

Great River Emmaus Gathering Community

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To the Great River Gathering Community,

It is always the hope of all of us as we serve in the Walk to Emmaus ministry that above all things God is glorified in all that we do. Whether you are a new member of this community having recently completed your first Walk or have many years behind you since that first Thursday evening when you silently said to yourself, "What have I gotten myself into?"

We all have one thing in common no matter when we made our first Walk to Emmaus, we have had an intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ through the countless efforts of many people whose heartfelt service was offered so that you and I could experience Christ's love in a whole new way.

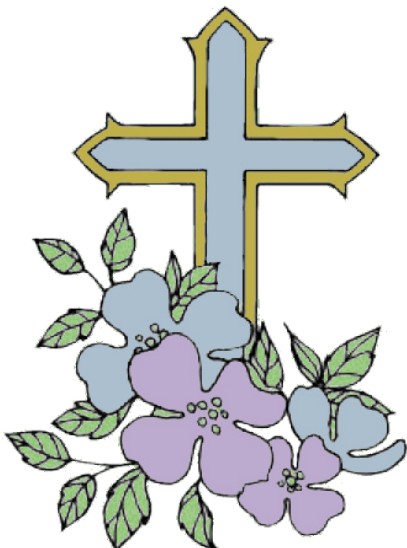
The temptation to take the treasure of this experience and store it away as one of the most memorable experiences in our life is an ever present danger of our Walk to Emmaus experience. Let's face it, "we are busy." We are busy just like all of those who took the time to write us a letter. We are busy just like those who got up early or stayed up late to spend time in the prayer chapel or gave their time to help serve our meals. We are busy just like all of those who drove many miles just to hold a lighted candle in hope that its light would touch our hearts in a special way and we would experience the love of Christ in a way that we have never felt before.

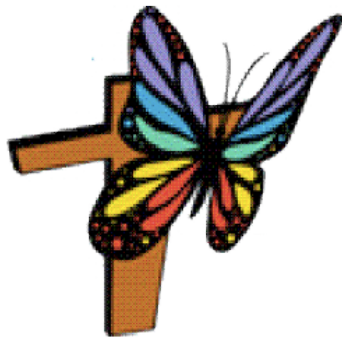
How long has it been since you first experienced that love? The better question is how long has it been since you offered your service with time in prayer in the prayer chapel or written a letter? Have you found time to help with meal service, or attended a Candlelight service so that others could experience what you did? Each pilgrim has only one chance in their life to experience Walk to Emmaus for the first time. How important is it to each of us who have come before them that they have the greatest opportunity to experience what we did?

Each of us gets only one chance to experience a "first time." If we could only once again stand at the podium on Sunday evening and remember the grateful heart that led us to share what Walk to Emmaus means to us, would we have imagined at that moment that we could be too busy to help provide that opportunity to others?

Remember the words that were spoken as your cross was placed around your neck by the Spiritual Director of your weekend, "Christ is counting on you." I know we are busy, as are all of those who made the commitment to serve on a weekend. Our answer is simply "yes" or "no." I'm too busy is not an option. Too many other servants have already taken that option away. As we all found in our service to Him, we can never out give our Lord. The Blessings in giving are more than abundant. Let's remember that truly Christ is counting on us to fulfill the pledge of our hearts as we felt so deeply the love that we are called to share with others on our Walk to Emmaus weekend.

Decolores,
Steve Bunch





Chrysalis

All young adults living in this world need to grow and open their life to more of Jesus' power and love. Chrysalis Journey #5 is coming August 5-7, 2011 to Green Pastures Christian Campground near Meredosia, IL. Journey #5 will be for 18 to 24 year olds who have graduated high school and will be co-ed. The Lay Director is Sarah Shriver, the Youth Lay Director is Elizabeth Wittler and the Spiritual Director is Nancy Ribes. No Journeys are scheduled for 2012.

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a young adult on Chrysalis Journey #5. The purpose of Journey is to inspire, challenge and equip college/career aged young adults for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, at church, at school, and in their community.

Applications and sponsor information can be obtained from:

Mailing Address: PromiseLand Chrysalis
1157 Boehs Ln., Bluffs, Illinois 62621
Email: katelin.long@live.com
Phone: Jeanne Shriver at 217-964-2495
Web: www.promiselandchrysalis.com

(Note the address for Chrysalis no longer has a P.O. Box in Rushville.)



If YOU don't take the time to pray for a candidate and sponsor, who will?

Start praying for 15 to 19 year old, high school girls that you could sponsor to Chrysalis Flight #46 that will be held November 18-20, 2011.

The next boys' Flight - Chrysalis Flight #48 will be held March 2-4, 2012.



"Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a chrysalis. On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love."



Agape from the Emmaus community is welcomed and encouraged: Prayers, attendance and participation, pillow agape, banners, community and personal letters.



