

Great River Emmaus

Newsletter



Thoughts from our Lay Director Dan Clair

Greetings, All, in the Name of Jesus,

Praise God for another set of successful Walks #13 and #14 (or Lucky #13, as James calls it!). And a big THANK YOU to James Abbott and Nancy Miller for their leadership, to the Teams that served, and the new 4th Day Pilgrims that attended. Also, to the Service Teams who had to deal with many logistical challenges when the electricity went off on Sunday afternoon at the Women's Walk.

Some changes have recently been made to your Board of Directors. The One-year terms of Sharon Oberdahlhoff, Donnie Barton and Mark Smith expired and they chose not to seek reelection to the Board. Dana Reid and I were re-elected to a 3-year term along with Cheryl Albers, Mike Copeland and Claudia McCain. Thanks to those who have served so faithfully this past year and those who have stepped up to serve for the next 3 years.

There will be vacancies on the Board for four Lay members and one Clergy member for 2018. If you have any interest in serving, please contact any Board Member.

Dave Lockhart chose not to serve as President for the 2017 year. As a result I was elected to that position. Nancy Miller will be Vice President; Barb Edwards, Secretary; James Abbott, Treasurer; and Cheryl Albers, Historian. A HUGE thank you to Dave for his leadership during the inaugural year of our Board.

There were a couple of instances on the last two Walks that reminded me that our enemy is "the World, the Flesh and the Devil." Actually, it occurs to me that the work of the Devil would not have any power over us if it were not for the "Flesh". It is what causes us to be offended by what others say and do, and let's face it; we all have to deal with that.

Jesus said, "Whoever would be greatest among you must be servant of all." This basically means that we must be a doormat on occasion. This is a hard teaching as many of His teachings are. The Apostle Paul says it another way, "always think of others as more important than yourself." It is a constant battle. Indeed, just when we think we have overcome 'self', it's back again. But, thanks be to God for His Grace and Power to overcome.

We need to ask ourselves when we pray the Lord's Prayer, "do I really mean the

part about 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'?"

Great River Emmaus Walks #15 & #16 will be here before we know it - Men's July 27-30 and Women's August 10-13. May I emphasize again how important it is to Sponsor early and often. Even if you cannot get someone to commit to a specific weekend, try to get him or her to fill out and Application for sometime in the future. Getting them to accept the invitation is a first step.

Also, may I encourage you to come and serve in the background, in the Agape Chapel, Workroom, or Kitchen and to Set-Up and Tear-Down the Center so it will be ready for the next group to use it. You will be Blessed.

I am looking forward to serving with you in the coming year.

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Your Brother in Christ,
Dan Clair, CLD

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"You Gentiles, be full of joy. Be Joyful together with God's People."
Deuteronomy 32:43

On the Road to Emmaus

13And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. Luke 24:13-16

Walk #13 Submitted by James Abbott

GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK LUCKY #13

I am at a loss of words to explain the Men's Walk. I had so many doubts about me being able to be the Lay Director. Satan continued to work on me even during the walk. On Wednesday the day before the walk I asked Dana Reid to pray for me, as I had a feeling that something was going to happen. Something Bad.

We struggled to get enough Pilgrims to have the walk. God stepped in and there you were enough pilgrims. This due to Dave Lockhart's giving us an additional two days.

I struggled to get enough men to fill the team. My advice to anyone that is asked to be a Lay Director in the future, talk to a past LD and get some advice. Once I got advice from Chip Shriver, I never had to look back. Only problems came on Prep W/E when an ATL couldn't attend because of new medication that he had been given that was causing him trouble. I talked with him and he is going back in the pool to be an ATL in the future.

Back to Men's Walk #13. Yes I put the Lucky in with the 13 because I had questioned why I was given walk 13 to be the LD. Now I am glad to have been the LD of should a great group of men, Both Team and Pilgrims.

The three ALD did a great service leading the weekend in their rolls. The clergy with Eric as Spiritual Director made themselves available in such a way to put the whole conference room at ease. Marvin and Tom were great as musicians. Greg Lee did great being our computer tech and his first time. And even though Board Rep. Dan did not say much, a couple of times I needed advice and he gave it to me and suggested a couple of time things that helped us out.

