



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS OCTOBER 2024

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Amen

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:

How can something that seems like so much fun and can build all kinds of great things, be so devastating? I have always been fascinated by Legos. I had fun with them as a kid, then with my kids, now with my grandkids. We can build so many things from buildings to cars, etc. All the different colors and shapes and sizes are incredible. I love watching the kids when their imaginations are exploring. I can see their eyes thinking. Hearing the laughter. Watching them just play. Legos are great to play with, but they also have a very, very dark side. That being, when they aren't picked up and are left everywhere on the floor. Then you walk into a room without shoes on, and step on one! OUCH!!! Now you are stumbling around, trying to figure out what you stepped on, and inevitably you will step on one, and another one, and the cycle just repeats itself. That must be one of the worse kinds of pains that any human can possibly experience.

Read these words from Matthew 16:13,23

Now when Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets." He *said to them, "But who do you yourselves say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are [m]Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." 20 Then He gave the disciples strict orders that they were to tell no one that He was the Christ.

From that time Jesus began to point out to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised up on the third day. And yet Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's purposes, but men's."

What an interesting story in which most of us simply focus on Peter's confession of Jesus being the Messiah, which is incredible. However, let's look at the rest of the story. Jesus is walking down the road with His disciples and is asking them who people said he was. Then he asked Peter who simply stated, "You are the Messiah". This must've pleased Jesus, as well as showing how Peter had come to the realization of believing who Jesus was. What a foundation for something to grow. What a great example of using the "building blocks" that Jesus had given to Peter in which something amazing was built.... that being Peter's faith. But then, just a short time later, Jesus is telling the disciples what was going to happen to him while he was on earth. People weren't going to like him. They weren't going to accept Jesus' teachings. They were going to get so infuriated with Jesus that they were going to kill him. These words were a little too much for Peter to hear. Peter pulls Jesus aside and begins to tell him how wrong Jesus was. Peter was a Jew. I'm sure that he had read Isaiah chapter 9 which talks about the coming of the Messiah. He must've forgotten about Isaiah 53 which talks about the sacrifice that the Messiah was going to make. This allowed Satan to get into Peter's head. Surely Jesus was lying, and Peter needed to step up and tell Jesus that he was wrong. I'm sure Satan was grinning ear to ear, "Hehe, I got another one!" Jesus rebukes Satan and tells him that he is a stumbling block to Jesus. That means that Satan was a stumbling block to everything that Jesus was trying to do. Sometimes we make the mistake of allowing Satan to use us as his tool to be a stumbling block to Jesus. We hear the words of Jesus. We react by professing that Jesus is our Messiah. Then we try to hear and accept only those words that we want to hear, and we ignore the others. We quickly go from building something with the Legos that Jesus gives us, to trying to destroy the Legos that we don't want to use.

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Eventually knocking them all over the floor. Then someone comes behind us, and accidently steps on one of those knocked over, unused Legos. When they step on it, they are caused great pain and from then on, they may not want to use the Legos anymore. They may pick them up, put them in the container, set the container on the shelf, and never get the container of Legos out again. Therefore, they never get to build something with them.

Are you using every Lego that God gives you to build yourself and others in God? Or are you just letting them sit on the ground to let someone stumble over? Satan used Peter as a stumbling block to Jesus. Is Satan using you as a stumbling block that stops people from experiencing the glory and wonder of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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Pastor Ben

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR:

Community Lay Director Thoughts

Recent events in our city, with the disheartening news interfering with many people's daily lives, have been so discouraging. In a recent Bible study, the scripture of James 3:5-10, reminds us of how dangerous our tongues / words can be. V9-10 - With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. I have been challenging myself to focus on praising God, in my thoughts as well as my words, instead of focusing on the negativity that is so easy now in our community. I am praising God that we have our Emmaus Community to support each other and be prayer warriors for each other. I am praising God that we have a Women's Walk in November, and that the team has started to meet. I am praising God for the opportunity we have to meet together. I am praising God that our next Gathering will be led by the Kairos Community, and that the program has been allowed to resume in many of our Ohio Prisons.

Kim Bachman

Community Lay Director

Our next Gathering is October 13 at 7 pm at High Street Methodist Church. This will be led by the Kairos ministry. All are welcome to come early at 6:30 to share in food and fellowship.



Kairos Korner

Greetings my Emmaus Family,

Before covid hit, our October gatherings were hosted by our Kairos Family whom many of our Emmaus Brothers and Sisters have and still support. For those of you who are new to our family, you may not be acquainted with this ministry Kairos is a prison ministry where we share the love of Christ with the incarcerated.

