



**Enriching Thoughts
Submitted by Dave Lockhart**

Greetings from the Board of Great River Walk to Emmaus!

The Great River Emmaus Gathering community, now some 11 years old, has continue to mature to the point that we now have been chartered by the Upper Room as an independent community, with our own bylaws and Board. Having been elected by our community, we have now met and are preparing to serve the GRE community. Henceforth we shall be the Great River Emmaus Community. Since the new board has been elected, we have had 2 successful walks--#9 led by LD Tom Ford and #10 with LD Donna Reid. --and with them, 34 new men and women pilgrims have now joined the family of the GRE community.

Without the support of the community, the board cannot successfully support the Emmaus mission, hold walks and reunions, and support the church of Jesus Christ. We will be forming committees and task forces for further our duties; we will need your help to move forward. Please respond as you are called to do so, and serve on a committee. Come to a weekend and carry a food tray, hold a candle, pray in the agape chapel, write a letter (yes, even to someone you do not know!), and support

those who are working to offer to new pilgrims the same intense spiritual experience that was offered to you. And come to a board meeting--we are open to the community, we meet the 4th Monday of each month from 7-8:30pm at Union UMC (11th and State in Quincy) and all are welcome. (We next meet on April 25—the March meeting is superseded by the board retreat).

Meet the officers and board members:

Chairman Dave Lockhart

Vice Chairman Dan Clair

Secretary Nancy Miller

Assistant Secretary/media rep

Dana Reid

Treasurer Sharon Oberdahlhoff

Lay members: James Abbott, Donnie Barton, Barb Edwards, Mandy Hatchel, Donna Reid, David Schutz, and James Wyatt.

Spiritual Director Nadine Preston

Clergy members: Mark Smith and Tom Lemons

Dave Lockhart, Board Chmn.

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*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"
(John 3:16).*

*On the Road
to Emmaus*

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.



Walk #9 Submitted by Tom Ford

Quincy Great River Walk to Emmaus walks 9

The weekend went good with just a few issues. Issue one was when Marvin got sick and couldn't be there on Thursday night. However he made it Friday morning and did a great job leading with music all weekend. Question I didn't know what the protocol would of been if Marvin couldn't of done the weekend. Dave Lockhart stepped up until Marvin got there.

Issue two was me not feeling good from Friday morning to the end of the weekend so I know I wasn't on top of my game. I know I messed some things up and I had to be out of the conference room several times because of these health issues.

Issue three was when Jeff got sick Saturday night and wasn't able to participate Sunday. Issue four was with the computer it looked like there was a virus in the computer. We also had an issue finding some things in the storage room.

All three assistants did a great job keeping everything on schedule all weekend only once did we get behind and that when we had a table who stayed in the chapel to long. Need to pass on to next assistants that they need to keep an eye on the time at this time of the weekend. At this time we had some tables that didn't have a discussion time for the means of grace talk. And no posters were done at that time so what I had the tables do in place of posters

for the talks I had them all make sure that they did a summery for the poster time. Thursday night in the chapel need a little more light to read the book. No issues with length of talks.

Food was good

Tom Ford,
Lay Director Walk #9



*You did not choose me,
but I choose you to go and
produce lasting fruit.*

John 15:16.

**The Great River
Emmaus Web site is
up and running if
you need extra ap-
plications or more
information you
can get it at
www.greatriveremmaus.org**

Walk #10 submitted by Donna Reid

Every walk I have been involved with always ends with "I think this is the BEST walk ever", And I have to agree. Walk #10 was the best walk ever, but every walk is the best walk ever when we allow God to work through us.

Walk #10 was no exception from the beginning on Thursday evening to the closing on Sunday and all of our Fourth days after, GOD is good, all the time. We may go through some valleys but if we keep our eyes open, God will bring us through.

We listened to talks, ate great food, made exceptional posters and skits, and shared laughter and tears at our tables. And we did eat some great food, did I mention that. The team stepped up to the plate where ever needed and the Pilgrims bloomed like a beautiful flower of spring from a bud on Thursday night to a full blossom on Sunday. What a joy to see that happen. For the new members of the Great River Community, please come and serve in the kitchen, work room, and

agape chapel this summer for a couple of hours, a day or all weekend, just come and serve and experience Emmaus in a different way.

