

Mark your calendars now

Saturday May 21st 2022 starting at 8:00am until 5:00pm Camp Michigamme Grace Hall and Agape/Wigwam Building Community Gathering and Team Building Sessions

DID YOU KNOW? There are two sides to every Emmaus Walk weekend: the conference room and the auxiliary team. Conference Room works closely with the pilgrims – giving talks, leading in discussions, posters, and skits, praying and worshiping with them, and being the face of the agape love the pilgrims will feel during the weekend. Auxiliary is the amazing behind-the-scenes hands and feet of Jesus, making meals, setting up and taking down the dining room, sorting and delivering mail and agape items, cleaning bathrooms, and a hundred other little things that help to make the weekend a blessing for all. No one ever works alone – we are all on God's team! This base of Godly servants is how the Lay Directors and Auxiliary Leaders are able to serve in those roles with confidence. They know there are many people working together towards one goal. Bringing the pilgrims closer to Christ.

DID YOU KNOW? There is a progressive nature to serving on a Walk to Emmaus. New members of the community are encouraged to work with experienced teams as an Auxiliary worker first. You begin as a new person on the team, working a few walks with them, working in another area of service each time. Then, after gaining confidence on what happens on a walk, you are invited to head into the Conference Room. This begins as an Assistant Table Leader (ATL), then a Table Leader (TL) Then you work up to Assistant Lay Director (ALD) After serving as an ALD for at least 2 times, you can then step into the roll of Lay Director (LD).

Many have been called.



And a few have even responded!



But no one called me to be on Team, you say? Then ask yourself this; (It's been 2 to 3 years and a pandemic since the last Walk.)

Has your phone number or e-mail Changed since your Walk?

Do you have a answering machine or message box set-up on your cell phone?

If you would like to be on Team but have not been called, then click here <u>mindseye@up.net</u> and I will respond back.

DeColores, Emmaus family,

I am still new to this position of Community Spiritual Director, so I hope this little note finds you all well and staying spiritually fed.

Living in the secular world can stay being spiritually fed a tricky thing. To explain, I wanted to share a little personal story. Before I took my Walk to Emmaus, I was a regular watcher of professional wrestling. Oh, the music, the fireworks, the acrobatics in the ring ... I found it thrilling! The first night back from my walk, I sat down in front of the TV and tuned in the show. I only made it through about 15 minutes, and then I shut it off- oddly unsatisfied.

What had happened? I had been given the very best spiritual food for 72 wonderful hours. I came home and instead of enjoying more of a meal, I tried to stuff myself with cotton candy and candy corn. Not satisfying and it made me feel a little ill. My tastes had been adjusted to the awesome Godly meal and the very worldly meal was not going to cut it.

Have you been feeling a little distant from the Spirit? Not satisfied with the things happening around you or how you are reacting to the world you live in? Take a moment and write down what you are consuming – the books you read, the movies and shows you watch, the music you listen to: are they filling you with the spirit, or trying to fill you up with empty thoughts and emotions? Keeping a close eye on what we consume in our souls helps us to stay filled with the Spirit and keeps the worldly issues where they belong – firmly in the hands of Jesus.

A great way to stay filled with the spirit is to surround yourself with Godly people on a regular basis. This is why regular church attendance keeps us on track. Regular meetings with a Fourth Day group also make a difference. If you are not meeting with anyone on a regular basis, be sure to check out the groups we have listed. Or, step into something new, and start your own group meeting. If you need help, just ask – the community is here to help you stay spiritually fed!

Until next time - hold tight to the truth that God loves you - and so do I

Pastor Vicky Prewitt

Greetings fellow Superiorland Emmaus family,

A lot has happened since we last were able to bless pilgrims at an Emmaus walk. A lot has been done in preparation for the next walk, and a lot still needs to be done. I (and the rest of the "prep" team) look forward to the upcoming "prep" day on May 21st, 2022. It will be a time of instruction to bring us back into line with the model that was initially presented to us. After a LONG hiatus, it just seems like the perfect time to refresh and renew. I for one, cannot wait to serve on the next walk. If you feel as though God has put it on your heart to serve in the fall....we have a spot for you to full. If you have had someone on your heart that you have thought would be a good candidate and is ready to go deeper into a relationship with our Lord....NOW is the time to invite them. Our Superiorland Emmaus website has the ""Team Volunteer", Candidate Application" and "Sponsor Form" forms to be printed, filled out and sent in.

