



**Enriching Thoughts
Submitted by Patti Bunch**

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To the Community:

When we go throughout our days with peace in our hearts, everything in our life seems to go so much smoother than it would otherwise. When we have a fresh song in our hearts and our minds are set on Gratitude and Thanksgiving, we are able to look past any temporary trial or challenge because we already know that the good in our lives greatly outweighs any bad. The Lord's goodness towards us should be thought upon often because when we focus on Him, we will not be lured into worrying, murmuring or complaining when a tough situation comes our way.

In the Bible, there are countless examples of resilience, faithfulness, redemption, forgiveness and Victory. Moses was a murderer, but God used him to free the children of Israel. Joseph was the youngest of his brothers and was betrayed by them, but because he stayed faithful God used him to save millions from starvation. David was a young shepherd boy, but God saw his heart and would make him King over Israel. Daniel was faithful without fear and survived the Lion's den without a scratch on him. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not bow down and worship a false idol and because of their faithfulness to God, they not only survived the fiery furnace, they were walking around in the midst of it. Paul was the chief persecutor of Christians, but God forgave and used Paul to change the world for Christ and even wrote most of the New Testament.

We need to change our focus from worry to trust, from complaint to praise, and from fear to victory knowing that, just as God used men and women in the Bible to do His will, He can and will do the same with each one of us. When we have faith, nothing is impossible with God. May your hearts be filled with a new song of Thanksgiving each day!

Decolores,
Patti Bunch
Great River Community Lay Director

*"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 #7 Submitted by Chip Schriver

On behalf of Great River Walk #7, I would like to thank everyone who worked to make the walk a success. It takes so many working in the background to make a walk happen. The conference room team is really a minor part. The pilgrims and team members get to feel so much love that is expressed on a weekend by the people working behind the scenes. A special thank you goes the prayer warriors for all the prayers that were lifted up for each of us. Also, thank you to the sponsors of the 20 pilgrims that attended walk #7.

Without sponsorship a walk will not happen. The next walk is fast approaching. It is time to be thinking and praying for pilgrim that you can sponsor. Then, be intentional and ask them! We are the hands and feet of Christ. If we don't pray and ask someone to attend a walk, who will?

Christ is counting on you.....

Chip Shriver

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

John 15:16.

Walk #6 submitted by Deb Schutz

God chose the team of Walk #8 and then he chose 28 beautiful ladies to go on this journey with Christ. We enjoyed singing, worshiping, laughing, praying, reflecting, and learning about the unconditional love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps you seen that love in those who helped with your meals; served you agape, prayed for you in the agape chapel and at the candlelight service. The spirit of our Lord

filled the retreat center and I would like to thank everyone who helped and prayed for Walk #8. As we walked down that road to Emmaus our eyes were opened to God's free gift of Grace. It's our turn now to live and serve others with the Grace and Love of Jesus Christ.

In his name,
Debbie Schultz
Lay Director-Walk #8



**The Great River Emmaus Web site
is up and running if you need extra
applications or more information
you can get it at**

www.greatriveremmaus.org

Winter Walks

Prep Weekend—January 8-10

Men's Walk—January 28-31

Women's Walk—February 18-21

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

Reunion Groups

"8 O'clock in the shop", Ed Reid has a men's Reunion Group on Thursday nights in his shop at 31369 State Hwy V, La Grange, MO 63448. If you are interested in attending you can contact him at 573-248-6270.

(If you would like to post your Reunion Group or would like to start one please send a message to Dana Reid at eddanareid@marktwain.net)

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 gregre. If this doesn't work you need to contact Mike Oberdolph at 217-223-8686.

Gatherings

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERINGS

The next local area gathering will be on Friday December 11th, 7:00 PM at First Baptist Church, 1515 S Candy Lane, Macomb, IL 61455

Come help us help celebrate Advent as we worship and sing together. It is Emmaus so bring a snack to share:-)

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 to play 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

GRE Support Crew Service Commitment Agape Chapel • Workroom • 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 desire to serve on a team in: ___ Quincy ___ Springfield

___ 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.)

Christ is counting on you...

What can you do ?

Pray • Sponsor a youth • Write individual letters Sacrifice and write a letter. Make and share agape • Serve in Outpost. Take a spot on the prayer vigil
Attend Apostolic hour/Candlelight and Closing.



