

FOURTH DAY

Newsletter

Great River Walk to Emmaus

Thoughts from our Community Lay Director Jack Hull

As we look to our future Great River Walk to Emmaus ministry, your board is working hard to prepare us for growth by developing more leaders in our local churches. We believe it is our mission to develop leader servants to build the Kingdom. God the Father; Jesus Christ, His Son, who gave up His life on earth to be resurrected and give us forgiveness with His Grace; and the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guidance here on earth, lead us to bring people into relationship in our churches. Servants hearts are needed in the Emmaus ministry. We strive to show leadership through servant-hood, and be good stewards of the gifts we are blessed with.

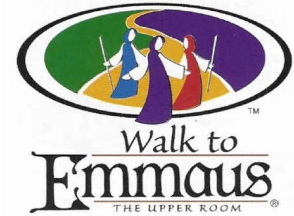
Walk to Emmaus is not about any one group, any one building, or any one weekend. It's about our natural response to God's love. We all will work together to strengthen the ministry of the local church. To accomplish the mission we need to invite and encourage our Brothers and Sisters who have attended Walk weekends to come back and support upcoming weekends.

Organization of late summer/early fall walks (see page 2!), and next year's February/March winter Walks are under way. How can you "Just Serve?" Maybe you consider volunteering in the background, selflessly. Maybe you serve on a team. Maybe you simply pray, attend Sponsor's hour on Thursday nights, Saturday entertainment and Apostolic hour, or the closing on Sunday. You can contribute financially, but the best support comes from Fellowship with others, in person. Please come back and participate, without any anticipation of reward.

We are Sisters and Brothers, the Body of Christ, Changing our World, with Discipleship, being Priests daily, studying God's word, and putting it into action. We might have heard this somewhere before!

Christ is counting on you. And we are counting on Him.

Jesus' love to you, Jack Hull



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Please ask your Reunion Group members and Emmaus friends to ensure they received the newsletter.

If not, it can be sent to them by contacting Judy Hays - hays89@comcast.net

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

UPCOMING WALKS!

Our Great River Walk to Emmaus board is excited to announce we will be holding our Summer/
Fall Prep and Walk Weekends at **LaMoine Christian Service Camp** in rural Tennessee/Carthage.

Prep weekend - August 12-14th.

Men's Walk #29 - August 25th-28th.

Women's Walk #30 - September 8th -11th.

Why Move the walks? With the rising cost of having the walks at Quincy University (QU), and several problems with building and maintenance issues, the board felt it was hard to pay rent for something that wasn't getting resolved/fixed.

We started hosting walks at QU many years ago, and have had great times as a community. We have many memories of the place we came to know Christ, either for the first time - or on a more personal level. This doesn't mean we will never have another walk at QU - we are looking at options. Many community members toured LaMoine last summer and were eager to give it a try.

Lay Directors will be announced soon and will meet with Team Selection to get their call list to build these blessed teams. Please be in prayer for the upcoming Walks and consider who you might want to sponsor on each weekend. Plus, there are many service behind the scenes volunteer opportunities for each of us to participate in. You can serve our Pilgrims in the Agape Chapel, serving food, cleaning, making agape, setting up/tearing down after the weekends ... the list is endless - so find something you enjoy and volunteer!

The Walks for Winter/Early Spring will be held at **Green Pastures Christian Campground** rural Meredosia/Chapin, with prep in February and the Walks to be held in March on dates to be confirmed. We are excited for more opportunities to bring people closer to their relationships with Jesus and build stronger leaders in our local churches. Contact any of our board members with questions and to get involved.

GRE Board Contacts for more information on volunteering

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Walk #27 Submitted by Lay Director Damon Whitaker

What I can tell you about Walk 27 as the Lay Director? After not having a walk for two years, I didn't have any idea how many phone calls I was going to make to get the team God wanted together for that weekend. I was honored to be the Lay Director of Walk 27. It was an experience I shall never forget. It inspired me to get closer to God, and gave me the desire to learn what I needed to do to be in His service.

As for the two questions we ask of our pilgrims:

What did this weekend mean to me?

Wow! It was a true answer to prayer. It was a real blessing to be the hands and feet of God. I watched as a room full of strangers told of their life experiences, and saw the love they developed for each other and Christ. One accepted Jesus as his Savior, and I believe all were blessed. One pilgrim did not realize that God loves us the same as we love our children, that much! To see these miracles happen and wounds healed was amazing. I am so thankful for the men who did such a fabulous job serving on this team.