TL's and ATL's what more can I say. They stepped up and made the pilgrims at home. Well maybe not at

home, but they made them relax and guided their tables as well or better than any I had ever seen. Maybe I am a little prejudice, but the tables couldn't have been any better. I have seen some good posters in past walks, but I don't believe I ever saw as many as came out of this weekend. Some looked like they came from a professional artist or designer.

And when we had a glitch on Saturday and a problem appeared, they whole conference gathered together in support of the one who needed prayers and comfort.

Not only was God with us this weekend, but he was with us from the time the board selected the Lay Directors for these two walks. He was in the retreat center for the whole weekend, not just the conference room. He was in the work room, the kitchen, the main chapel and the Agape Chapel, where all the prayers were held for the 72 hours.

Pilgrims came up to TL's and opened up concerns they had and with the clergy and the ALD's. Pilgrims came up to me and wanted to know when the summer walk was going to be held, because they want to come back. Different team members thanked me several times for calling them and asking them to be on the team. One ATL has called me wanting to come on another walk and give a talk.

People have told me that I did a good job leading my walk. For all who read this, let me tell you it was not my walk, it was GOD'S WALK and he led it. All I did was listen to the advice different ones gave me. Sit back and let the team lead the weekend, because GOD was there guiding us from Thursday night to the closing on Sunday afternoon.

I will hold my Cross Close to my Heart and always remember GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WALK LUCKY #13.

May God Bless and keep you. May he place his countenance upon you and give you peace.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR ALL THE PRAYERS THAT I PERSONALLY RECEIVED.

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James Abbott –

Lay Director GRE Walk

Lucky #13



Next Walks—All at the QU Retreat Center:

Prep weekend July 7-9, 2017

#15 Men's Walk July 27-30, 2017

#16 Women's Walk August 10-13, 2017

Prep weekend

#17 Men's Walk January 25-28

#18 Women's Walk February 15-18

A copy of the sponsor form and Candidate form is included in the newsletter or on the website.

Walk #14 Submitted by Nancy Miller

GRE Walk # 14 was another amazing time of God surrounding everyone at the Walk with His unending, unearned, unbelievable Love!! The devil did his best to not let that happen but of course God prevailed and made it an experience that will always be remembered in awe by the pilgrims and team!

We started out with 18 wonderful women and made it all the way with all 18! We had several circumstances that could have messed things up but God made sure it was all good!! He does that you know? Make good things come out of bad! The worst was the electricity went out on Sunday and we had to figure out how to have our cross and closing ceremonies on the lower floor since we had several people who could not manage stairs. It turned out to be a wonderful blessing! Our board rep decided to have the cross ceremony outside, in FEBRUARY, it was AWESOME!! And the closing was held in the dining room, and it was AWESOME too!! And we tried really hard to make sure everyone spoke into the microphone so they could be heard, I hope that worked because hearing the pilgrims talk about their experiences is such a blessing to everyone!!

I know God had everything under His control, because He picked me as Lay Director and I knew I couldn't do it! But "all

things are possible through God who strengthens me"!! So WE did it! God, and our amazing team, and our support teams in the work room, Agape Chapel, kitchen/dining room and all the support from the community at large!!

I am so grateful I cannot express the love and gratitude and awe I have for everyone who was there, or at home or wherever you were, serving our Lord so humbly, with such dedication that many people will never know what you did, or how much you gave so selflessly so these women of Walk 14 were completely and constantly surrounded with His Love because you were being His Hands and Feet!! Thank you thank you to our amazing Great River Emmaus Community for the huge outpouring of love and support over this Walk #14!! The pilgrims were blown away by everything, and that could not happen without everything the community does, for every Walk!

