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Fall is Here!*Debbie Brookins, Community Lay Director*

I love this time of the year, don't you? The colorful leaves (although this year I think we're going to be disappointed by the colors?), the crisp fall days with clear blue skies and warm sunshine, nights with bonfires and the smell of wood smoke in the air, apples, cider, mums, pumpkins, hoodies, hikes through the woods. I just love fall!!

The kids are back into the school routine, the football games are happening every Friday night, soccer games every Tuesday or Thursday and Saturdays; life seems to get back into a rhythm. So, that being said, what did you let slide this past summer? Is there something you need to get back to, to get back into your rhythm? Maybe you didn't read as much this summer as you usually do throughout the rest of the year; maybe you didn't make it to church every Sunday or bible study on Wednesdays. It's not too late to add those to your weekly list. Now is the time to get yourself started back into the rhythm that brings you closer to Jesus; through reading the Scriptures, studying the Bible and listening to His word. Jesus is very understanding. He'll overlook your pitfalls over the summer as long as you are willing to work towards deepening your relationship with him. Don't delay any longer. Start now!

Perhaps, you know someone who like to deepen their relationship with our Lord also. The men's walk is fast approaching at the end of the month (October 27-30) and I'm sure there are still spots open. Is there someone you would like to sponsor? Get an application from the website (southernohioemmaus.com) or contact someone in your church who is active in Emmaus. If necessary, you can contact Brian Mecum, our sponsorship board member, and he will be sure to get you an application.

I hope to see you all at send off for the men's walk, at candlelight on Saturday and closing on Sunday. Till then, enjoy your fall! DeColores!!

Time to Vote*Jeff Bender, Past Community Lay Director*

Two months ago, you should have received a revised version of the Southern Emmaus Bylaws. The original bylaws are nearly 30 years old and needed to be updated, especially for changes in technology. There was a comment period that ended late last month. Now it is time to vote on whether to ratify the revisions or not.

Below is a ballot. Please mark your ballot as *For* or *Against*. You can e-mail the marked ballot to the Chair, Debbie Brookins, at her e-mail below, send it to her by mail, or bring it to a gathering. Alternatively, you can e-mail it to me at bendej1@gmail.com or mail it to me at 4500 Coonpath Road, NE, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Voting ends after the Women's Walk on September 11, 2016.



As with everything, pray for God's guidance as you vote.

De Colores

Jeff Bender, Past Year Chair

Volunteers Needed!!!! When Emmaus Meets Emmaus Eats!

Sara Zinn, Social Committee Chair

Women or Men that are wanting to help out and serve on the social committee. Tasks include set-up and closing for walks and being at the gatherings, to put food out and clean dishes are some of the tasks you will be doing. If interested or have any questions, please email me. Thank you!

Decolores,
Sara

Sponsorship

Brian Mecum, Sponsorship

Sponsorship begins the moment that you begin speaking to your pilgrim about the walk. The same cannot be said for sponsorship ending when the weekend of the walk has to close. As we can all relate, we need each other to keep the fire for Christ burning in this dark world that our earth is becoming. Your pilgrim will face challenges with their new found fire; be there for them to turn to you for comfort, advice, strength, and love.

Sponsorship is more than paying the fee and bringing the pilgrim to camp. Sponsorship is a privilege to be taken earnestly. Please remember what your walk meant to you; your appreciation for someone showing that they want to invest in your eternity. From carrying luggage, making sure they have the necessary supplies for the weekend, making sure their favorite treat is on the snack table, being there to show your love for candlelight, to greeting them with hug on Sunday afternoon at the closing, listening to their experience while traveling and delivering safely back to their home.

Remember that life can be busy and it is completely okay to ask for someone to co-sponsor with you. Whether you need help carrying the pilgrim's luggage because of physical limitations or you need some help making sure the financial aspects of fees and snacks can be covered.

As your Sponsorship Chair, I am dedicated to making sure that you are all equipped to sponsor a pilgrim. I am happy to provide additional trainings if you are not able to attend the Education Day trainings scheduled each year. I am also available to talk, text, or email. Let's remember that as a sponsor, it is our love for Christ that should shine through us for the pilgrims to feel His love. This is the very first encounter of AGAPE that they will have.....MAKE IT COUNT!



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DeColores,
Brian Mecum, SEO Emmaus Men's Walk #58

Chrysalis R.O.C.S! Seeking Volunteers! *Suzette Shuster, Community Secretary*

Anybody interested in helping with the ministry called Chrysalis. Chrysalis is the teen version of the walk to Emmaus. They go through some of the same activities that took place on your Emmaus Walk. If anybody is interested in helping with this ministry please contact by email Suzette Shuster for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sponsorship

Jeff Bender, Past Year Chair

Sponsorship is the backbone of the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsors should send pilgrims who are ready for the Walk. Unfortunately, not just anyone is ready for the Walk.

A pilgrim should be a mature Christian and person. The Walk is not for non-believers or for people who are members of other religions just looking for a comparative experience. Further, the Walk is not for those people who are "of" the world so much that they cannot be disconnected from it for three whole days. In today's world, being disconnected from the noise is very difficult (if not impossible) for a growing number of people. Unfortunately, the internet and electronics are as much of an addiction as drugs or alcohol for many. Make sure your pilgrim fully understands the commitment before sending them on the Walk.

As with everything, sponsorship begins and continues with prayer. One of the major purposes of the Walk is the immersion of the pilgrim in the Word and the Holy Spirit. This requires much prayer by the sponsors (and community), and a gradual giving-over of the pilgrim to the Spirit through the word, prayer, and special events. A distracted pilgrim will not be able to fully experience the Spirit. This is why it is a must the pilgrim not possess a watch or electronic devices that tether the pilgrim to their everyday world.

The Walk is one of those times in your life that less is more, a lot more; more of God, his son, and the Holy Spirit. There is nothing in this world that can equal God's grace, and there is



nothing more powerful. So, please make sure your pilgrim is ready for the Walk and to receive God's direct grace.

De Colores
 Jeff Bender

Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church at 1004 West Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, Oh. For more details or information please contact Donna Dickson at 740-687-1791 or ddickson9@columbus.rr.com.

Rio Grande Area

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings meet at the Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month. For more details and information please contact Rick Howell via phone 740-446-4624.

12015 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

This is the current contact list of our Board of Directors. Keep this list so you can contact the board with questions concerns, and ideas. Please keep the board in your prayers as they serve the Lord and our community.

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