What am I going to do about it?

I am that much more excited to show God to our world. I am serving in church in every way I can. I am going to the fellowships, trying to get better on the harmonica, and I am 50% completed on my Laity classes so I can serve as laity. I play my harmonica every chance I get as if from the top of a mountain to Jesus.

De Colores
Damon Whitaker

Walk #27 Submitted by Board Rep Mike Coplan

Walk #27 was the first Walk GRE has had in 2 years and there was a little time spent trying to remember "How do we do this"? The team members, and in particular the Board Advisor, all had a few moments when we weren't exactly sure what we should be doing. The GRE 3-day weekend schedule, in conjunction with the Emmaus 3-day schedule, was an invaluable help in keeping us on track and on time.

The conference room people were amazing - team and pilgrims alike. Everyone came with a "let me serve" attitude. If there was any issue at all, it might have been we let our enthusiasm to do a good job getting us ahead of schedule. There were many close relationships developed, and most importantly, the Holy Spirit came early and stayed the entire weekend. Lives were affected, again both pilgrims and team were truly blessed.

We were scheduled to have 12 pilgrims, but on Thursday night only 7 came. Saturday afternoon we lost another pilgrim as he had to go home due to illness. While having a Walk with only 6 pilgrims is not ideal, it did not keep us from having an exceptionally powerful weekend that truly changed some lives.

DeColores
Mike Coplan



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #27
January 27-30, 2022

ROW #1: Rick Bridges, Joe Booth, Charlie Janus, Mike Alberts, Damon J. Whitaker, Mike Copan, Brent Clair, Kipp Proefrock, David Englund.

ROW #2: Travis Maple, **Phillip Carlstrom**, Zack Glenn, Shon Williams, Carson Dodd, Glen Boyett, Damon M.S. Whitaker.

ROW #3: Jim Clayton, Alan Speaker, **Brandon Malin**, Charles Young, Tyler Young, Connor Morrison, **Nathan Duntsch**, Ed Reid.

ROW #4: Bob Layman, **Tobey Malin**, Andrew Campbell, George R. Courte', Randy Mathewson, Ed Dole, Mike Wilson.

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.

Walk #28 Submitted by Lay Director Lisa Herman

Holy spirit activate, holy spirit activate
Holy spirit activate. Woo hoo!!!

Hello my beloved sisters and brothers in Christ!!! What a weekend!!!! To God be the glory of His wonderful plan for the Women's Emmaus Walk #28!!! The devil was defeated and I pray that continues through all your 4th days... Thank you for all the pilgrims who bravely attended even though you weren't sure what you got yourselves into... And for the awesome team... For all the volunteers in the agape chapel, workroom, and kitchen and those who volunteered as musicians and decorators, all who expressed the unconditional love for all. Each of you are one of God's precious children... Just like a beautiful pearl!!

The love you felt on your weekend will continue and your new friends are still here for you... So please get together in a small reunion group and also attend the Emmaus community gatherings!!

Seeing everyone keeps us all connected in Christ.

This is the beginning of renewal and regenerating for all of the men and women who attended and we must keep it going!!!

Building in Christ is a different journey for all of us, but one that is a wonderful connection through the Emmaus community. So let's continue to get pilgrims and help on the upcoming men's and women's walks so others may experience this awesome weekend and truly see Jesus...

Hugs, love and prayers - Lisa Herman

Walk #Submitted by Board Rep. Tammy Carman

Send off on Thursday evening was amazing! It was so good to see the dining area full of familiar faces and some new ones too. By Friday night's poster party, it was as if we had all known each other for years. Saturday went very fast. Lots of laughing. A little crying. Tons of hugging! Our special dinner and the entertainment blew the pilgrims away! The poster party was hilarious. Then, Candlelight. Overwhelming Love! The pilgrims and team felt that love and were still talking about it after closing on Sunday. Closing ceremony with the pilgrims' testimonies regarding their weekend is always the best way to know if the weekend was a success. It was!!!!

