



A Word from our Community Lay Director

Sherry Anderson, ECI Walk #22, Table of Humility

There are many exciting new programs being launched by the Upper Room, which is the parent organization for us and many many Emmaus and Chrysalis communities around the world.

One of the most exciting new programs for us is the new Chrysalis program. They have totally revamped the program and we're anxious to put it into use, but due to the timing – it's not feasible for us this year.

Remember though: the Lord's timing is always perfect! By postponing the Flights until next year we will have a completely new program – exciting, inviting and relevant to today's teens! We'll able to generate a whole new group of teens year after year when parents and teens realize how valuable this new three day journey can be to them and their future.

We're going to start by inviting local youth leaders to a "fact-finding" event in the next few months, just to hear what they think are their greatest needs. We want to know what draws their youth to events, and how we can best provide this three day experience to their youth. We want their blessing and encouragement, and for them to be assured that this program would have great value to them and their youth groups.

East Central Indiana Emmaus/Chrysalis Community: We want to get really good at Chrysalis because **the future of our Community is in our youth!** We need to become a family-friendly, youth-focused organization that also provides Emmaus Walks! The changed lives from Chrysalis weekends will flow into the families, and energize every aspect of opening the eyes of believers.

We will be starting with the Board conducting a Strategic Planning Session to consider all the future goals of our East Central Indiana Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities. This will generate a set of goals and plans. Next we'll recruit community members for

specific teams to work on specific areas. The teams will help us address not just next year, but a three to five year plan. This plan of action to help us intentionally evolve into a vibrant community of all ages, centered around providing youth with new faith-based knowledge and options that can forever change the trajectory of their lives in this ever changing world they are facing.

New dates are not available yet, but the new Chrysalis Steering Committee, led by our own Rhonda Keith, will start putting plans into action!! In 2022, we're going to start with the new program and a knowledgeable well trained team of adults and youth (a few borrowed from our southern Chrysalis communities.) We will expect the great experiences of the very first group of teens to fuel the future groups of teens and pull in parents and grandparents who also want to know more about the Walk to Emmaus.

We are so excited to introduce the new version of this teen spiritual retreat, for the sake of their lives.

Doesn't this give you chills? Can you see this vision? Do you feel this energy? I'm excited to see us all lined up behind Jesus as we roll up our sleeves and get involved!

De Colores!



*“Honor her for all that
her hands have done,
and let her works bring
her praise at the city gate.”*

Proverbs 31:31

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Zoom Meetings on Everything You Need to know to be a Sponsor!

Have you thought about being a sponsor
and are not sure if you have what it takes?

Are you uncertain about what you are signing up for?

Join us for a one hour zoom meeting to explore how to be a sponsor and to consider the different options around sponsorship that are available.

TIMES:

Tuesday, May 18 at 6 pm

Sunday, June 6 at 4 pm

Register at sponsorship@eci-emmaus.org

or

Contact Bonnie Maitlen at 260-726-5433



Message from our Clergy

Pastor Brad Hensley Spiritual Director
ECI Walk #32, Table of Jacob

I like holidays! I like to celebrate with family and friends. Especially after the year we have had, any chance to get together with others is a blessing. That is my favorite part of celebrating holidays: the ability to be with friends and loved ones. It is exciting to watch children open their presents on Christmas. It is fun to sit around on Thanksgiving and talk with people we do not always make time for throughout the year. When we think of holidays we often think of Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, birthdays, Independence Day, etc. There are two major holidays we traditionally celebrate in May: Mother's Day and Memorial Day. In the Church calendar, this year, both Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday fall in May.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told the disciples, "and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) On Pentecost

Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.



Everyday for us should be a holiday. This is a concept that today seems vital to remember. We should be excited like a five-year-old at Christmas or on their birthday. When the world is crazy, and everything is upside down, we should know Jesus is with us. It is better than visiting with Uncle Charles and Aunt Martha. It is better than when a long-lost prodigal child comes home. Everyday is a holiday to be celebrated to the fullest.

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WANTED!

Sponsors for the Walk to Emmaus

Did you enjoy being on the Walk to Emmaus? Who do you know who would be blessed by the walk? We are looking for people to attend Walk 40! The Men's Walk is September 30 - October 3, 2021 and the Women's Walk is October 14-17, 2021. We need to submit applications now to be prepared for these fall walks. Write down below five people you know who would enjoy the walk.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Now call them!! Here is what you can say: *I have been on the Walk to Emmaus and found it to be a great blessing. The Walk to Emmaus is a three day Christian spiritual renewal that is like a short course on Christianity! You will meet other individuals who also want to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's*

grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

There are sponsorship trainings on-line at www.eci-emmaus.org. We will be holding some Zoom sponsorship trainings soon as well. And we will talk about sponsorship at the next gathering. We want you to feel confident as you invite people to the Walks. You can also request a co-sponsor to help you with the great task. Click the website link above for the application. The prospective pilgrim completes Page 1 and Page 3 and you complete Page 2. Download the application and print it. Then, after it's complete, mail it to: Registrar PO Box 2004 Muncie, IN 47303-0004.

What is holding you back? Take the step and invite someone to a walk! If you need help or a co-sponsor, contact us for assistance! Michael Coolman, Sponsorship Chair and Bonnie Maitlen, Assistant Lay Director. 260-726-5433 sponsorship@eci-emmaus.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JUNE '21

June 4, 2021 6:30 pm
Gathering
at Union Chapel Ministries
4622 N. Broadway Ave., Muncie

JULY '21

July 9, 2021 6:30 pm
In person Gathering
Location TBA

AUGUST '21

August 6, 2021 Picnic
Time & Location TBA



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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