Remember Faith is the Substance of things Hoped for, the Evidence of things Not seen.

DeColores,
Donna Reid,
Lay Director Walk #10

Winter Walks

Next Walks--ALL AT THE QU retreat center:

prep weekend July 7-10

#11 July 28-31, 2016, LD Randy Johnson (men)

#12 Aug 11-14, 2016, LD Kathy Wyatt (women)

Prep weekend Jan 6-8, 2017

Prep weekend July 7-9, 2017

#13 Jan 26-29 (men)

#15 July 27-31(men)

#14 Feb 16-19 (women)

#16 Aug 10-13 (women)

Make sure to get your pilgrims signed up before January 15 for the men and for the January 29 women 2016. A copy of the Sponsors form and Pilgrims are included in this letter. Send them together to the registrar with your \$25 deposit.

IMS- Update

If you haven't tried to sign into the IMS yet we ask that you please do so soon at gre.inetmember.com do not put the www in front of it. Your username is your email address and password is grege. If this doesn't work you need to contact Mike Oberdolph at 217-223-8686.

Gatherings

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERINGS

The next Great River Emmaus Gathering will be Saturday, April 16, 6-8 p.m. at Loraine, IL United Methodist Church, 610 E. Center St. Carry-in foods would be appreciated. Everyone is invited, including people who have not been on a weekend event. Childcare will be provided. If you would be able to give a brief Fourth-Day talk or assist with the organization of this Gathering, please contact Tom Lemons at JLemons@nemonet.com.

April GRE Gathering **Saturday, April 30, 2016**

5:00 PM Worship Service ([the normal weekly Palmyra United Methodist Church Saturday evening worship](#)) Afterwards Fellowship Palmyra United Methodist Church 110 West Olive. From 61 turn at the Maincross (Hardees) Exit. Continue west to the stop sign (Main street). Cross Main street and take next left (Dickerson). Church is two blocks on the left.

(If you would like to have a gathering or are planning one let us know so that we can get a message out to the community.)

Musicians

Musicians are in desperate need. Barb Edwards is willing to teach people how to play the guitar as an agape. If you are interested in learning how you can contact her at bje1285bje@yahoo.com or 217-779-7974.

Also, if you know how to play or sing let us know so that we can get you on a team as an musician.



“He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2Thessalonians 2:14

Great River Emmaus Gather Community Reunion Groups
(this is not an all inclusive listing.)

Mixed Reunion Group/ Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday night at Steve & Patty Bunch's home located at 5026 Sunview Drive, Quincy, IL from 7 pm till approx. 8:30 pm . You can contact Steve Bunch at 217-257-8312 for more information.

This mixed Group meets every Friday at 12:30 pm at different area restaurants.

Contact Candy Moore at 217-430-9734 or Dana Reid at 573-470-5000 for more information and to be added to the email notification list.

Road to Damascus Reunion Group meets at different places in Quincy on Thursday nights from 6-8 pm for more information contact Tim Kamradt at 217-440-3084 or wolfsnake3@yahoo.com.

Edina & Memphis, MO Area: This reunion group meets in Edina, MO every Wednesday starting with a meal at 5 pm and reunion 6 pm at Lucky's Restaurant.

Gatherings held in Edina, MO every other month on the 2nd Sat, beginning at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church in Edina. Contact Helen Hettinger at 660-434-5386 for more information.

Men's Reunion Groups

Quincy: This mixed Cursillo and Emmaus pilgrims group meets every other Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm at St. Francis Rectory. Contact Dave Lockhart at dwl1001@comcast.net for more information

Missouri: Men's Reunion Group meets every Thursday night at 8 pm in the shop at Ed Reid's 31369 State Hwy V, LaGrange, MO . Contact Ed Reid at 573-248-6270.

White Hall area: Men's Reunion Group meets every Monday at the White Hall Christian Church at 7 pm. Contact Dave Schutz at 217-473-4276.