Central Illinois Emmaus

PromiseLand Chrysalis

Journey Registration

Chrysalis Journeys are for young adults 19-24 years of age. Non High School 18 year olds will be considered eligible.

***Form must be printed & filled out completely in order for it to be processed ***

Name: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Name as you want it on your name tag: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: ___ Zip: ___ Phone: (___) _____ e-mail: _____

Emergency Contact w/Phone: _____

DOB: ___/___/___ M/F ___ College/Univ./Yr: _____

Occupation: _____ What are you expecting from this weekend?

Church Name: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Special Diet? Please describe: _____

Medication? Please describe what, why & when _____

Any other health concerns or handicap needs we need to be aware of? _____

Signature of Candidate

Signature of Sponsor

Sponsor's Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

e-mail: _____ Home Phone: (___) _____

Date/# of original Walk/Journey/Flight: _____ Where? _____

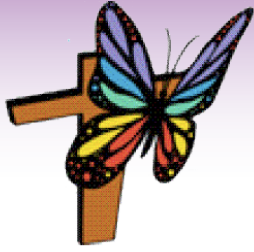
Candidate support? Sponsor's Hr: ___ Candlelight: ___ Closing: ___ Reunion Group: ___

Relationship to candidate: _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate?

Your Chrysalis Journey will be held at Green Pastures Camp near Meredosia, Illinois. Directions, emergency numbers and a map will be provided by your sponsor. Any questions should be directed to the Community Registrar at the address below. Sponsors: There is a \$50.00 registration fee - please make checks payable to PromiseLand Chrysalis. ** All information supplied herein is confidential and will be used by the PromiseLand Chrysalis Registrarr*

Central Illinois Emmaus PromiseLand Chrysalis - 1157 Boehs Ln., Bluffs, IL 62621



Chrysalis Health Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Group Numbers: _____

List any dietary Restrictions:

X Each that the camper has experienced

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma or wheezing | <input type="checkbox"/> chicken Pox |
| <input type="checkbox"/> heart trouble | <input type="checkbox"/> measles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> mumps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> rheumatic fever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> convulsions | <input type="checkbox"/> bed wetting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fainting | <input type="checkbox"/> bladder trouble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sleepwalking | <input type="checkbox"/> kidney trouble |

Is the camper under care for any illness at present?

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

List medication now being taken:

List any medication (or other) allergies:

Emergency Contact: _____

PH: _____

2nd Emergency Contact: _____

PH: _____

Do not send any medications other than those ordered by your doctor. A written doctor's order MUST accompany ANY medication sent. The label on a prescription bottle with the campers name, medication name, and dose is considered a doctor's order.

Doctor's name: _____

PH: _____

To my knowledge, I have no health problem unless stated above, and I can SAFELY PARTICIPATE.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give my permission for Promiseland Chrysalis Leadership to administer to my minor child/ward, acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen if requested.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Please fill out and sign this form. Attach additional information to this form.

Dates to Remember

2011 Great River Emmaus Gathering Community



July 7-10

MEN'S WALK #234Q, QU Retreat Center

July 16 2:00 pm Women's Anointing, Salem Evangelical, 435 S. 9th
 July 25 5:30 pm GREGC Fellowship Gathering, Hy-Vee, 1400 Harrison, Quincy
 7:00 pm GREGC Steering Committee, LifePoint Bible Church, 18th & Harrison, Quincy

JULY 28-31

WOMEN'S WALK #235Q, QU Retreat Center

August 14 2:00 pm GREGC GATHERING, SALEM EVANGELICAL, 435 S. 9th, QUINCY
 August 22 5:30 pm GREGC Fellowship Gathering, Cassano's Pizza, 312 N. 27th, Quincy
 7:00 pm GREGC Steering Committee, LifePoint Bible Church, 18th & Harrison, Quincy
 September 26 5:30 pm GREGC Fellowship Gathering & Steering Committee, Gran Rio, 206 Steamboat Bend Shopping Center, (behind Walgreens), Hannibal, MO
 October 24 5:30 pm GREGC Fellowship Gathering & Steering Committee, Saints Avenue Café, 424 Clark St, Canton, MO

Central Illinois Emmaus

August 5-7 Chrysalis Journey #5, Green Pastures, Meredosia
 October 13-16 Men's Walk #236, Lake Springfield Christian Camp
 October 27-30 Women's Walk #237, Lake Springfield Christian Camp
 November 18-20 Chrysalis Flight #46, Girls Only, Green Pastures, Meredosia

Quincy Cursillo

July 14-17 Women's #280, QU Retreat Center
 September 22-25 Men's #281, QU Retreat Center
 November 3-6 Women's #282, QU Retreat Center