At the October gathering this year, 10-13-24 we will update you on Kairos News, answer questions, have some music and a Fourth Day Speaker. Please come and gather and learn the MANY ways you can support this wonderful ministry without even stepping foot in a prison. One important way is with "green agape". We will be accepting donations that night. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to:

KAIROS OF OHIO and in the memo please write **LOCI** so that it will be accredited to our next weekend at the London Correctional Institution, 11/07/24 through 11/10/24. Thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless you.

If you have any questions before then, please contact Dana Johnson, Kairos Liaison, at

Dana.johnson777@yahoo.com. He will answer any and all questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sandy Johnson, Nurturing Chair



Sherry Fout is starting team meetings for Women's Walk #78, November 14-17. All applications for pilgrims for the Walk must be **mailed by October 28**, so there is sufficient time to prepare for them. Has the Lord laid someone on your heart to invite and sponsor?



RE: KITCHEN WW#78

Greg Bachman- Will be contacting kitchen help beginning mid-Sept. Need to find experienced cooks since my wife is connected to another position. Thanks to the helping hands who have and will assist. Your servanthood is deeply appreciated.

ALSO be in prayer for the dishwasher situation. There are quotes coming in!



TEAM LIST FOR WOMEN'S WALK #78

As of 10/05

- Sherry Fout LD
- Lori Bloomenschein TL
- Lisa Case TL
- Pr. Mary Beth Cheeseman SD
- Shawn Clark BR
- Shelley Clemens LOG
- Lacy Cron TL
- Stacey Eckler ATL
- Teresa Ehalt LOG
- Sherry Fout LD
- Melissa Fowler ALD
- Beth Hurley ATL
- Shannon Moerch ALD
- Angela Patton TL
- Susan Roosen ATL
- Carlene Sands LOG
- Sandy Sowers AMD
- Jennifer Webster MD

Remember to be in prayer for WW#78!

Ask The Lord how He would have you serve. Is there someone He would have you sponsor? There are things to do in the kitchen, toilets to clean, :) and prayer times to fill. And there is always a need for Agape, table and bedtime.



COMING SOON!!

GETTING PREPARED!



Celebrate the Season with Song!

The December gathering will be all about celebrating the beauty of the season by coming together for praise and worship.

I am excited about what God has already put together for this gathering, but there is still room for more folks to share your talents. Anyone who may be interested in participating in a sing-along of Christmas -themed music for the December 8th Emmaus Gathering, please contact Carlene Sands @ 937-206-8300 to sign up or find me at one of the upcoming Gatherings.



SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name _____ (as preferred on name tag) Age _____

Sex M _____ F _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip

Code _____ - _____

Email address _____

Church now attending:

_____ Pastor: _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Separated _____

Spouse's name _____

Walk spouse attended _____

Sponsor's name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Walk attended _____

Any Dietary, Medical or Disability concerns

Occupation: _____ Company

Name: _____

Name of a close friend: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip: _____

Briefly state why you want to attend a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect. (you may use the back, also)

Would you be able to attend on short notice? Yes _____ No _____ Perhaps _____

I understand that this application does not reserve a position on a particular Walk but does place me on a list for future Walks to Emmaus in Springfield.

Signature _____

Date _____

Enclose a NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERRABLE deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$75.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar, Springfield Area Emmaus, High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505. REGISTRATION

ONLY Date received _____ Card sent to: Sponsor _____

Pilgrim _____ Deposit rec'd _____ Cash _____ Check

_____ Rec'd from _____ 1st

Invite _____ 2nd Invite _____ 3rd Invite _____

Inactive _____ Revised Sept. 2013

Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please print

name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____

Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: _____ Walk # _____ Walk

Location _____

Email: _____

Information is current as of: (Date) _____

===== I Am Willing To Serve In These Areas:=====

Please Check All That Apply

Help serving meals Be a Meal Coordinator Help with Agape for Weekends

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk) Help Set up/Tear Down for Weekends

Help with Sponsorship (help get info to Sponsors) Help get word out about Emmaus

Help on purchasing team for weekend Be on a Live-In Team Lead Music

Play an instrument: _____ Offer special music for Gatherings or Walks

Help with the newsletter Help with social before Gatherings Help set up Worship

Provide secretarial help at Board Meetings Help inventory and organize supplies

Help with cleaning bathrooms during a walk Help get people connected to Share Groups

To learn more about Emmaus by attending the Leadership Development Event (LDE)

Help in other ways:

Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street,
Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.