

A LIGHT SHINING

May 2016

Gathering Info



Next Gathering:

Friday, May 20, 2016

South Ashland United Methodist

Worship 6:30pm

Fellowship/Dessert 7:30

Fourth Day Speaker

Jessica Owens

Worship Music

TBD

Special Music

Heather Greene

Family and Friends

Welcome!

From the Community Lay Director

Brian Poling

Physical and Spiritual Growth

I recently heard an excellent talk on how we can grow in Christ through study. The analogy was given between our physical growth and our spiritual growth. It made me ponder on the analogy myself. When we are born we rely completely on our parents to provide us with everything we need to sustain life. They protect us from all harm. As our bodies get stronger our caretakers change our diets to match our physical needs. When we are old enough to understand our nutritional needs we eat what we know is good for us but start trying other foods that aren't always best. Once we gain the knowledge of proper diet and exercise we start teaching our friends that same way of life and, if successful, we teach others who will listen. But throughout the entire process, we depend on our parents for guidance and they love us unconditionally our whole lives.

The same is true in our spiritual lives. We are completely reliant on other Christians to guide us to areas of the Bible that will help us grow. We are totally reliant on Christ to keep the evil one at bay. As we grow we start wanting more substance, an occasional taste of deeper, more flavorful parts of spiritual growth. Once we are able to digest the meat of the scriptures we venture out looking for variety...other insights...into the scriptures and God's complexity. But throughout our entire growth and beyond, God loves us unconditionally...Agape love.

As Christians we should never stop learning. We should pray for direction in study. We need the knowledge that only God can provide. We need his insights on how to overcome adversity. We need His wisdom to follow our life's journey. Without prayer and study we will not be successful in God's will for our lives.

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Brian

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Father God

We give you all praise, honor and glory for the overwhelming success of the spring Walk to Emmaus events! Thank you Lord, for working in and through this Ashland Area community and for blessing the community and new pilgrims so mightily.

On the heels of moving to a new location, Lord God, you have inspired great faith and servant's hearts in the community membership. We humbly ask, with great expectation, for you to continue to kindle the belief and activity in this community.

In Jesus Name, Amen

On behalf of our Emmaus community I would like to say 'THANK YOU' and 'WELCOME' to our 31 newest members. We are looking forward to getting to know you and working with you to serve our Lord.

Brian Poling, Community Lay Director

There were 15 Men on Men's Walk #36 and 16 Women on Women's Walk #43

Please welcome them with open hearts and open arms!

Justin Bartram

Jared Black

Doug Buttom

John Bradley

Mike Conley

Rob Conn

Levi Garred

Dave Hammond

Justin Matthews

Mike Maynard

Matt Runnells

Woody Sizemore

Dale West

Dickey White

Scott Wilson

Carol Bentley

Lynn Downs

Danetta Flook

Peggy Jarrells

Julie Marcello

Ronda Martin

Kristen Matthews

Lynn Miller

Jeannie Patrick

Gabbie Riffe

Heather Riggs

Jessie Spears

Sara Spears

Beth Sauvageot

Leslie St Claire

Lisa Trumbore

A Note from Men's Walk #36—Lay Director: Chuck Conley

Emmaus Family,

I want to thank all of the Emmaus Community for there prayers and love. God was surely present on this Men's Walk. The speakers were phenomenal across the board. The Pilgrims really had a walk to remember. The music team was top notch. The food was great and dyeing moments was so awe-some that I can't describe it. We have already set up several Reunion groups. We had a lot of fun, a lot of laughter, some tears, but most of all we had lives changed.

God Bless you all

A Note from Women's Walk #43—Lay Director: Linda Jarrells

Hello Community!

Let me begin this letter to you by thanking everyone who supported the Ashland Area Emmaus Women's Walk #43 AKA God's Team #43, in any way through your prayers, sponsorship, team membership, agape, cooking and/or serving, decorating, clowning and all the rest of the things that make our Walks so very special. From the very beginning when I was asked to serve as Lay Director, I felt the Holy Spirit was and still is blessing all who contributed. As our fearless, God loving Community Spiritual Director, David Herndon says, "The Walk I am serving on is always the best one ever!"

As God's team formed very quickly, we were bound together through God's grace and His Holy Spirit. If a team member had to drop out, we tried to keep them in the loop about how things were going so they could still feel a close connection to the Walk weekend. Sixteen ladies joined in as pilgrims.

We were blessed with a wonderful Spiritual Director, Pat Hoeksema, whom God led to recruit four Assistant Spiritual Directors who were able to stay with us nearly every minute of all five days! That amazed and blessed all involved as each freely offered and shared the spiritual gifts they were given by God. Even our table selection went so well that not one pilgrim was moved to another table when we had our team meeting on Thursday night!

Every song, meal, talk, media presentation, clown and other acts were fantastic! I feel all of these Spirit filled moments put all of the team as a whole in a place where they could help the pilgrims open their arms, hearts and minds to what God wanted them to get from the weekend. IF you were at closing, you know that God's Holy Spirit worked in a mighty way with each one. Each had a wonderful testimony about that this spiritual growth retreat weekend meant to them and what they planned to do on their 4th Days.

I will always cherish the memories of this God-filled weekend each time I look at the speaker's cross I was given during the closing service. Warm memories are guaranteed to flood my mind during those moments as I remember the smiles, laughter, singing, prayers, sharing and caring that occurred between pilgrims, team members, servers, clowns, and especially the attendance at Send Off and Closing when so many of you were there to share in the joy that only God can give. Thank you, everyone but thanks be to God for all He has done, is doing and will do for our AAE Community!

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	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer/ Praise	AAEC	Cristen Pulliam	No new cancer on scans!
Prayer	Jr Fitzpatrick	Irvin Pereira	Loss of Irvin's brother
Prayer	Dan Hieronimus	Phillip Hieronimus	Lord, Help his unbelief!
Prayer	Dan Hieronimus	Phyllis Harper	Brain mass
Prayer	Linda Jarrells	Peggy Jarrells	Healing of broken ankle



Gathering Schedule— Mark Your Calendars!!

MAY 20, 2016

JULY 15, 2016

JUNE 17, 2016

AUGUST 19, 2016

