

March 2014

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Upcoming Gatherings

March 15- Bettendorf Christian Church—3487 Towne Pointe Drive

**Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres—3:45-5:00pm
Worship—5:00pm**

April 5—Asbury UMC Bettendorf, IA

**Potluck—5:00pm
Praise Time —6:00pm**

Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk Apr 24 – 27
Camp Summit

Women's Walk May 1- 4
Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight Jun 19-22
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight Jun 26-29
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



Greetings from your Community Lay Director

I am humbled by the confidence of your board of directors to ask me to serve in this role of your Emmaus Community Lay Director. Please keep me and your board in your prayers.

I would like to begin by saying thank you to outgoing board members: Dennis Coots, Deb Johnson, Kelly Miller, Chris Rogers, Todd Stone, and Pat Troup for their service to our community. To incoming board members: David Blair, Pam Hoogerwerf, Carl Loweth, Joy Ruhl for again saying yes to God. I also want to say thank you to all of you who have served this past year behind the scenes, on teams, and especially all of those of you that have supported our community through prayers and sponsorship.

Your board met for an all-day retreat on January 4th to celebrate accomplishments, help new board members learn about board responsibilities and for all of us to do some visioning of our dreams for the Quad City Emmaus Community.

I am also thankful to our weekend lay directors, Susan Keegan and Kurt Streicher, who have filled God's teams for walks 99 and centennial walk 100. They have throughout the team selection process given glory to God.

For the women's walk, it is our centennial or 100th walk. We would like to involve all folks who were involved with our walks 1 & 2 to attend the apostolic hour where we will say a few words of praise for those who helped bring the Walk to Emmaus movement to the Quad

Cities.

In Philippians 3:20-21 we are told "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

It is my prayer that our Quad Cities Emmaus Community can continue to help our local church bodies, in helping folks experience God's transforming Grace so that we can each day become more like our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and become stronger leaders in each of our local churches.

De Colores,

Nathan Skjerseth

Walk 53



Note From Kurt Streicher—Lay Director Walk #99

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". This first verse in the Bible, Genesis 1:1 is well known to most people. Despite the familiarity that this verse enjoys, there are many powerful elements in these few words.

"In the beginning God" states to us that God was present at the very beginning of everything. He was not an afterthought, nor did He spring up out of the imagination of man. God enjoyed relationships before creating the heavens and the earth. The Hebrew noun Elohim is actually a plural noun, and this lets us know that God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit were all present at the beginning.

The power of God to create heavens and earth is truly unfathomable to us. This same God also desires to have a relationship with each one of us. Genesis 1:1 is just the gateway to the rest of the Bible. If we cannot accept the first verse, how can we believe all of the promises that are packed into the rest of the Bible?

Genesis 1:1 is simple yet complex and draws some emotion from all of us. These are just a few of the reasons that this verse is the weekend scripture for the men's Spring Walk #99.

De Colores,
Kurt Streicher



Greetings from your Chrysalis Lay Director

Hello, to the Emmaus Community from your Quad Cities Chrysalis Community, Community Lay Director Carl Roloff. I want to thank you all for the support you have provided Chrysalis in the past and have some information that will hopefully help you continue to support us in the future. Your 2014 Board of Directors:

Carl Roloff, Community Lay Director (309-659-2430)
 Toni Ross, Community Spiritual Director
 Jeff Gerber, Board Vice Chair
 Katrina Gerber, Registrar
 Joe Hart, Supplies
 Jayne Hullinger, Secretary
 Pam Hoogerwerf, Emmaus Liaison
 Sue Ann Keller, Kitchen (Youth)
 Paulette McGreer, Agape
 Samantha McGreer, Rushes
 Stephanie Noyd, Public Relations
 Kaitlyn Poff, Rushes (Youth)
 James Ross Bishop, Setup and Takedown
 Kipp Spence, Weekend Coordinator
 Joel Stuart, Manuals

If you would like to help in any of the listed areas please us know; we would love to have your assistance. See the upcoming flight information in the box to the left.

With team development in progress, now is the time to be looking for Caterpillars to attend the weekends. Our community did a great job bringing us youth for the fall flights, I would like to see that trend continue.

Chrysalis has a Facebook Page! We use our Facebook page to provide the latest and greatest information on events and to just stay in contact with each other. If you are currently not a friend of Chrysalis and would like to be, just send a friend request to Quad Cities Chrysalis and we'll add you.