Macomb area: Men's Reunion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 6:45 am at eh Old Dairy. For more information contact Mike Coplan at mikecoplan@gmail.com

Women's Reunion Groups

Quincy: The Gathering Place Women's Reunion Group meets the 1st and 3 rd Tuesday of the month 1 pm at the Gathering Place on 1704 Nth 24th St., Quincy, IL contact Tammy Carman 217-257-5603.

White Hall Area: Women's Reunion Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday night at 1st Christian Church beginning at 6 pm. Contact Mandy Hatchell 217-883-2281.

Macomb Area: Women's Reunion Group contact Kathy Wyatt at 309-836-1656.

If you would like to add your reunion group to the list send it to Dana Reid at eddanareid@marktwain.net or give to the workroom crew. Thank you!

SUPPORT CREW SERVICE COMMITMENT - AGAPE CHAPEL, WORKROOM, and KITCHEN SERVICE TEAMS

The Great River Emmaus Gathering Community Support Crew Service Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team. Please complete this form and return to:

Roy & Nancy Miller
Support Crew Committee Chairpersons
6586 CR 423
Palmyra, MO 63461
573-221-9498
nmiller@blessinghospital.com

I made my Walk # _____ or Cursillo # _____ in (City): _____

I have already served on a: Walk Chrysalis Cursillo

I served as an: Assistant Table Leader Service Team Musician

Other _____

Speaker (Talk Names) _____

Where? _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Date _____

_____ I would like to work anywhere, as needed.

_____ I would like to serve in the Agape Chapel.

_____ I would like to serve in the workroom during the Walk.

_____ I would like to serve in the kitchen during the Walk.

_____ I have included additional comments/information on the back of this form.

_____ Please remove me from the mailing list permanently.

(Duplicate this form as needed.)



Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Registrar Committee, Spiritual Director, and/or Community Lay Director.
Deposit Received: _____
Return to: GRE Registrar
Kathy Wyatt
450 E. Main
Good Hope, IL 61438

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

Quincy/Great River Application (Duplicate as needed)
Circle Below Where Applicable

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Personal

Phone: () _____ Emergency Phone: () _____

Name of church now attending: _____ Pastor's Name _____

Do you attend regularly? Yes No When did you make your Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Walk? _____ Where: _____
 Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Number: _____ Have you been a sponsor before? Yes No If yes, when: _____

Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No Are you praying & sacrificing for your candidate: Yes No How long and well have you known your Candidate? _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good Candidate? _____

Does the Candidate have the physical, emotional & mental health needed for an Emmaus weekend? Yes No

Is your Candidate under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate their weekend would/should be postponed? Yes No

If your Candidate is married? Yes No Do they both plan on attending Walk to Emmaus? Yes No

Medical Reason? Yes No Other Reason: _____

Will you bring your Candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday Night? Yes No Someone else? Yes No

Will you attend Sponsor's Hour? Yes No Apostolic Hour? Yes No Closing? Yes No

Can you care for the needs of your candidate's spouse/family over the weekend? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal or no contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? Yes No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Great River Emmaus Gathering Community? Yes No

Are you willing to assist your candidate in getting into a Weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is required by you or your Candidate to be applied to the total cost of \$150

~~~~~ THIS APPLICATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY ~~~~~



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Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to your sponsor or GRE Registrar:

Kathy Wyatt

450 E. Main

Good Hope, IL 61438

[kmwyatt@mdh.org](mailto:kmwyatt@mdh.org)

309-456-3759 or 309-252-1717

## CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Quincy/Great River Registration

(Duplicate at Needed)

### TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name

preferred on Nametag: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Divorced Separated Single Widowed (Circle One)

If married, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will they go on as Emmaus Walk? Yes No (Circle One) (Submit at the same time)

Has your spouse ever attended? Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo No (Circle One)

Emergency Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what religious or community organizations are you active? \_\_\_\_\_ Has

the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Yes No (Circle One)

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained? Yes No (Circle One)

Are you on a special diet? Yes No If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_ (So meals can be planned)

Special medication? Yes No If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_ (To remind you of times)

Do you have a health problem or physical handicap that may affect participation on an Emmaus weekend? Yes No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (Wheelchair, etc.)

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Community and what you expect from it:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks.

Please enclose a registration deposit of **\$25.00** unless Sponsor is paying. This will be applied to your total cost of **\$150.00** that partially offsets the expenses of the weekend. This deposit is not refundable.

Make your check payable to: **Great River Emmaus Gathering Community or GREGC**