I pray we all focus now on working to keep the spirit of our loving God alive in these women's lives and our own, by getting them into a reunion group, and coming and bringing pilgrims, friends and family to Gatherings. Also we need to start working on finding pilgrims for the upcoming summer walks, God needs our help to ask the people He wants to be there! If we start

signing people up now we might have TOO MANY by summer time, wouldn't that be an amazing problem to have!! Again thank you!!! The team as well as the pilgrims felt the love of God pouring over them the entire 72 hours because of the service you were providing in His name!! Gods love and blessings on you and my forever grateful love to you too!!

Nancy Miller, Lay Director GRE Walk to Emmaus #14



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

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, La-Grange, 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, men of Heart, Honor, Examine, asking, requesting help, Thanking God 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 3rd 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 CROWN meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 4:30 pm contact Mary Gillingham Women's Reunion Group contact Kathy Wyatt at 309-836-1656 for more information.

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 work-room 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
roynancy.miller@yahoo.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.)
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CLERGY TEAM SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Great River Emmaus Team Selection Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team. Please complete the form and return it to:

Nadine Preston
GRE Spiritual Director
2122 Washington
Quincy, IL 62301
217-473-9269 nnpreston@comcast.net

I made my Cursillo # _____ Walk # _____ in (City, State) _____

I have already served as Clergy on a: Cursillo Walk Chrysalis

Grace Talk Names and Walk No's: _____

Where did you serve? _____

Name _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone () _____ Date _____

I desire to serve on a team in: Winter Spring Summer Fall Quincy only

* I've included additional comments/information on the back of this form.

(Duplicate this form as needed)

Christ Is Counting On You!



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
 kmwyatt@me.com 309-456-3759 or 309-252-1717

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 ~~~~~



**CANDIDATE APPLICATION**  
Quincy/Great River Registration

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 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

**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** ~~~~~



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMENS WALK #14

February 16-19, 2017

ROW #1: LeVon Baker, Joyce Whitaker, (in front of Joyce, Dana Reid), Nancy Miller, Mike Wilson, Nadine Preston, Candy Moore.

ROW #2: Barb Edwards , **Mary Todd**, Marsha DeMoss, **Kelsey Piper**, **Annette Newquist**, Donna Reid, **Linda Bachman**, Marcia Johnson, **Kathy Oenning**, **Shirley King**, Mark Dickerson.

ROW #3: Rex Link, **Tiffany Grimm**, Peggy Burton, Maggie Ambrose, **Deb Crawford**, Diane Johnson, **Susan L. Yeater**, **Sister Raquel Ortéz SSND**.

ROW #4: **Katie Davis**, Jennifer Wemhoener, Deb Northcutt, **Tonya Elliott**, Jackie Booth, Linda Wilson, Susie Lee.

ROW #5: Tafi Lathrop, Alice Gipson, **Leann Walters**, Millie Kirkpatrick, Tracy Dirksmeyer, **Brenda Brown**, Lil Troutt, Tori Nichols, **Deanna Sublette**, Elyse Strange.

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #13
January 26-29, 2017

ROW #1: Marvin Meservey, Lynette DeAtley, Ed Reid, James Abbott, Eric Anderson, David Englund, Tom Wemhoener

ROW #2: Tom Lemons, Damon Whitaker, Carl Herman, Dan Clair, Richard Martin, Kelvin Celestine

ROW #3: **MARK CHRISMAN**, Tim Kamradt, Charlie Janus, Kyle Frink, **MATT GOOD**, **ALLEN WALTERS**, **COREY VINYARD**, **STEVE EASTERWOOD**, **JOE KOEHNEMANN**

ROW #4: **JONATHAN HUBER**, Rick Bridges, **JEFF OENNING**, Elvin Hodges, Charlie Jones, **VANCE DIRKSMEYER**, **CHIP TURNER**, Glenn Griesbaum, Greg Lee

ROW #5: **JACOB RABE**, Steve Loeschen, Craig Barnard, **MIKE ZAJAC**, **NICHOLAS STARMAN**, **KARL WARCUP**, Rusty Schultz, Craig Dennison

Not pictured: Dave Eyler

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Good Hope, IL 61438
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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.

Meal Times:

Fri & Sat

Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12:30,
Dinner 5:30 pm Please bring a white shirt
and black pants to dinner to help serve.

Sun

Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12 :00

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