

December 2016

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Upcoming Gatherings:

**FRIDAY Jan 20, 2017 @
TBD**

**Location and details will
be posted on Website
and emailed to Emmaus
community member-
ship.**

**ATTENTION!
Worship Services for
Emmaus Candlelight's,
Closings, Pilgrim Drop-
Off, etc.) will now be at
Alpha UMC. See the
website for directions.**

Emmaus Walks
Men's **Walk 111:**
Apr 20—23, 2017
Camp Summit

Women's Walk 112:
April 27—30, 2017
Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights
Girl's Flight 125:
June 15—18, 2017
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 126:
July 13—16, 2017
Camp Milan

Emmaus Walks
Held at Camp Summit
3321 57th Ave
New Windsor, IL

Chrysalis Flights
Held at Camp Milan
Milan, IL

Grapevine

QC Emmaus / QC Chrysalis



Community Lay Director

Welcome Pilgrims of Walk's 109 and 110. I pray that you been able to see and feel God's blessings to your Fourth Days so far. I pray that you continue to keep yourself open to see what God has planned for you and to where God is calling you. An additional note to the Pilgrims of Walks 109 and 110, you heard me say at your closing ceremonies the biggest way that you can say thank you to the Teams and the QC Emmaus Community is to sponsor someone. I encourage you first to pray about this to see to whom God may lead you.

Please join me in giving thanks and praise to Randy Shipman and Darcie Sutton, the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk's 109 and 110. In addition, we give thanks and praise for those members who served on the Teams who serve graciously for our Lord and Savior Jesus to help the pilgrims move closer in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

I'm asking for prayers for Chris Rogers and Jayne Hullinger the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk's 111 and 112. They are in the process of filling their teams and team meetings start after the first of the year.

There have been discussions about Community members in helping serve the meals on the weekends at Camp Summit. The idea was suggested that a Reunion group, small group from your church, or Emmaus members of a church come together to help serve a meal on the weekend. There is approximately six people needed to serve and clean up after a meal. The first church to step up is St. John's United Methodist Church in Davenport, they will be serving the noon meal on Fridays. If anyone is interested please contact Rich Smice at 309-781-6482 or Pat Thornton 563-676-5673. These two gentlemen are the weekend coordinators for the kitchen. They will let you know what is available and what time you should be showing up.

Also I want to remind everyone that a year ago the board adopted some changes when it comes to clean up and take down at the end of the weekends. All the Team members and Pilgrims, men and women, are asked to assist in the next set of walks in the clean up and take down. Both men and women can help both weekends. Most of the help is needed after the women's weekend because of the takedown and items needed to be moved to storage. If you are on last fall's Walk you are asked to assist with the spring 2017 Walk's. We ask that you be at the camp by 4:30 PM on closing Sunday. Craig Hollenback is in charge of setup and takedown. Any questions that you have may be directed to him at 563-271-5638. This is a wonderful way to show your Agape Love.

As we move into the holiday season, which is fast approaching, you may be looking for that certain gift for someone. Often times we get into such a rush that we forget some of the small precious things. I often have to remind myself that the greatest gift I can give is myself. It doesn't matter if the gift is for Jesus, my family, my church or my friends the greatest gift I can give is myself. I pray that each one of you feels God's blessings throughout this holiday season and may we love and enjoy each other in every way.

May God bless you through all of your Fourth Day's.

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Richard Willard Community Lay Leader, Walk #13



Community Spiritual Director

Dear friends of the Quad Cities Emmaus Community,

Back on October 14th through the 16th, I was privileged, for the second year in a row, to travel to Nashville, to participate in what the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus calls the International Advisory Committee. {of course, like most everyone else, we like our acronyms: the I.A.C.}

For these three days, approximately 60 of us from all around the world met and had table discussions regarding the (now FIVE) ministries that fall under the Walk to Emmaus 'umbrella' of supervision.

The United States has 5 regions, ours being the North Central Region. I was blessed to be asked to be the clergy representative for our whole region. (10 states)

While the amount of information shared and the rapid-fire way we had to deal with all the items presented left me tired and, frankly, mentally exhausted, what is happening at the Upper Room is what I would describe as marvelous!

Up until now there have been four (4) ministries that the Upper Room supervises: Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, the two newer ministries: Journey to the Table, and Face to Face.

In case you are not familiar with the last two, Journey to the Table is aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. Instead of, like Chrysalis does, inviting people to a ministry site, like a camp, Journey to the Table goes to where the young adults are; usually at a college or university. To discover more about Journey, you are invited to visit: journey.upperroom.org.

