



## Message from our Clergy

*Pastor Zachary Manton, Assistant Spiritual Director  
ECI Walk #31, Table of Jacob*

Billy Graham, once in a Revival meeting held in Los Angeles, shared a passionate message on the Early Church, outlining what needs to be done for the Churches of the modern era to become more effective. While many were moved by it, some Christians criticized him of taking Christianity back by 100 years, Rev. Graham said to have replied with wisdom borne out of a long, enduring relationship with Christ: “I did indeed want to set religion back, not just by 100 years but 1,900 years, to the Book of Acts when first century followers of Christ were accused of turning the Roman Empire upside down.”

May we have the fire and passion of first-century Christians once again in this modern era in our Emmaus community, in our home churches and in our personal lives. Be bold. Be brave. Be prepared. Always in the name of Christ.

**De Colores!**

## Communications Update

*Vickie Dotterweich, Communications Chair  
ECI Walk #38, Table of Love*

Just a quick update on our database reconstruction. We have entered the information for approximately 10 walks, Men’s and Women’s, both Pilgrims and Team Members. There is still a lot of work to do, but we are definitely making great progress!

As part of this project, we are reaching out to the Community to verify/update the information we have on file. We have an awesome group of volunteers helping us with this project. If you would like to update your information and haven’t received a phone call, please feel free to send us an email at [communication@eci-emmaus.org](mailto:communication@eci-emmaus.org) with any updates.

**De Colores!**

## Fourth Day

*Andi Craycraft, Lay Director, ECI Walk #13, Table of Priscilla*

### God seeing me through the pandemic – Having Faith over fear.

As some ladies know that were on team for walk #40, back in 2020, the walk was cancelled two weeks before. Our theme was “knowing who you are in Christ.” And I can see now why the Lord lead me to set of plans on this topic. He knew all about what was about to happen. I do not know about you, but as a nurse I had a pandemic scenario in the back of my mind but I NEVER in my wildest dreams thought I would see one in my lifetime. The world was shut down for 30 days which quickly become 12 months, we all had to face the complete lack of unrest and uncertainty of the unknown. The absolute fear of illness from Covid virus that caused us to stop living life. We stopped all gatherings, family and public meetings, no church, no support of family get togethers, and we cancelled holiday celebrations. For some folks, fear became their new roommate. The news media poured out statistics of daily death tolls. The devil had his fear running full force but Thank God I remembered what the Lord told me about the Emmaus theme “Know who you are in the Lord.” I know the Lord and what he says about you and me. We are chosen, we are loved, he will always provide and protect us. We are to have Him carry all of our cares and concerns. He cares for us.

As we are getting back to some type of almost normal, working through the last year, I have learned who I am in Christ. I have learned to not fear or live in fear; to look at life differently. We had a chance to become creative and allow our imaginations to grow. We, God’s chosen people, had time to invent and look at what was truly important to us and what we could and could not live without. God gave us gifts of time to step off the rat racetrack and pray and connect more. Slow the pace of our breathing and live. Even though I worked through the entire thing, I learned a new appreciation for health care, postmen, community services men and women, pastors and small business owners. Perseverance has been given to each and everyone of us over the past year. We / I am stronger Christians because of it. I am so grateful to have learned, to love deeper, slow down, smell flowers, make time count, and be thankful. Fourth day advice “Know who you are in the Lord.”

*“Be strong & courageous,  
all you who put  
hope in the LORD!”*

Psalm 31:24

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## Ten Reasons People Don't Sponsor Someone for the Walk to Emmaus

For the past several years I have worked with people trying to convince them to be a sponsor for the Walk to Emmaus. I hear a lot of reasons why people **don't** sponsor.

### 1. I have never done this before!

We are here to help you learn how to be a sponsor! There are video clips on the website to get you started and we are available to teach you!!

### 2. I don't know what to do!

A great suggestion is to co-sponsor with someone who does know what to do! We can help connect you with a co-sponsor.

### 3. I don't know who to recruit!

Make a list of people you know who would be blessed by the walk. What about someone from your church? What about someone from work? Is there someone in the neighborhood?

### 4. I don't know what to say!

Tell them about the great experience you had. What blessed you most? Speak from the heart.

### 5. People don't get back to me.

Rather than leaving the conversation wide open, give the individual the information and tell them you will call them in three days and get back to them.

### 6. What if they say no?

Ask them what would keep them from being a part of the walk. Speak to their concerns. "I had concerns as well and I decided to trust the Lord and go, and I will NEVER forget this experience!"

### 7. They want all the details, and I don't know what to say.

Tell them it is a wonderful spiritual retreat where there is music and fellowship and amazing talks. There is lots of food and fellowship.

### 8. I am not sure how to start.

Start with prayer. Pray that the Lord leads you to the people who will be blessed by the walk. Everything starts with prayer!

### 9. I don't know what they need to fill out.

They need to complete the application – you can find it on the website! And you complete part of it. There are directions on the application.

### 10. What do you get for sponsoring a pilgrim?

You will have the biggest blessing ever by seeing the joy on your pilgrim's face!! And you will also get a big blessing from our Lord!

*Send your questions and concerns to  
sponsorship@eci-emmaus.org*

# UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**JULY '21**  
No Gathering

**AUGUST '21**  
August 7, 2021 12-3 pm Picnic  
Center Chapel UMC  
900 W, Royerton Rd., Muncie, IN

**SEPTEMBER '21**  
**MEN'S WALK #40**  
September 30 - October 3, 2021  
October 2/3  
Candlelight/Closing

**OCTOBER '21**  
**WOMEN'S WALK #40**  
October 14-17, 2021  
October 16/17  
Candlelight/Closing

**NOVEMBER '21**  
November 5, 2021 6:30 pm  
Gathering

**DECEMBER '21**  
December 10, 2021 6:30 pm  
Praise Fest



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