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: _____

**Mail to: GRE Registrar
 Kathy Wyatt
 450 E. Main
 Good Hope, IL 61438**

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** ~~~~~



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**Deposit Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mail 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business or Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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 pilgrim at the time of application.  
 It is applied to the total contribution fee of \$150, with the remaining balance due at registration on the Walk.  
 Checks should be made payable to Great River Emmaus (GRE)

~~~~~ THIS APPLICATION 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.

Great River Walk to Emmaus[©] Quincy, Illinois



In appreciation of the gift in the amount of _____ received

(in loving memory of)* _____

From: _____

Date _____

*(Or Accomplishment, Birthday, etc.)



WALK TO EMMAUS #7

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| <p>Row 1: Jim Wyatt, George Buswell, Steve Martin, Doug Kraus, Chip Shriver, Mike Coplan, Randy Johnson, Nadine Preston, Kelvin Celestine</p> |
| <p>Row 2: Tim Brice, John Becker, Warren Abbot, John Ray, Steven Miller, Mark Ridgway, Jeremy Mason, Scott Dawdy</p> |
| <p>Row 3: Joe Mason, Brad Cameron, Steven Dougherty, Richard Casady, Justin Reid, Ted Rhoades, Dan Edwards, Quentin VanGilder, Carl Herman</p> |
| <p>Row 4: John Miller, Jeff Reid, Rod Prentice, Mark Carpenter, Curt Eddington, Tim Clark, Jim Richardson, Mike Alberts, Dan Clair</p> |
| <p>Row 5: Bax Maggart, T. Heberlein, Paul Fansler, Dave Hallock, Craig Dennison, Mike Martin, Mark Sorensen, Jeff Haskell, Charlie Jones, Patrick Miller</p> |



**Women's Walk #8 ~ Walk to Emmaus
August 13-16, 2015**

Front row, left to right, Tom Lemons, Connie Jenkins, Nadine Preston, Lynette Schenk, Debbie Schutz, Helen McFarland, Nancy Miller, Jane Beck; second row, Sharon Oberdahlhoff, Rhoda Wemhoener, Marcia Johnson, Jan Frageman, Katie Mason, Donna Maggart, Laura Blackwell, Dana Reid, Ambria Jones, Molly Kaldenberg, Linda Murray; third row, Ashley Duncan, Shelly Huffman, Maggie Ambrose, Patty Briscoe, Ellen Legg, Shawn O'Brien, Beth Garner, Elyse Strange, Millie Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Dougherty; fourth row, Deb Potts, Lisa Herman, Theresa Martin, Donna Moore, Linda Hallock, Anna Rightnowar, Judy Lemons, Jewell Holt, Judy Hays, Connie Heberlein; fifth row, Megan Utterback, Julie Schutz, Linda Wilson, Helen Hettinger, Marcelle Masters-Adams, Brandy Miller, Brenda Juette, Lorna Monroe, Debbie Rhoades, Tammy Carman, Carmen Brandt.

2015 Fall Elections for Great River Emmaus Board

David Schutz: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I live in White Hall, IL. and worship at the First Christian Church in White Hall. I have been active in Emmaus and Cursillio communities since 2000.

Dan Clair: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I have served on the Great River Emmaus Steering Committee since it's formation. I've served on several Service Teams, Conference Room Teams, and as Board Representative. I served as Lay Director of Walk #220Q in 2009. I am totally committed to the Walk to Emmaus movement and would consider it a privilege to serve on this Board.

Tom Lemons: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I attended Walk 34 (Missouri East-St. Louis) in October 1994. Assistant Spiritual Director GRE Walks 3 (prep only-walk was cancelled), 5, 8. Participated on GRE Steering Committee 2014 and 2015.

Nancy Miller: _____(you) _____(spouse)

My original walk was in 2006. I am currently serving as secretary for the steering committee. My husband and I have been co- chairs of the kitchen committee for the last several years and have served on conference room teams and workroom teams.

James Abbott: _____(you) _____(spouse)

My original walk was #196Q, in 2006. I have served as assistant table leader, table leader and assistant board advisor and Assistant Lay Director. I have served on the CIE board from 2011 to 2013. I have also served on the GREC Steering Committee. (only interested in serving for one year)

Dave Lockhart: _____(you) _____(spouse)

Since my initial walk 176Q in August 2004, I have served on 4 teams, the most recent being as Lay Director for 238Q in Jan 2012. Since that time I have served as coordinator for the sponsors hour, Apostolic hour, and Agape chapel.

Mandy Hatchel: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I attended my walk in 2011. Since that time, I have served in the Agape Chapel and in the kitchen. I would like to be on the Board so that I may assist with decisions and procedures that will enhance the food service, kitchen preparation, and serving of the meals to our Pilgrims and Service Team.

Jim Wyatt: _____(you) _____(spouse)

My original walk was 190 in Springfield. I have attended many Gatherings and was on the CIE Board for 3 years and served as Nominations Chair. I have served as Board Advisor in Springfield and attend my reunion group every week.

Donna Reid: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I made my original walk #54 in Springfield, Ill. I have served on several walks in St Louis, Mo and have been involved in Great River Emmaus since the first meeting and have served on several walks in Quincy Il. I would appreciate your support to represent you on the Great River Emmaus Board.

Donnie Barton: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I have been involved in Emmaus since the mid 90's and my original walk was in Springfield, IL. I have been on some teams and worked in the background and would appreciate your vote. I would be willing to serve a one or two year term.

Barb Edwards: _____(you) _____(spouse)

I have been active in Emmaus since my walk. I have served as assistant table leader, table leader with talks two times, and musician several times. I have also helped with registration, in the kitchen, serve the Saturday special dinner, have played guitar for the weekend services and have participated in Gut Bucket.

Dana Reid _____(you) _____(spouse)

Sharon Oberdohlhoff _____(you) _____(spouse)

Nadine Preston _____(you) _____(spouse)

Write-ins

Who to Contact?

GRE/ Registrar/Applications

Kathy Wyatt
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Good Hope, IL 61438

Financial Contributions

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To submit newsletter articles

Dana Reid
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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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