

# Lexington Emmaus Community

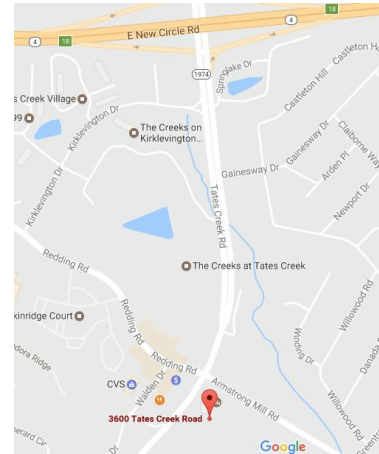


## Next Gathering - Friday, January 3, 2020

**Trinity Hill UMC**  
3600 Tates Creek Rd  
Lexington, KY 40517

**Pot Luck Supper - 6:30 PM**  
**Worship 7:15 PM**

A New Year is a great time to turn over a new leaf, or restart things that have stalled in your life. Maybe it's a great time to come to an Emmaus Gathering and see where you might fit into God's plans for the Lexington Emmaus Community.



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## From the *Incoming* Lay Director.....

As I write this, it is Christmas Eve morning. The world is full of anticipation of the delights and very temporary happiness that comes with opening gifts on Christmas morning. My wife and I are looking forward to the 11 PM candlelight service at our church tonight. It is a much more peaceful and reflective time than the services earlier in the day. As joyful and glorious as celebrating and remembering the arrival of a Savior is, I am always tinged with a bit of sadness knowing what will come of the life of that child because of my sin.

By the time you are reading this, all of the gifts will have been opened, maybe a toy or two is already broken, maybe you have run out of data on your data plan and the countdown to taking down the Christmas decorations will have begun. Those of us with Monday and Tuesday trash pickup will be wishing we had a Thursday or Friday trash pickup to get all of the mess out of here.

Many will soon be turning their thoughts to New Year's resolutions if they haven't already. I gave up on making the big changes of New Year's resolutions a couple of decades ago. Instead, I daily strive to make and continue the small changes that make me a better person, a better husband, a better member of my church, a better member of my Emmaus Community. I have come to realize that sometimes this approach might be harder than the big changes of New Year's resolutions. I'll try to remember to close the newspaper or my iPad when my wife is talking to me and actually give her my full attention. I'll try to be more forgiving of the knuckleheads in traffic around me.... and I'll try to not call them knuckleheads or something worse. I'll try to always call someone wearing a name tag by name and see them as a person. And if that cashier or restaurant server or whoever is not wearing a name tag, see them as a person too. And ask their name. I'll try to remember that it is not all about me. I'll try to remember to listen to someone else's point of view

because I could be wrong about mine. Follow Mary's example and ponder things in my heart. I'll try to be a little more open to change and challenge and not be stuck with that's the way is has always been or I've never done that before. I'll try hard not to compare myself to other people. A little easier for me than some people since I don't do any social media. Instead I'll try to compare myself to the person that God would have me to be. And work to narrow that chasm of a gap.

I'll be starting my third term as lay director of the Lexington Emmaus Community in four years come January 1. 2017 and 2018 were hard years to have been lay director. We had to cancel Walks because of not enough pilgrims in 2017 and in 2018 no Walks were held at all. In 2019, we were able to return to two sets of Walks. We are not out of the woods yet. Too soon to think the challenges of 2017 and 2018 are solved. I, along with the rest of the Board of Directors, will be coveting your prayers and support in the coming year. We will be coveting the development of the Community's zeal to recruit a caterpillar for Chrysalis in February and pilgrims for the Walks planned for April and October. We will be coveting your God led willingness to serve Him and His pilgrims when we call you to serve on a team.

I have an open contact button on the website. I look forward to hearing from you.

I look forward to seeing you at the January Gathering.

Michael Watts  
Lay Director Elect  
Lexington Emmaus Community

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## Board Elections

Thanks to everyone who voted in the elections for YOUR Board of Directors.

Please welcome James Hardin to the board as the Candlelight & Sponsor's Hour Chair and Carolyn Walker as the Supplies Chair. Glenn Walker (Facilities) was re-elected to the board. Gail Wright (Secretary) and Earl Taylor (Chrysalis) were elected to the board after previously being appointed to fill vacant positions.

