

December 2015

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Upcoming Gatherings:

**FRIDAY January 15 –
Christ United Methodist
Church, East Moline, IL
6:30 pm**

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

Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk 107:
April 7-10, 2016
Camp Summit

Women's Walk 108:
April 14-17, 2016
Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight 121:
June 23-26, 2016
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 122:
July 7-10, 2016
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



The Big Question

What has the Emmaus Community meant to you in the past? For many of us, our Pilgrim walk was a life changing experience. For others, it was their teaming experience that they loved; while many Christian men and women have held other roles in the QC Emmaus Community. For me, my spiritual life has not been the same since my walk in 2004.

However, sometimes life gets busy and no matter how important something is to us things do have the tendencies to fall to the way side. Now listen, I do understand. Many evenings I find myself either tired, overwhelmed or even overbooked. We have a pretty busy life going on here at the Campbell's house, but we try and not let the good things, or should I say, the great things of God slip away.

As we head into 2016, we want to challenge you to start attending the monthly gatherings. What better way to see both new and old friends from the Emmaus Community? I don't know about you, but any given night I find myself sitting in front of the TV letting it take time away from me that could be used for God.

So how about another question? Can you give God one Friday night a month? Can you do it? **Yes you can.** Jesus wants you to come out and hang with your Christian brothers and sisters. Is there any better way to spend time? I don't think so!

In an effort to bring additional excitement we are going to try a few new things:

The biggest change will take place in January. Our first gathering of the New Year will take place on a **Friday night, January 15th**, starting at **6:30 P.M.** here in the Quad Cities. The Perrys have gracefully offered the **Christ United Methodist Church in East Moline** for this kick-off. (3801 7th Street, East Moline, IL 61244)

The night will begin with worship which will be performed by a group made up of worship team members from past weekends. While the team for this gathering has been chosen, if you know of anyone who plays a musical instrument and/or sings and would like to get more involved have them contact me. (CharlieC33@msn.com)

If worship is not enough to spark your attention, we will be featuring two wonderful testimonies along with some words from one of our Emmaus Pastors. The new format will focus on lifting up and glorifying God. Our goal is to bring together our brothers and sisters in Christ to lift Him up and continue to build the Emmaus Community for Him. Come out in January and be blessed with all your Emmaus buddies. We can't wait to see you!

- *Charlie Campbell*



Community Spiritual Director

Why Are You a Part of the Walk to Emmaus?

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" (John 5:2-6).

When I am asked why I am active in the Walk to Emmaus movement, many times I think of the man in the Pool of Bethesda story. For years he desperately wanted to be healed but could not do it on his own. He craved to be where the movement of God was taking place. Then he met Jesus. The Walk to Emmaus experience can be like that. Those who are seeking more of Jesus can meet Him there.

So why am I active in the Walk to Emmaus? Because I want to be where the Holy Spirit is stirring things up! I want to be near Jesus when He comes by. When the Spirit is moving, that is where I want to be. My prayer is, "Lord, allow me to be a part of what You are blessing." I know what the Emmaus movement has done for me and I have seen what it has done for others. Truly, God uses the Walk to Emmaus to change lives and deepen faith commitment. That is why I am a part of the Walk to Emmaus.

It has been an honor to serve as the Community Spiritual Director for the Quad Cities Walk to Emmaus over five years now. My admiration and appreciation goes out to all the laity and clergy who have given their time and talents to this important work. All I can say is thank you for the opportunity to serve you in that role.

In January, Pastor Steve Hartman will be our new Community Spiritual Director. I know that he will do a great job for us. Throughout my tenure as the spiritual director, Steve has been a major help and driving force in this ministry. He has been willing to fill-in for me when I have not been able to serve. I plan on supporting Steve the best I can and to fill in for him when needed—as he has done for me many times.

I know that the Walk to Emmaus Community here in the Quad Cities area will be strengthened because I believe that the Holy Spirit is, once again, stirring things up. I would encourage each of you to participate, get close to God, and help make it possible for many more disciples to experience what God has for them on their weekend.

It truly has been a great honor, joy and privilege to serve you.

De Colores! **Roger Perry**

BIBLE TRIVIA

What did God initially give man to eat?

(Look in Gen 2:9,16)

Complete the Beatitude:
Blessed are the pure in heart... (Look in Matt 5:8)

Upcoming Spring Walks:

Men's Walk #107

April 7-10, 2016

Lay Director—Dave Ramp

Women's Walk # 108

April 14-17, 2016

Lay Director—Kelly Miller

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 Carl Loweth, Emmaus Registrar @ 563-505-1196, or other Emmaus Board members with any questions.

In our September Grapevine, I told you how proud I am of your board of directors and how they are now devoting nearly half of their meeting time to working on discerning what God's vision for our Quad City Emmaus Community region in 2016 and beyond. Two of the outcomes of this visioning work during 2015 will be the formation of new board committees for 2016, Evangelism and Caring/Communication.

The Evangelism team will find ways to have personal, face-to-face discussions with clergy and leaders of area churches that have not sent many folks on Emmaus Walks or Chrysalis Flights in recent years. They will work to educate and equip those folks. We want them to know what the benefits would be for their local church in carrying out God's work if they have members come back from Walks and Flights as stronger leaders for their churches.

The Caring/Calling team will work to reconnect and re-engage folks that have become disconnected from Emmaus over the years. They will work to have personal conversations with members of our community, find out how we can pray for them and their churches, and see if they are willing to continue to pray for our community and perhaps serve in some way in the future.

This is my last letter to you as Community Lay Director. In January, Richard Willard will be your new Director. He will need your help and prayers as he works to keep our Emmaus community following God's path. As for me, I can only express my gratitude for having served Emmaus. Your love and support to Emmaus has been tremendous. I am so grateful for what Emmaus has and is doing for me and my church and I pray that we will all work to insure these Walks continue to be just as effective and fruitful in the years ahead.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, not just during this Christmas season, but in all your fourth days.

De Colores, *Nathan Skjerseth* – Walk 53

Chrysalis Community Update

This fall we had good turn out for both the girl's flight 119 in October and boy's flight 120 in November. We had 7 girls who went on the flight that Kay Keller was called upon to lead. Mel Saad Jr. led the boys flight with 7 boy participants. During both flights, God moved in a mighty way in those lives of the youth who were caterpillars and the team. We are very excited for the summer flights, which are June 23-26 (**Lori Jarrett, LD**), and July 7-10 (**James Ross-Bishop, LD**). These past few years we have struggled to get enough youth to participate in a weekend. Please start praying now for the summer flights, the lay directors, and whoever God may be putting on your heart to sponsor for a weekend! Fly With Christ, *Jeff Gerber*

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BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers to Sept Questions:

To what object does James compare the tongue?

The rudder of a ship (Jam 3:4)

Who closed the door of Noah's ark?

God (Gen 7:16)

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