I think that we can ALL agree that our own weekend was something special and we want to replicate that same experience for others. I pray that we can come together as a family and bless those that put themselves in God's hands for a weekend of bending, stretching and growing.

GLYASDI, Jane



Remember, when you point a finger at someone else and say let them do it, you are pointing three fingers back at yourself.



Greetings Emmaus Community,

We will be gathering on May 21st to prepare for our upcoming Emmaus Walk. ALL conference room and auxiliary team members are invited and strongly encouraged to come together for a day of community and a fresh approach to how we orchestrate a walk.

It is important that the full team understand that the changes being made are bringing us back into line with the proven model designed by Upper Room Ministries-we have strayed, but this year is a good time for us to reset to the way it is supposed to be done.

We will be gathering early, the coffee will be brewed and ready to go so we can get an early start as we have a lot of ground to cover. It is the hope that we will be able to preview clergy talks and possibly some given by lay persons so there will be less to be previewed at a second date. This date has not yet been set, but will be set prior to May 21st. Only people giving and previewing talks need be at the second meeting.

Our "prep" time will begin at 8am and close at 5pm. We will have some donuts and fruit available as well as coffee. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to pass for a potluck style meal for lunch.

Looking forward to a day of fellowship and renewal.

GLYASDI, the "Prep" Team

Men's Walk #84 September 15-18, 2022, Lay Director - Mike Deatrick Women's Walk #85 September 22-25, 2022, Lay Director - Paula Ross

Many changes are happening that will make the Teams and Walks stronger.

Change #1 - NO MORE OVERNIGHTER'S: We will now have single "Overdays" or "Team Building Days" where we can review talks, participate in Team building and training, worship, fellowship and prayer for our community, pilgrims and teams. With no need to bring a sleeping bag, find a bed or mattress or make two trips each time.

Change #2 - TEAM BUILDING DAYS WILL BE EARLIER: Team building days will be held on May 21st and perhaps another at a later date. This should be less intrusive on summer vacations and plans but will also give extra time, if needed, for speakers to revise and re-review their talks. It will also encourage our community to start sponsoring their candidates earlier as well. We will be meeting at Camp Michigamme in Grace Hall and the new Agape/Wigwam as well. Starting time will be 8:00am and going untill approximately 5:00pm with, you guessed it, a Pot Luck lunch around noon.

Change #3 - PUSHING THE CALENDAR FORWARD: In the past we kind of took a deep breath after the Walks were over, told ourselves what a good job we'd done and kind of went into hibernation. Sometime after January or so, we started to get serious about calling for volunteers to form the next Team. Not any more. Dates and times are already set for the next Walk and the Teams are being formed <u>right now</u> and the speakers have their outlines. By the time you read this the Teams for Walk #84 and #85 should be formed. That means you should be preparing for Team Building Day on May 21st. You should also be preparing potential candidates and becoming a sponsor. There you will receive help and guidance on how and what are the responsibilities of a good sponsor, as well as being part of an Emmaus Walk Team.

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HELP WANTED

Have you ever used the phrase "They Should" before asking a question or making your ideas know? Well now is your chance to become a part of "They".

The Superiorland Emmaus Board of Directors have several vacancies and are in need of new volunteer members right now. As you can also see in the listing of the board members on this page several terms of office are ending this year. So we need new volunteer members for our Board who want to help and make a difference in your Superiorland Emmaus Community.

If you are interested please contact me, Jim Baker, Nominations Chair at (<u>mindseye@up.net</u>) or talk to any of the Board members you see or may know listed on this page.

Thank you



REMEMBER Candidates are not recruited (they are invited) Candidates are not drafted (they are not forced) Candidates are SPONSORED

Jesus said "Go out, seek and make disciples", not wait for them to come to you.

Follow God's command and be a sponsor now.

If our Lord leads you to give a much needed donation (of any size) to the New Agape-Wigwam Building Project please send your donation to:

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