Your Officers for 2020 are Michael Watts (Lay Director), Bob Coppings (Spiritual Director), Gail Wright (Secretary) and Stacy Robinson (Treasurer). Rebecca Muñoz (Literature) will also serve as Vice Lay Director. The full board can be viewed on the link below to our website.

Please thank Shawnee Schoon and Alan Jackson when you see them, as they have completed their service on the board.

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**Chrysalis Flight 39:  
February 15 - 17, 2020**

## The Flight of 2020

Welcome the New Year with Prayers and dedication to serve the Lord. The Chrysalis Flight of 2020 is off to a Great Start with a dedicated Board and Team. **I wanted**

**everyone to know that this Flight will only cost \$50/person.** Please get your applications to the registrar by the 10th of January, we need to know who to pray for and set up the tables for the Team. We will be limiting this Flight to the first 15 boys and 15 girls. Please pray for the Caterpillars that you would like to sponsor as well. This is open to 10th through 12th grades (15 to 18 years old – still in High School). As for serving on the Team anyone having a desire to serve on this team may contact anyone on the board or contact me through the website directly, you do not have to serve the entire weekend a few hours on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday will be cherished. Here is the basic schedule for the Flight.

February 15th  
Saturday  
Send Off – 8 am

12 pm Lunch  
5:30 pm Dinner

February 16th  
Sunday

8:15 am Breakfast  
12 pm Lunch  
5:30 pm Agape Land Dinner  
9:00 pm Candle Light

February 17th  
Monday

8 am breakfast  
12 pm Lunch  
4:30 pm Closing

Fly with Christ. Christ is Counting on YOU.  
Earl Taylor: Chrysalis Board Representative

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**It's never too early to be thinking about sponsoring a caterpillar on our Chrysalis Flight or a pilgrim on our Spring Walks!**

**Chrysalis Flight 39 - February 15-17, 2020**  
**Men's Walk 141 - April 16-19, 2020**  
**Women's Walk 142 - April 23-26, 2020**

## **Deadlines are Approaching!!!**

We need applications for 10 Boys and 10 Girls for the Chrysalis Flight by January 10th to begin team meetings.

We need applications for 12 Men and 12 Women for the Spring Walks by February 28 to begin team meetings.

[Emmaus Walk & Chrysalis Flight Applications](#)

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## **Stories From the Road.....**

**Glenn Walker**

## Spiritual Director Women's Walk 140



We pilgrims of Walk 140 traveled an amazing road through a spiritual landscape fraught with many tough obstacles to finally arrive at that Peace and Agape Love that is so indescribable. In Candy Land, we found a New Best Friend. In Agape Land, we met Love Personified and laughed our way through a Three-Act Wonder. In Candle Land, we saw hundreds of Angels, all glowing in candlelight, and we met the living Christ. The next morning, we got our angel wings, like those Agape Angels who fluttered around unseen. We even traveled through Wonder Land and met Snow White! And with our table family around us, we got our cross to remember that Christ is Counting on Us, and we are Counting on Christ! We sang together, prayed together, worshiped together, shared Holy Communion together, cried together, laughed together, walked together, and of course, ate together. We talked about things eternal and things personal. We died to old habits and found tools to build new ones. We shared our hearts and got abundant love in return. And hugs were abounding. Our speakers were wise and full of the Spirit, and we learned more than our minds could hold. But we now know how to grow through study, so we can learn for ourselves what God wants us to know. Our posters were creative, our summaries spot on, our skits Oscar winning. On Friday, we questioned why we came. On Sunday, we didn't want to leave. We shared our experiences at Closing and joined our new-found family. But... what went on in the Conference Room will forever stay in the Conference Room! Roosters or no roosters! De Colores!

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## Future Gatherings

**February 7, 2020**

Centenary UMC  
Lexington, KY

**March 6, 2020**

First UMC  
Richmond, KY

**April 3, 2020**

Versailles UMC  
Versailles, KY

Click [HERE](#) to visit our EVENTS page



Reunion Groups are essential to keep the fire of your walk burning. 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.

Board of Directors



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