We can also be contacted by Email at quadcitieschrysalis@gmail.com with volunteer requests or questions. We hope to hear from you!

Thanks again for your support!

Emmaus on Facebook

Search for QC Emmaus on Facebook and "like" us! Post your thoughts on the page, and check it regularly to see what others in the community are saying (this is an open page, not a closed group—anyone can speak and be heard). Any announcements I post will show up in your news feed. Questions? Contact me at drgag71@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Reunion Groups

Hello QC Emmaus Community,

My name is Jana Coots and I serve the Emmaus board as the Follow-up/Reunion Group coordinator. We are currently trying to update our list of reunion groups. If you are involved in a Emmaus reunion group or an accountability group in your church we would love to know! Please email me at jcootsbett@icloud.com with day, time, location and contact email and/or phone number for your group. It is important that we get our new pilgrims plugged into these groups. Thanks so much for your help!

BIBLE TRIVIA

What type of tree did

Zaccheus climb to see

Jesus? Look in Luke 19:4

Who carried the cross for

Christ?

Look in Matthew 27:32

Upcoming Summer

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight # 113

June 19-22

Lay Director—Lori Jarrett

Boy's Flight # 114

June 26-29

Lay Director—Steve Oaks

Newsletter Items

If you have original poems or other original works that you would like to have published in the QC Emmaus Newsletter, please send them to me at drgag71@hotmail.com.

Pilgrim Message: If you have a testimony about your walk we would like to hear about it, please send me a short story about your experience to drgag71@hotmail.com.

Prayer Vigil

The prayer vigils for both the Emmaus Community (available now) and Chrysalis Community (coming soon) are online. If you would like to sign up to pray during the weekends you can do so at <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil>. Click on "Check Out List Of Prayer Vigils" and select the Quad Cities Emmaus Men's and Women's walks or the Quad Cities Chrysalis Community and sign up. Remember to sign up early and often!

Office Space

The Emmaus Community is looking for office space in the Quad Cities—if you know of a space that is available and cost conscious please contact Roberta Gimmy at gimmy5@me.com.

Registrar Corner—Who Should You Sponsor?

We are fully in the "Season of Sponsorship" of candidates for the upcoming Spring 2014 Walks. In our churches, the businesses we work in, the neighborhoods we live in, other organizations we belong to, there are people we know who are waiting to build a stronger personal relationship with Christ and witness in their life.

We can be the conduit to connect them to that relationship, through the Emmaus Walk experience, of "knowing Jesus", rather than just "knowing about Jesus".

But..... start with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you identify those whom He wants you to invite and that He will prepare their minds and hearts for His invitation. Expect positive outcomes!

Ask your pastor for names of candidates within your church; ask others in your church who have had the Emmaus Walk experience to engage in this important Sponsorship step. Don't do it all yourself. Let's make 2014 Emmaus' Walks a great success for the Lord. Please begin your process of prayer, identification of candidates and invitations. Sponsorship applications can be found on qcemmaus.org and sent to: Quad City Conference of Walk to Emmaus, PO Box 971, Moline, IL, 61265.

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

Pilgrim Profile

Hello! My name is Kaitlyn Poff, I am 18 years old and a senior at Annawan High School. I am new to the Chrysalis Board, and would like to introduce myself to my Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities. I am involved in FCA, choir, color guard, and winter guard. I am a cheerleader and I am also in the school play, Fractured. I am involved in my youth group, currently preparing for a Mystery Dinner fundraiser. I have gone on 2 mission trips, and hope to go on more in the future. I will be attending Black Hawk College next year, then transferring to St. Ambrose to be a social worker for Autistic children. My first Chrysalis flight was #103 when I was a sophomore, and I have served on 3 flights since then. Chrysalis has helped me in so many ways, giving me more self confidence, and helping me grow stronger in my faith. I'm excited to support Chrysalis, and help in organizing our RUSHes (Hoots). Fly With Christ!!

Upcoming Spring Walks

Men's Walk # 99

April 24–27, 2014

Lay Director—Kurt
Streicher

Women's Walk # 100

May 1–4, 2014

Lay Director—Susan
Keegan

BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers to Dec. Trivia

What happened to Jesus forty days after his resurrection?

Answer: He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:3-11)

Who wrote the letter to Philemon?

Answer: Paul (Phm 1:1)

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