picnic
Shillato Park
Lexington, KY

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Reunion Groups

Reunion Groups are essential to keep the fire of your walk burning. **We encourage reunion groups to keep in contact during the COVID-19 Pandemic! Call, text, or Facetime your brothers and sisters. At least one reunion group is using ZOOM to video-conference. It's free for sessions 30 minutes or less. Find ways to "virtually" meet.** Click below for a list of existing reunion groups. If you want to access this list from the website, it is password protected. The password is **Luke24:13** (no spaces).

Reunion Groups

Board of Directors

The Website now has a page where you can communicate with Board Members. Click the link below to take you to the website's contact page. From there you can communicate with any board member.

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