~~~~~ **THIS FORM WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY** ~~~~~

MEMORIAL OR IN HONOR OF

If you would like to donate a Memorial to GREC or would care give a Gift of Honor for an Anniversary, at Retirement, Birthday, in Recognition of an Accomplishment (Teacher of the Year or the like) or other special Occasion, please send it to:

(GREC Treasurer)

A card of recognition will be sent to the family or the honoree. Be sure to supply an address or enclose a stamped envelope addressed to whom you request to receive the card.

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In appreciation of the gift in the amount of _____ received

(in loving memory of)* _____

From: _____

Date _____

*(Or Accomplishment, Birthday, etc.)



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK # 9

January 28th – 31st, 2016

ROW # 1 : Charles Baker , James Abbot , Rex Link, Mike Wilson, Tom Ford , Kevin Cadwell, Nadine Preston , Dave Lockhart

ROW # 2 : **LEN NORTHCUTT, RON CRABTREE, DAVID JONES** , Tim Kamradt , Charlie Janus , Daren Griesbaum, **BRANDON VANCAMP** , Steve Martin

ROW # 3 : **PARKER KIRKPATRICK , DOUG THORNTON** , Sonnie Meredith, Joe Booth , **RUSSELL GLUAE, BRAD BALLARD** , Mack Ellis , **KEITH FULLER , DWAYNE GOODWIN**

ROW # 4: Allen Vinyard, Rick Bridges, **TERRY SHEETS, DANNY FORD , BRANDON KOCH**, Greg Lee, Elvin Hodges, Will Hatchel , Mark Smith

ROW # 5 : Jeff Haskell, **MIKE FRY , BROWNY ROTHWEILER** , Tyler Moore, **MARCUS DEEGE, GARY ABBOTT** , Rusty Schultz, **KENT VONDERHEIDE , PRESTON MCKINNON**

Not Pictured : Marvin Meservey

Pilgrims are denoted in **bold** print



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #10
February 18-21, 2016

ROW #1: **KATHY WHITE**, Barb Edwards, LaVon Baker, Donna Reid, Cheryl Alberts, Harla Friesz, **TERESA ALTHOFF**

ROW #2: Gale Pope, Patty Johansen, **BARB KENADY**, **DESNEE FORD**, Patty Martin, Carolyn Kling, **MS PAT MARTIN**, Patty Edwards

ROW #3: Deb Meservey, **DEB NORTHCUTT**, **SALLY BAIR**, **DEBBIE HOWARD**, **GEE-MIN GLAUE**, Joyce Whitaker, **LORI LAWSON**, Linda Murry

ROW #4: Sheryl Vinyard, Cindy Prentice, **TAFI LATHROP**, **APRIL FOHEY**, Julie Howard, Jackie Booth, Tammy Carman, Debbie Sieck, Mark Dickerson

ROW #5: **STEPHANIE DEEGE**, Donna Davis, Brandy Miller, Millie Kirkpatrick, **TAMMY BIGLEY**, **MARQUITA BANNON**, **JEAN NORRIS**, Annelle Ruemmler, Mandy Hatchel

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Who to Contact?

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Good Hope, IL 61438
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Quincy, IL 62301
meoslo2@comcast.net

To submit newsletter articles

Dana Reid
31369 State Hwy V
La Grange, MO 63448
eddanareid@marktwain.net or
mtolivetum@marktwain.net
Please put "GRWE" in the
subject line.

Support Crew Service

Coordinators

Roy and Nancy Miller
6586 CR 423, Palmyra, MO
63461
roynancy.miller@yahoo.com

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 4:30 p.m.



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