



Go Fourth

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FOURTH DAYS

One of the most moving parts of a Walk to Emmaus weekend is the testimony at Closing of those that have completed the Walk. In each newsletter there will be testimonies from people who have attended Emmaus. Here is a testimony from Denny Lawrence:

Most people have that moment in their life where they can look back and see the pivotal point in which their entire life turned around. For some it may be the day they got married, the birth of their first child, buying a house, joining the military, etc. While I have had several of these moments occur in my life already, one of the greatest of these moments was when I said "yes" to going on the Walk to Emmaus.

There was not much of a difference between myself and any other stereotypical 20 something "man" before the Walk to Emmaus changed my life. Living every weekday looking forward to the next party weekend where blowing off steam and substance abuse was the norm and primary goal. Although those weekends always ended with a headache and a slew of apologies, the lesson was never learned. There was something deep inside, a hole, that was never filled regardless of how many adult beverages were consumed.

My Walk to Emmaus occurred in 2012. During this event, even as a new Christian, so many items resonated with me but none like my first exposure to God's prevenient grace. It was a mind-blowing experience learning that God had been with me, oftentimes carrying me, through all the dumb decisions and terrible events in my life. I, like many before me, had a mountain top experience after the candlelight event where God spoke clearly to me. This was that moment for me where everything changed. God's voice finally resonated through my brain and He clearly told me He had a plan for me.

Since that day my life has been a complete turnaround. While I have had several of those life changing moments since my Walk to Emmaus such as getting married, witnessing the birth of my 2nd child and purchasing a house, none have impacted my life the way the Walk to Emmaus did. I write to you now as an appointed Local Pastor pursuing a career in full time ministry. Just as God assured His people through the prophet Jeremiah, He also assured me that there was a plan to prosper me in this life. All I had to do was say "yes" and follow Him! God has amazing things planned for you. All you have to do is say "yes".

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SATURDAY APRIL 8TH GATHERING - CHRIST UMC

Come meet the newest members of our Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus Community at the next Gathering!! It will be at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 US 31 S, Indianapolis, IN 46227 (North of Greenwood Park Mall at the corner of Stop 12 and US 31). The pilgrims will have their reunion groups at 6 p.m. The community begins gathering at 6:30 pm to fellowship, the program starts at 7 pm and wrap up is about 8:30 pm. Please wear your name tag.

A-M bring a drink and N-Z bring a snack. The gathering is open to anyone, even if you have not attended a Walk to Emmaus. Please contact Jannell Gunn at 317-989-5892 if you need babysitting. This is a great time to introduce someone new to Emmaus!



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Joseph Chimbanda	Marc Baker	Doug Herbert
Michael Greensides	Art Thomas	Leon Kittell
Stephen A. Ross	Todd Frye	Brent Stocksdale
Allen R. Bolton II	Michael Beaumont	Lindsay Jones

UPCOMING EMMAUS WALKS

The Next Women's Walk to Emmaus is not yet scheduled, however, the Board is looking at dates in September and for a location to hold the walk. Kathy Mitchell has agreed to be Lay Director. More information should be published shortly!

If you are interested in being on an Emmaus Team please fill out a Team Sheet. Positions that are needed for Walks are:

Conference room: Spiritual Directors, Lay Directors, Table Leaders, and Musicians

Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors are the Leaders for the weekend. Table Leaders help facilitate discussion and provide leadership for the small table groups. Musicians lead music throughout the weekend.

Anonymous behind the scenes: CHA (Christ's Hands in Action), Kitchen, Prayer Chapel Coordinator
CHA's are the ones that put out agape, the book table, and set up for various events over the weekend, such as candle light and closing. They are behind the scenes helpers that make everything happen. Kitchen prepares and serves food for the conference room and team during the weekend. Pray and if God is nudging you to work, please fill out a team sheet and mail it in. Team sheets are available at Indyemmaus.org.

It is not too early to talk to someone about going on a Walk to Emmaus! Sponsoring someone is an amazing experience.

Emmaus is looking for groups to sponsor a meal for an upcoming Walk. If your Reunion group or church is interested, contact Jannell Gunn at jgun@aol.com. It's a great way to get involved!