The unconditional love shown from the service team was felt by the conference room. Some of the pilgrims have already said they can't wait to return so they can be part of that! The prayers were felt in the conference room. The Holy Spirit was definitely filling, guiding, renewing and healing everyone present. Thanks to the speakers and their amazing stories, we ALL learned a little bit more about how we can strengthen our relationship with Christ and about God's unending Grace.

New friendships were made and old friendships were strengthened. Lisa, Connie and Team did a wonderful job making the pilgrims their priority and God the focus of the weekend. The entire team worked very well together. It was a blessing to be able to serve as the Board Representative on Walk 28!

DeColores! Tammy Carman



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #28
February 24-27, 2022

ROW #1: Nancy Aden, Gayle Pope, Cheryl Alberts, Lisa Herman, Connie Jenkins, Tammy Carman, Tom Wemhoener.

ROW #2: Missy (Dog), Jill Renae, MaryJean Sheets, Dana Reid.

ROW #3: Kyle Frink, Lora Steele, **Jacy Davidson**, Sherry Clingingsmith, Vicki Mullis, Cassie Thompson, Glenda Dokka, Dina Spencer, **Sheri Renner**, Susie Lee.

ROW #4: Mike Alberts, Kathy Torrance, **Rachelle Malin**, Amy Mitchell-Hart, Marilyn Crim, Kristen Malin, Connie Vance, **Cindy Glick**, Jessica Phelps, **Jennifer Stice**.

ROW #5: **Becky Henderson**, Millie Kirkpatrick, **Susie Dalton**, **Kristi Campbell**, Brandy Miller, **Marilyn Stivers**, Elyse Strange, Leann Walters, Lisa Dalton.

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MINISTRY MANAGER for FIRST TIMERS!

Great River Emmaus (GRE)

Ministry Manager is not only a database of GRE members, it is a tool available to all Emmaus communities to assist as we do ministry. The following information is provided to help you with login.

To Log In: Go to ministrymanager.upperroom.org

- Select “log in”
 - Use the email address you provided during your most recent walk then
 - Enter password
- o If this is your first time logging in, or if it does not accept your password, click “forgot password”. You will receive an email with further instructions to set (or reset) your password. Contact our Data Administrator, Claudia McCain, at cmccain47@yahoo.com should you have problems.

Account Information: Once you’ve logged in, you can update your contact information by selecting the “My Account” icon, the icon of the little person in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Once you’re in “My Account”, you can also change your password by selecting “Change Account Info” and following the prompts. Be sure to “save” any changes made.

Email Preferences: While in “My Account”, you can set, change, or update your email preferences by scrolling across the menu that appears below your name to “Email Preferences” and follow the prompts. Again, be sure to “save” any changes made.

Explore Ministry Manager: Most will find the site fairly intuitive, especially if you are comfortable navigating the internet. At the top of every page, you will find the main menu which includes Home, Members, Communities, Churches and Events.

As a community we are still learning how to use the site, and many find the “Members” and “Communities” links to be most helpful.

- Click on “Members” to search the database for GRE community members.
- Click on “Communities” then scroll down and select “Great River Emmaus”. There you will find the links to “Walks” and “Board Room” to be most informative.

Be sure you check “My Community” so that you receive any information and updates sent within the GRE community.

FAQ: At the very bottom of every page, you will find a link to FAQ, Frequently Asked Questions. By selecting the FAQ link, you will find a list of Training Videos to help you further navigate the site. These are excellent!

Happy exploring!

Reunion Groups

Open to new participants

Please try out one or more of these groups to strengthen your "4th day"
Great River Emmaus experience

Need to make changes? Have you formed a new group? Different contact person?

If so, please contact Craig Dennison

cdennison09@gmail.com or phone him at 217-242-2157

Quincy

Mixed group. Tuesday 7 p.m. Steve & Patty Bunch residence, 5026 Sunview Dr., 217-257-8312.

Mixed group. Friday 12:30 p.m. Various restaurants. Contact Candy Moore 217-430-9734 or Dana Reid 573-470-5000.

Mixed group. Thursday 6 p.m. Various locations. Road to Damascus Reunion Group. Contact Tim Kamradt 217-440-3084.

Men. Wednesday (every-other) 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Rectory. Mixed Cursillo & Emmaus group. **(Does this group still exist? If so, who is the contact? Please let Craig Dennison know!)**

Women. Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 1 p.m. The Gathering Place, 1704 N. 24th St. Contact Tammy Carman 217-257-5603.

