

Common Ground

March 2008

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Hello Wonderful Emmaus Community,

I can't believe March is almost here. We will be celebrating a very special day in my family. Our little Shelby will be 1 on the first of March. Also on the first we will be having our gathering at Concord UMC at 7pm. Concord is located right past the mall on the left coming from Paducah. I know you all know where the mall is so let's see how many we can have at our gathering. The Rooster (aka Kellogg) has been at Bandana UMC this month I hope he hasn't wandered off to the game reserve and found a girlfriend. Let's see who gets to take him home this month.

The Emmaus board held a Clergy brunch Feb 23. to show our appreciation to the clergy and also to talk about the new Clergy guidelines from the Upper Room. We appreciate all of the Clergy of the Community and we couldn't get along without you. Clergy if you were not at the meeting please talk with Bro. Aaron Dowdy about what you have to do to follow the guidelines.

Remember to get your applications in for the spring walks in April. They will be here before we know it. I would hate for someone to miss out on the joy of a walk because we don't sponsor them.



From the Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Hello! It's certainly a thrill to be involved with the Chrysalis Board. We have several new board members, and we are all VERY excited about getting started on the next flights. We will meet on Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church in Benton. If you have any business, please feel free to contact me. My mailing address is 201 Shady Hill Drive, Benton, KY 42025. My cell phone number is (270) 559-0494. (That's the best way to catch me.) You can also email me at dbushart@bellsouth.net. If you are interested in working the next flight, please let us know.



Announcing Spring Lay Directors for Flight #29

- Mary Ann Claxton
- Lonnie McClure



It's not too early to start getting applications in for the next flight. Keep the prayers going, and take ACTION if God lays a name on your heart. Don't wait until right before the flight - it's much easier to do a good job of sponsoring if you have time to contact friends and family for letters early.

God Bless!

Debbie

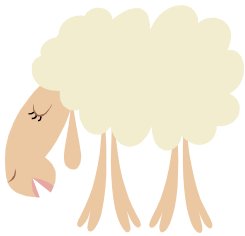


Heavenly Father,
In the silence of this pre-dawn morning, I am aware of the quiet and the stillness of my soul. There are no doubts, no fears within. I am at peace. Before the night's stillness gives way to the day's busyness, assure me of Your continued presence. Open my senses to Your inner promptings so that I may heed Your direction and not only change my day, but change my life and the life of others. Use me as You see fit this day. In my heart, mind, soul and body, let me be a servant for Your glory this day.
In Jesus name I pray.
Amen.



Kellogg

Did you know that Kellogg is a year old? A year ago the PAWTE Community adopted Kellogg and has tried to send him to a new church home following every gathering. He has gotten to know several of our churches very well, but there are some he has never visited. Please promote Emmaus Gathering, Chrysalis Hoots, Candlelights, and closings in your home church and get enough folks to attend so you can bring Kellogg to visit your church home.



Prayer Requests:

The teams for Walks #92 and #93 begin meeting in March. Please be in prayer for our Lay Directors Mickey McManus and Kim Hay.

Please be in prayer for each member of the team and every pilgrim who will respond to the call and take the Walk to Emmaus.

SHEEP BEARING BURDENS

Our burdens are heavy. They tend to weigh us down and cause us to worry or be anxious. If we could only learn from the beginning to give them to God and trust him with them. How much lighter our load would be. We are sheep and he is our shepherd. Sheep are not weight bearing animals. As sheep we are to trust and follow our shepherd knowing he will lead us beside still water and will lead us to green pastures. Donkeys are weight-bearing animals. As Jesus' triumphal entry was on a donkey caring the sins of the world, we must put our burdens upon Jesus. He is our donkey. He can handle the load.