

A LIGHT SHINING

June 2016

Gathering Info



Next Gathering:

Friday, June 17, 2016

South Ashland United Methodist

Worship 6:30pm

Fellowship/Dessert 7:30

Fourth Day Speaker

Jeff Green

Worship Music

Rob Newman & Alice Maggard

Special Music

Sue Roberts

Family and Friends

Welcome!

From the Community Lay Director

Brian Poling

Developing Prayer Listening Skills

How many times do we run to God like a child with ADHD? We rush through our prayer time plus we do all the talking like we are there to check off an item on our TO-DO list. It's a way to make 'us' feel good about ourselves. But how would you react if your child treated you that way? Or, what if you always ran to a friend and you did all the talking? What kind of relationship would that be? Would you get to know the other person at all?

Our relationship with God takes two-way conversations the same way we build any relationship. We must pause and listen instead of doing all the talking and running off. Even if we have times of prayer where we focus on thankfulness, worship or praises, we must take time to listen to His response and His direction for us.

There is a song MercyMe put out in 2002 that still plays on the radio titled "Word of God Speak". It starts by saying "I'm finding myself at a loss for words, And the funny thing is it's OK, The last thing I need is to be heard, But to hear what You would say." I've heard this song a lot but just recently did I realize it's depth. We typically don't think it's "OK" to be in someone's presence and be at a "loss for words" unless we are comfortable with that person. For me at least, I have to get to know that person and see their heart before I'm comfortable just quietly listening to their advice.

When our relationship with Christ grows to the point where we aren't using Him for our wish list or taking Him off our TO-DO list then we can truly commune with Him. We can sit and listen to what He has to tell us because we are genuinely interested.

The next time you pray, make a conscious effort to take time and listen to Him. You'll be surprised what He has to say to you. Make an effort as you pray to truly build the relationship. It will not only develop a habit but it will become a desire to hear what He has to say. We will benefit greatly and God will be more pleased with our time with Him.

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Brian





Pray for our Fathers

EmmausWalk Prayer Support

Be a part of the Prayer Vigil For Walks all over the world!. All year long!

Go to www.3dayol.org

Gracious Heavenly Father

We give you praise and honor for the gift of Fathers. First, for you, our Heavenly Father. And for those in our lives who are our earthly Fathers- Those that are biological, spiritual or are simply Fathers-of-the-heart by choice.

The influence that Fathers have in our lives is tremendous. So, Lord, we pray for those that are blessed to be a Father, in any capacity, that they will seek you and your guidance in all their relationships. Help them be the best Daddy they can.

In Jesus Name, Amen!

What Can I Do to Make The Most of My Emmaus Experience?

Here are a few ideas of ways to get involved and get the MOST out of your Walk to Emmaus experience!

Year round activities:

Pray for the Ashland Area Emmaus Community and the influence we have on building leaders within the churches and local communities that our members represent.

Pray about potential pilgrims, invite and share the Walk to Emmaus opportunity with those God puts on your heart.

Join and be active in a reunion group, Gatherings and AAEC events.

Contact other pilgrims from your original walk and any walk you may have participated in as a team member since and encourage them be active as well.

Make agape for future walks. Be creative or Google search for ideas!

Volunteer to help at Gatherings, get involved in the AAEC Board, and ask where you can serve in the community. You will be a blessing and you will be blessed!

Calling all Sponsors...

Yes, That Means YOU!!!

Remember it is never too early to turn in a registration for the next Emmaus Walks.

Registration forms are available on the website

www.ashlandemmaus.com

Or

On the rainbow table at gatherings

Send all registrations to

AAEC Registrar

P.O. Box 293

Ashland, KY 41105-0293

Men's Fall Walk

JD Philyaw, Lay Director

October 6-9, 2016

Women's Fall Walk

Cristen Pulliam, Lay Director

October 20-23, 2016

Fall Walk Team Selection

JD Philyaw and Cristen Pulliam have been contacting prospective team members and continue to invite Community members to serve.

Service on the team is a wonderful blessing and a large responsibility.

If you are called, I hope you will prayerfully consider your response.

Please be in prayer as the teams are assembled.

God already knows who will be asked, and I know he is working within all of us to assemble the teams he needs for the work to be done.

Gratitude is expressed to the Team Selection Committee for all of its hard work.

Want to serve during the Fall Walks?

There are many ways to represent Christ in the Emmaus Community...

Kitchen Service

(Prepare or serve meals)

Agape

(church or conference room side)

Prayer Vigil

Walk Events

(Food or sendoff, agape room, Ice Cream party, Fiesta)

Music

Garden, Candlelight worship service

***Sign up sheets on
Rainbow Table!!!***



	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer/	Brian Poling	Alma Smith	Suzie Richardson's mom in hospital
Prayer	AAEC	Fall Walks	Prayer for Team and Pilgrims
Prayer	Sandy Ott	Vicki King/Mary	Prayer for Vicki's family. Her mother is ill and her sister Mary is being treated
Prayer	Pam Berry	Emily McAlister	Surgery/Treatment for breast cancer



Gathering Schedule— Mark Your Calendars!!

JUNE 17, 2016

AUGUST 19, 2016

JULY 15, 2016

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

