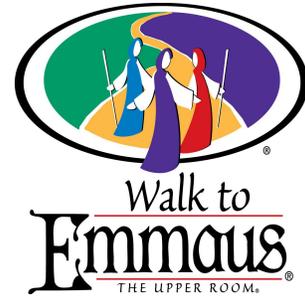


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## February 2021 Lake Cumberland Emmaus and Chrysalis Community Newsletter

Dear Emmaus & Chrysalis Community,

I pray this letter finds each of you well and encouraged. First, let me apologize to the community for any confusion regarding the spring walks. After the January board meeting, several things were brought to my attention that the board was also not aware of. In November, the board voted to move forward with spring walks unless there was a mandated lock down in place. We were not aware that Mountain View Camp was not going to reopen and the Emmaus board was not prepared at the time of the meeting in January to know exactly how to proceed. During the gathering, community members were asking why the Emmaus team was not looking at other possibilities to proceed with the walks like the Chrysalis team had done.

At that time, we had not checked into any alternative sites to hold the walks and it was decided we needed to check with each upcoming pilgrim to see if there was still enough interest to hold a walk before further plans were made. We want to provide a safe environment for workers and pilgrims while still keeping the walk as normal as possible as well as adhering to CDC guidelines. I requested the registrar reach out to each sponsor to see if their pilgrims would still be planning to attend should a walk occur in the spring.

I am sorry if this is causing any confusion. I am just a country boy and I have tried my best to be available to all our board representatives and our community. It has been a very difficult season for us all and there are many who don't agree on much these days. I get that but even if we don't agree on

everything, God does call us to love and to forgive one another. I don't have any hard feelings to those who are uncomfortable with in-person gatherings or walks but as it is not just my decision that counts as Community Lay, it is a majority vote that is ruled on.

Saturday night, we had a long board meeting and after much deliberation and prayer as a group and as individuals, it was decided to proceed with the spring walks. We all know the mountain holds a special place for us, but we also know God is with us wherever we are together as the body of Christ because He lives within us. When God closes one door, He opens another. This scripture was brought up before the new plan was even presented for the walks. "Trust in the Lord, with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

We don't rely on our own understanding. Stephen didn't rely on his own understanding when he was being stoned. Daniel wasn't relying on his own understanding when he was thrown into the lion's den. I am not relying on my own understanding of God is going to work all of these details out but I am willing to step out in faith knowing if pilgrims are wanting to go on these walks, then God will supply the rest. As a Board of Directors, we are trusting in God's plan. We want to give God the glory for already opening doors so on behalf of the Board, I would like to announce the upcoming spring dates. The Chrysalis Flight #55 will be held at Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset, KY on April 9-10. The Men's and Women's spring walks will be held at the Salvation Army Camp in Burkesville, KY. The Men's Emmaus walk #127 will be held April 22-25 while the Women's Emmaus walk #138 will be held April 29-May 2.

We want to encourage you to be in support of our Chrysalis community. They inspired the Emmaus board to not give up. Adults don't do well with change but these young folks don't give up that easy! That should be an inspiration to us all. God is doing a great work in the younger generation and we praise Him for that!! The Emmaus is a tool to strengthen our faith and our community and if there is ever a time the church needs strengthened, it is NOW.

If you do not feel led to work the walks, there are still many ways to support the community such as agape items, letters, and most importantly, prayer. If you would like to work a walk, please send your application to Angela Gregory as soon as possible. If you filled out a previous application, send her a message to let her know you are still interested in helping with the walks.

Community, we need your help. Let us each remember what our walks meant to us and take that encouragement you felt then to give back to future pilgrims.

May God Bless You All!

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James Gregory 



Bernard Ridge will be hosting our Team Dedication and gathering on March 13. Board meeting is at 4:30 with meal to follow at 6 and service at 7 CST. The address is 170 Stephens Ridge Rd, Russell Springs, KY.

# WELCOME

**Due to 2020 being an unprecedented year, board members remained the same as 2020 with the exception of those who chose to step down. Those board openings were appointed and filled by majority vote at the Board of Directors meeting on February 13, 2021 according to our Community by Laws. Vacant committee appointments will be made at the March board meeting.**

**New designations are as follows:**

**Vanessa Burton- Treasurer**

**Tracey Pierce- Webpage Administrator**

**Misty Cundiff- Facebook and Beacon Editor**



**Thank you to Old Liberty Community Church for hosting our January gathering. It was a blessing to be able to fellowship in the Lord. Thank you to our singers, Barbara, Lucas and James for the wonderful music and Misty Cundiff for her 4<sup>th</sup> day testimony. God is still in the healing business!**



**We are coming upon a very special time for our community so please be in prayer especially for team selection. Pray for our clergy, our teams, caterpillars, pilgrims, and Lay directors for these spring walks.**

“Be Careful for nothing; but in everything by power and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of GOD which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” Philippians 4:6-9