The other most recent ministry, Face to Face is for people OVER the age of 60. Again, it is understood that many senior citizens are not as comfortable traveling to a camp setting, and some have mobility issues that make a 3-day experience, like ours at Camp Summit, more than a challenge, it becomes, for some, almost physically not possible. So: like Journey to the Table, Face to Face goes where the people are.

Currently, there are over 80 Emmaus Communities who have been trained to hold Face to Face weekends. So far, weekends have been held at larger churches, at retirement centers, and at community centers. Again, for more information you are invited to visit: facetoface.upperroom.org.

The primary advantage of Face to Face is that the sessions can be made to accommodate the audience. It can be done in one-day-per-week sessions for 3, 4, or more weeks in a row, or in a more compact time-frame, if that works best. The flexibility coupled with the fact that the Pilgrims are sleeping in their own beds each night is what helps make it more attractive.

Finally, a NEW ministry is being launched. For almost 20 years Pastor Melody Traylor has held weekends aimed at the JUNIOR HIGH level. Melody pastors in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama area, and has taken a modified Chrysalis weekend and made it 'fit' the younger youth. They are called "mid-high's."

The take-away from my weekend in October, is that the Upper Room is looking at all the ministries they oversee, and are tweaking each to make them more beneficial, and more "do-able."

BIBLE TRIVIA

Who wanted to kill baby Jesus?
(Look in Matthew 2:13)

How should we treat those who
are enemies, according to Jesus?
(Look in Matthew 5:44)

Upcoming Spring Walks:

Men's Walk #111

April 20-23, 2017

Lay Director—Chris Rogers

Women's Walk #112

April 27-30, 2017

Lay Director—Jayne Hullinger

Who Should You Sponsor?

Sponsorship applications can be found at www.qcemmaus.org and sent to:

Quad City Conference of Walk
to Emmaus
PO Box 971
Moline, IL 61266

Please contact Becky Layman,
Emmaus Registrar @ 309-502-
9508, or other Emmaus Board
members with any questions.

With {what will be officially called: "Discovery Weekend"} the Upper Room is being given permission to copyright what Melody has spent decades perfecting. And, with this fifth ministry area, the ages covered are now from Junior High, up through the oldest seasoned -saint.

Now, you may be asking yourself, as I did in October, who in the world could possibly have all 5 ministries going at the same time. The answer is: Each Community is simply encouraged to do which ever one(s) appeals to us. Maybe, one possibility would be to have fewer Walks to Emmaus, and focus on one of the other three new ministry weekends. What about: a Walk to Emmaus in the Spring, and a Chrysalis weekend, and then one Face to Face weekend? I am making no recommendations, just offering thoughts to contemplate.

In my discussions, over these three days, with a number of the other Emmaus / Chrysalis / Face to Face Communities, I discovered that this is what many of them have done, and are doing. Until we get to a Community size of over 5,000 members, we probably won't have the human resources to adequately do 4 Emmaus Walks and {somewhere between} two or four Chrysalis Flights every year. The question I would ask of both the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards to wrestle with, in 2017 and beyond, is: just what is the most logical number of weekends, and what kinds, do we in the Quad Cities need to aim at?

I don't know the answer, but I solicit your prayers and input as we discuss and think and pray about what God would have us to do, right here in the Quad Cities U.S.A., right now?

Until next time, I remain,

Pastor Steve Hartman , A fellow servant of Christ, with you.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Gathering Information

Friday, January 20th, 2017—TBD: Check web site for details when finalized

Interested in Serving on an Emmaus Team?

Spring teams for 2017 are forming. If you are interested in serving on a team please contact **Carl Loweth** carl.loweth@gmail.com.

Winter Christian Reading Recommendations

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper

A Hole In The Gospel by Richard Stearns

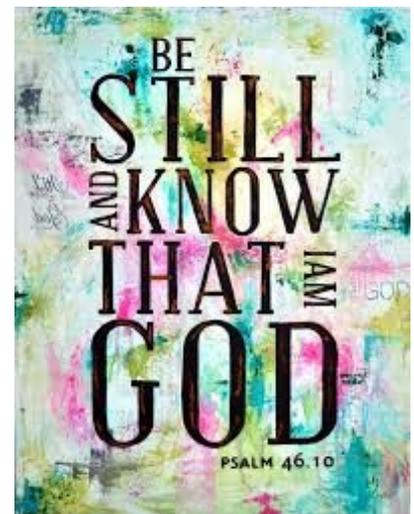
Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

30 Life Principles by Charles Stanley

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