Northeast Missouri Emmaus Gathering Community Edina Methodist Church, Edina, MO

Great River Region Steering Committees and Chairpersons

Spiritual Director.....	Rebecca Dunger-Peak	Assistant Spiritual Director.....	Mike Wilson
Lay Leader.....	Steve Bunch	Secretary.....	Sharon Oberdahlhoff
Assistant Lay Leader.....	Donna Reid	Treasurer.....	Nancy Aden
Team Selection.....	Mike & Sharon Oberdahlhoff	Newsletter.....	Carolyn Carpenter
Support Crew Service.....	Roy & Nancy Miller	By-Laws.....	Bob Layman
Candidate Registration	-Debbie Sieck		
CIE Board.....	Steve & Patti Bunch, Mike & Sharon Oberdahlhoff Debbie Sieck, Mark Drummond		

Visit our website for more info:

<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/greatriveremmaus>

Volunteers needed. Will *you* answer the call?

Residents Encounter Christ (REC)

“HERE I AM LORD.” What a beautiful song we have sung many times! Have you taken those words seriously as you’ve sung it? Here I am Lord, is it I Lord? I heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

Western Illinois Correctional Center (WICC) is an Illinois Department of Corrections facility located in Mt. Sterling, IL. The Residents Encounter Christ (REC) community needs your help. We are in desperate need of new volunteers to be part of our REC community. We are allowed to have the third Saturday each month from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. for a fellowship meeting for offenders who have attended a REC weekend. There are three, 3-day weekends per year at Western (also held on the third weekend, in the months of March, June, and October). The Facility allows us to have an “inside team” (offenders) of 20 men and 20 new candidates on each REC weekend. In addition to the “insiders”, a team of “outsiders” also serves each weekend.

There are over 2000 inmates at WICC. Is God calling you to be part of this special ministry? The blessings you receive are truly phenomenal. Has anyone ever asked you to be in REC? We are asking you now! Have you ever had that thought or urging, that gentle nudge? We need your help!

Volunteer applications must be submitted to each Illinois prison in which you wish to minister. These applications are available from Marvin Meservey or Lavon Baker. We realize prison ministry is not for everyone, but it is for many. Please pray about joining this special mission. Ponder this opportunity to be Jesus and bring others to him. If you feel that nudge, say, “Yes, Lord! Here I am; Send me, send me. I will go and do your will.”



...⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:4
New International Version (NIV)

What is R.E.C.?

R.E.C. (Residents Encounter Christ) is an inter denominational Christian ministry to prisoners. It is a variation of Cursillo, modified for the prison environment. Although Roman Catholic in its roots, REC is ecumenical in its scope. The word encounter is exactly what happens during the 3-day R.E.C. experience. A team of about 30 Christian men and women from different denominational backgrounds, both lay and clergy, enter the prison to share 3 days of Christian community. After the initial R.E.C. is held at a prison, monthly follow-ups are made to encourage and support the residents in their spiritual growth and Christian community.

REC in the United States

- The REC program began in the late 1960s in a county jail in Lawrence, Mass., where three Franciscan priests offered a retreat for inmates.
- In the Albany Diocese, the first REC weekend was held at Mount McGregor Correctional Facility in Wilton, in the early 1980s.
- In Springfield, Massachusetts, a volunteer ecumenical group conduct 6 weekends per year at each of 2 facilities since 1982, and more than 2000 men and women have participated in REC's programs.
- The first R.E.C. weekend in Kentucky took place at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW) in Pee Wee Valley in August of 1986.
- REC started at Boonville (Men's) Correctional Center in Boonville, Missouri, in 1987.

Walk to Emmaus

Quincy Franciscan Retreat Center

Sponsor's Hour:

Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Apostolic Hour:

Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.



Chrysalis

Green Pastures, Meredosia

Sponsor's Hour:

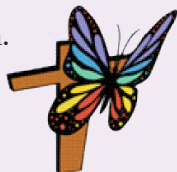
Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Apostolic Hour:

Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sunday at 4:30 p.m.



Who to Contact?

CIE Registrar/Applications

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Financial Contributions

Nancy Aden

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Please put "GRWE" in
the subject line. Thanks!

Support Crew Service Coordinators

Roy and Nancy Miller
6586 CR 423
Palmyra, MO 63461
nananancy@fastmail.fm

Emmaus Walks • Chrysalis Flights • Journeys for 2011

Central Illinois Emmaus Walks

Lake Springfield Christian Assembly, Springfield

Men's Walk # 236- October 13-16

Women's Walk # 237- October 27-30

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Green Pastures, Meredosia

Chrysalis Journey #5 August 5-7

Chrysalis Flight #45 Girls Only: Nov. 18-20

Great River Emmaus Walks

Quincy University Retreat Center

Men's Walk #234Q – July 7-10

Women's Walk #235Q- July 28-31

Registration deadlines for the Walks are the Friday before the Walks.