



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

August 2009

Greetings Emmaus Family!

I have been sitting in front of this computer screen for the last two hours typing a paragraph, erasing it, typing another paragraph, and erasing it, and so on and so on. And I realized that some of us are just not very good at writing. I mean God blesses all of us with different gifts. Mine definitely is something else. So I have decided to write two letters, my first and my last, simultaneously, and hopefully at some point before the end the good Lord will get his message across.

I want you parents to know that I am just amazed and blessed at how wonderful and compassionate your children are at our reunion group each week. I would also encourage you to get your youth involved if they are not currently attending. I think you will find that God is doing some wonderful things in our Monday night group as He continues to show me just how blessed I am to have each one of these young men and women in my life, and how much I still have to learn about being an adult Christian. It is truly amazing the lessons I learn from them each week about companionship, true love for friends, compassion, and the need to learn more about the love relationship that God has to offer us every single day. These young men and women have truly blessed my life and I just want to say thank you to them and to you parents for allowing God to give you the wisdom, strength, guidance, and fortitude to raise them in a God fearing and loving home. I can only pray for the same attributes to be used in our home when our little girl arrives in November.

Exciting news! After much consideration and prayer over the past year or so, the Chrysalis community coupled with the Emmaus community is excited about a new walk or "journey" that is coming in January. This "journey" will be the first Elizabethtown **Young Adult Chrysalis** to be held in our community, and I would like to encourage everyone to get involved so that we can offer our young college students the same opportunities to grow in Christ that is offered to our high school students and our adult community. The YAC will send-off on January 9, 2010 and will close on January 11, 2010. Please mark your calendars and begin praying for Kasey Bratcher and Eric Clemens, Lay Directors for YAC #1. These two have the monumental task of leading the first YAC in Elizabethtown and need your prayers as planning is already underway. YAC is open for those single students (some married exceptions are allowed, see the reservation form) ages 18-26 who seek a stronger relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus. All the forms are located on the Chrysalis website, and all workers will be required to fill out the background check information.

This is an exciting time in our community as we continue to open up possibilities for our high school and college youth to grow closer to Jesus and to foster his plan for their lives. Please begin prayer for this journey and for those who will be involved in the weekend. If you have any questions, go to etownchrysalis.org to find more information about the events with YAC and Chrysalis.

I really hope that everyone is excited about this YAC. I truly believe that God has provided us with an opportunity to give these college students the gift of a stronger relationship and a loving community.

More news! Do not forget that there is no gathering this month. There will be the community wide picnic at the campground on August 1 and will start around 5 pm.

Please bring drinks and a potluck dish or two for your family. The meat, paper products, and ice will be provided. Pool opens at 6pm and closes at 8pm (lifeguards will be on duty). Traditionally, it is usually scorching by the time the preverbal "Dog Days of Summer" roll in, but with the cool July we have had, maybe

Ms. Becky McGlone has asked that if anyone is interested in becoming involved in the music ministry for Emmaus to please let her know. This would include performing at monthly gatherings, possibly special music on the walks, and could even foster into leading the worship on a walk. Contact Wanda Jean for more info.

Please remember to keep Tommy Irwin and Joanie Turner (Chrysalis #44), Keith Bond (Walk #112) and Cindy Givan (Walk #113), and now Kasey Bratcher and Eric Clemens (YAC #1) in your prayers as God guides them in the direction needed to lead these flights, walks, and journeys. Pray for the workers, clergy, music, talks, sponsors, and certainly the candidates as God prepares them to attend their respective weekend.

Encourage your youth to attend our Chrysalis reunion group on Monday nights 7pm at Grace Heartland in the FLC. We are going 20 – 25 strong (co-ed), and would be blessed to have more attend.

I really appreciate this opportunity to write for the community, although it was tough getting started. If nothing else just to say thank you for the opportunities this community has given the Chrysalis community to grow and become a solid foundation for the youth in this area. Your continued support for these youth and Chrysalis has been a true blessing for us. Thank you again.

Stay strong in Him, for He never fails His children.

In His Name,

Chris Yates
Board Rep.
E-town Chrysalis Community

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Community
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Families
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Sponsorship
- Chrysalis Reunion Group
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Fall 2009)
 - Keith Bond (Men's Walk #112)
 - Cindy Givan (Women's Walk #113)
- Chrysalis #44 Lay Directors
 - Joanie Turner (Girls)
 - Tommy Irwin (Guys)
- Young Adult Chrysalis #1 Lay Directors
 - Kasey Bratcher (Girls)
 - Eric Clemens (Guys)

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Previous Information:

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PO Box 2070 · Elizabethtown KY 42702
Or Email: reconnect@etownemmaus.org

We're on the Web

Visit the Emmaus website at www.etownemmaus.org or the Chrysalis Website at www.etownchrysalis.org to get the most current information on:

- Events
- Reunion Groups
- Upcoming Flights
- Upcoming and Past Walks
- Current and Past Newsletters
- Volunteer Forms and Applications
- Sponsorship Information
- And More!

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday August 1st	Emmaus Picnic	5:00 PM	Campground
Thursday September 5th	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday October 3rd	Board Meeting Gathering	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
October 15th - 18th	Men's Walk 112		
October 22nd - 25th	Women's Walk 113		
October 31 st - November 2nd	Chrysalis 44		
January 9th - 11th	Young Adult Chrysalis 1		
February 13th - 15th	Chrysalis 45		

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