**WHERE CAN YOU FIND INDIANAPOLIS EMMAUS INFORMATION?**

The [GIAEC Website](http://indyemmaus.org) is located at <http://indyemmaus.org>. You can find information on Board Meetings, Gatherings, Walks, Flights, and applications to be on Team and Pilgrim/caterpillar forms, as well as other information.

The GIAEC has a Facebook site. It is a closed group as only people who have been on a fourth day event can be members. Search for [Emmaus](#) on Facebook. If you are already a member and have Facebook friends that have attended a Walk please add them. This is a great way to stay in touch with your Emmaus brothers and sisters. The GIAEC email account is Indyemmaus@gmail.com. This email is used only for Emmaus related items and for sending out an electronic version of the Go Fourth Newsletter. The Go Fourth newsletter contains community information. Contact Jannell Gunn at jgun@aol.com or 317-989-5892 to be added to the facebook site or to be added to the email list.

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CHRYSALIS TAKES FLIGHT JUNE 5TH TO THE 7TH AT CHRIST UMC



Chrysalis "Flights" (for 9th through 12th graders) are three-day events. Caterpillars spend three days with other people their age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. They experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days for them to discover or re-discover their spiritual self, to analyze and realize who they are in Christ. They will hear talks that focus on the needs of maturing youth or young adults, offer the message of the gospel and the friendship and example of Jesus Christ. Each day speakers present topics with life examples, followed by discussion, reflection, and creative expression of how these messages can encourage their personal faith.

The next Chrysalis Flights for the Indianapolis Area will be held June 5th to the 7th. It is on a Monday to Wednesday during Summer break. The Caterpillars will arrive on Monday morning about 8am on June 5th. Candlelight will be Tuesday, June 6th at 7:30pm—**come be the face of Jesus for these young people!** Closing will be Wednesday at 4pm. The Flights are being held at Christ United Methodist Church on the south side. Although the flights are held at the same time and at the same place, each flight (Boys & Girls) is separate. They each have separate living quarters, separate conference rooms, separate musicians, and separate Board Representatives. There is a male Lay Director and Spiritual Director for the boys, and a female Lay Director and Spiritual Director for the girls. The Lay Director for the Girls is Melissa Moore and for the boys is Andy Moore. The Chrysalis teams are forming and getting ready to start meeting to get ready for June. If you would like to volunteer to be on team, please contact Melissa Moore at mooremd@gmail.com. There is more information available and application forms available at <http://chrysalisgia.webs.com/> or at Indyemmaus.org. Fees are \$25 for Caterpillars and \$50 to be on Team. **It is not too early to sponsor a youth!**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



The Emmaus and Chrysalis Board of Directors have meetings every other month at Tuxedo Park Baptist Church. The Chrysalis Board has several open positions that need filling. **Hoot Coordinator** (same as Gatherings for Emmaus only with a youth focus), **Chrysalis Quartermaster** (arranges for supplies and the trailer to be available for the flights) and **Chrysalis Book Buyer** (purchases books for the youth for the flights for the book table). Both boards also need **Spiritual Directors**.

The next meeting for the Chrysalis Board is March 13th, at 7pm and the Emmaus Board Meeting is on March 20th at 7pm. These meetings are open to any members of the Emmaus or Chrysalis Community. Is God calling you to serve on one of the Boards? Please contact Elmer James (er.james@sbcglobal.net) for Emmaus or Jannell Gunn (jgun@aol.com) for Chrysalis if you are interested in being on the Board or just show up! The address for Tuxedo Park Baptist Church is 29 N Grant St, Indianapolis. The church is located at the 4100 block of East Washington St and ½ block north.

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The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

Mark Your Calendar for 2017

Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk - TBD September

Chrysalis Flights

June 5-7

Please plan to attend . . .

Candlelight - Tuesday (June 6th)

Closing - Wednesday (June 7th)

Gathering April 8th

Board Meetings

Emmaus - Mar. 20, May 15, July 17,
Sept 18, Nov. 20

Chrysalis - Mar. 13, May 8, July 10,
Sept 11, Nov. 13