Paloma

Mixed group Last Friday of the month 1 p.m. Paloma Diner, Paloma, IL on Rt. 24. Join us for sharing and/or lunch, soft drink, dessert. Contact Dan 217-257-9964 or Connie 217-430-7564

Macomb

Men. Tuesday 6:45 a.m. at the Old Dairy. Men of Heart, Honor, Examine, Asking, Requesting Help, Thanking God. Contact Mike Coplan mikecoplan@gmail.com

Women. Wednesday (1st & 3rd) 4:30 p.m. Crown. Contact Kathy Wyatt 309-456-3759

White Hall

Men. Monday 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Dave Schutz 217-473-4376.

Women. Monday (1st & 3rd) 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Mandy Hatchell 217-883-2281.

LaGrange

Men. Thursday 8 p.m. Ed Reid's Shop. 31369 State Hwy. V. Contact Ed Reid 573-248-6270.

Edina

Mixed Group. Wednesday 5 p.m. Lucky's Cafe. Contact Helen Hettinger 660-434-5386.

Hannibal

Mixed group. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Java Jive. Contact Jim Dewey 217-242-9220.
jimbacca74@yahoo.com.

Cheryl Alberts, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Fiddlesticks -573-221-1561

Mendon

Men—Tuesday 6:30. Contact Craig Dennison 217-242-2157

Or, you may begin your own reunion group!

GREAT RIVER EMMAUS CANDIDATE APPLICATION/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: Mary Gillingham 316 N. Williams St Colchester, IL 62326
gillinghambm@yahoo.com 309-255-2038 309-776-3155

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE;

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Phone: _____ Name preferred on Nametag: _____

Your Age: _____ Married Divorced Separated Single Widowed (Circle One)

If married, spouse's name: _____

Will they attend an Emmaus Walk? Yes No (Circle one) Submit applications at the same time
Has your spouse ever attended? Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo No (Circle One)

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact 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 yes, what _____ (So meals can be planned)

Special medication? Yes No If yes, 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 or GRE

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

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

The **Great River Emmaus Gathering Community Support Crew Service Committee** needs your information if you would like to participate in behind-the-scenes volunteer positions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

I made: Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Cursillo # \_\_\_\_\_ in (City): \_\_\_\_\_

I served on a:  Walk  Chrysalis  Cursillo  REC

I served as an:  Assistant Table Leader  Table Leader  Clergy  Musician

Service Teams (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

(mark all above  that apply to yourself)

Talks I gave: \_\_\_\_\_ Where/When? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve in the **Agape Chapel** during the Walk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve in the **workroom** during the Walk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to serve in the **kitchen** during the Walk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to work **anywhere**, as needed.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please remove me from the mailing list permanently.**

Please complete this form and return to our Support Crew Committee member

Claudia McCain  
60 Charleston Drive  
Macomb, IL 61455  
[cmccain47@yahoo.com](mailto:cmccain47@yahoo.com)

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## CLERGY TEAM SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Great Rivers Emmaus Team Selection Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and return to: Claudia McCain  
60 Charleston Drive  
Macomb, IL 61455

I made my first: Cursillo # \_\_\_\_\_ Walk# \_\_\_\_\_ in (City, State) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Grace Talk Names and Walk Numbers:

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

Where did you serve? \_\_\_\_\_

I desire to serve on a team in: Winter/Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer /Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Either: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(You may duplicate this form as needed)

**Christ Is Counting You!**



# GREAT RIVERS EMMAUS SPONSORS FORM

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

Mary Gillingham 316 N. Williams St. Colchester, IL 62326

[gillinghambm@yahoo.com](mailto:gillinghambm@yahoo.com) 309-255-2038 309-776-3155

**To be completed by sponsor      Quincy Great River Application**

**(Duplicate as needed)**

**Circle Below Where Applicable**

**Sponsor's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name 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 and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No**

**Candidate's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

**Is your Candidate married? Yes No Do they both plan on attending Walk to Emmaus? Yes No**

**If not, is there a Medical Reason? Yes No Other Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you bring your Candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday Night? Yes No Someone else will? 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? Yes No If yes, why are you requesting a \$75.00 scholarship? (total cost of the weekend is \$150.00)**

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

**Sponsor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is required by you or your Candidate to be applied to the total cost of \$150.00**

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