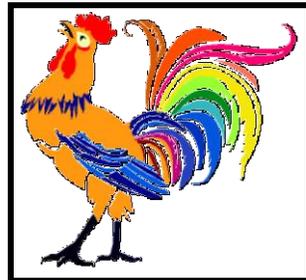




Missouri East Walk to Emmaus Missouri East Chrysalis Kairos Prison Ministry

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Keeping in Touch

The Missouri East Emmaus Board is looking to strengthen communication among all our regions across eastern Missouri. Please make sure your friends in the Emmaus community have given us their current contact information. Phone, address, and email updates can be submitted to our Registrar, Jim Kennedy, at moeregistrar@gmail.com.

Technical issues jinxed the May newsletter, so this month's is chock full. The deadline for items to be included in the September edition will be **September 19**.

Please email articles and calendar information to our editor, Ken Cieslak, at kjcieslak@gmail.com as soon as you set a date for any activities, including gatherings. Please be sure to include contact information with your submission.

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, August 7, 2016, 12:00 pm - "We're done!"
Kairos Prison Ministry Presentation & Light Lunch
Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO
Contact: Mike or Cheryl Baalman (314-623-0762)

Sunday, August 7, 2016, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Chrysalis Ignite! Battle of the Bands
Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO
Contact: Steve Wallace (kswallac@swbell.net)

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 9:00 am
Missouri East Chrysalis Board Meeting
Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO
Contact: Chuck Newburry (newburry075@gmail.com)

Saturday, September 10, 2016, 10:00 am
Missouri East Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
Church of the Shepherd UMC, St. Charles MO
Contact: Nathan McKie (navigator.1@juno.com)

Thursday-Sunday, September 22-25, 2016
Missouri East Emmaus Men's Walk #151
All God's Children Camp, High Ridge MO
Contact :Duane Paulsmeyer (BA) (duanepmeyer@yahoo.com)

Thursday-Sunday, October 13-16, 2016
Kairos #13 Prison Ministry Weekend
Potosi Correctional Center, Potosi MO
Contact: Jon Shepherd (jdshepherd53@gmail.com)

Thursday-Sunday, October 20-23, 2016
Missouri East Emmaus Women's Walk #152
All God's Children Camp, High Ridge MO
Contact: Sally Gragg (sdgragg4@gmail.com)

A Message from...

Nathan McKie-Community Lay Director

Pilgrims, that is, SPONSORS needed for fall Walks

Summer is upon us, and it is a time to enjoy the outdoors, take vacations, and plan for fall. The lay directors and spiritual directors have been chosen for the fall Walks, and they are busy putting together the teams who will serve.

Sponsorship is a frequent topic for us, and that is rightfully so. We are not a program that seeks to increase knowledge for our members/supporters. While most of us are willing and ready to serve, much of the work that is done putting a team together is not effective unless there are pilgrims to participate. Each walk is certainly enriching and encouraging to all who are a part of it, but the real purpose is to create leaders for local churches in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

My Christian walk has been enriched by all of the stories and lessons that have been presented during the walks that I have participated in. I can't remember who presented which talk, in many cases, but I do remember many of the concepts and important points in many of them. Each member shared their stories woven into the outline of the talk, and we are blessed by seeing how the Holy Spirit has worked their lives. This has led to strong bonds and a deeper love for God. Many who have participated as a pilgrim come back to serve and to sponsor. This is how the Gospel is spread by our efforts.

Please prayerfully consider how you fit into this picture. Let the Spirit guide you in whatever way He has for you to go. Pray for Him to lift up those that you can encourage to attend the Walk. Let's make sure that as many as respond to the call will say "yes" and help us in our task of making disciples.

De Colores!

A Message from... Bob Boast-Community Treasurer

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

The Missouri East Walk to Emmaus Community has always tried to have funds available, at the Board level, to help with Pilgrim and Team fees. We are committed to the concept that no one should be denied the opportunity to attend or serve on an Emmaus Walk because of individual financial situations.

I often tell people that my Walk opened my eyes to the abundance of God's love that surrounds all of us every day. In some ways I feel like Paul, God has always been there, I just couldn't see beyond my immediate struggles to see that God's love and mercy envelops us, every single day, no matter what we're going through. God wants better things for all of us. I think that it was on Saturday afternoon that the scales finally fell from my eyes and I finally understood that we are all instruments of God's love. We are the hands and feet and smiles and hugs and words of Jesus. We can lift up others when they're struggling. We can make a difference in their lives. An Emmaus weekend can be life-altering. But you already knew that, you wouldn't be reading this if your Walk hadn't changed you. There are those among us whose lives will be changed by going on a Walk. If God is nudging them to go, we shouldn't let money worries be another obstacle that they have to overcome.



Please give, as you feel moved, to the Missouri East Emmaus Scholarship Fund. To make a contribution that will only be used for scholarships, make a note on the memo line of your check, or if you prefer to give cash please put the contribution in an envelope with the notation "Scholarship." If you would like a letter acknowledging your gift, please make sure that I have your name and address, either on your check or in the envelope.

We usually take offerings at Apostolic Hour and at Closing that are used to finance our operating expenses. You can make a gift to the Scholarship Fund during one of those offerings or you can mail a donation to the address below. All donations to the Scholarship Fund will be used only for the intended purpose of monetary assistance with Pilgrim sponsorship and to assist with Team fees.

Donations should be made payable to: **Missouri East Walk to Emmaus**

Mail them to:

**Missouri East Walk to Emmaus
4 Parkview Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376**

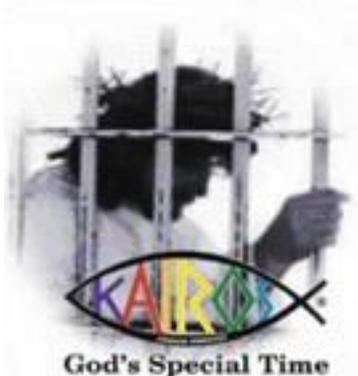
A Mini Fourth Day from... Al Kremer-Assistant Community Lay Director

I've been a Lay Director, and now that I'm on the Board, I can be a Board Advisor on a team. But one of these days I won't have much in the way of opportunities to serve on Walks. I can participate in Gut Bucket, Apostolic Hour and Candlelight, and Sponsor pilgrims, and that's vital to continued success of the Walk To Emmaus. However, it's not likely, unless an emergency arises, that I'll ever give a talk or sit at a table on an Emmaus weekend again.

But, if you are in the situation I just described, and you desire to feel that camaraderie of being on a team again, I have an alternative for you.

On the weekend of April 7-10, 2016, I participated in my first Kairos weekend. Kairos 12 was a wonderful experience that has once again changed my life, much as Walk 64 did years ago.

I had been hearing about Kairos for years, and had been interested, but had not come up with a good time to take part. Well this spring, the right time presented itself. A former Walk To Emmaus friend was leading this weekend, and he called me to be on his team. I met a tremendous group of Godly men, some whom I've known for quite some time, and others I'd never met before. I had originally thought that Kairos was an offshoot of Emmaus, much like Chrysalis. But I was mistaken. Many of these men had participated in other 3 day weekends, or not at all.



Kairos is not like Walk To Emmaus in that they cannot populate teams from new participants on the weekend. Several of the men I met have been on virtually every Kairos weekend, while I also met at least one member who had never been on any weekend of any type. They are of various faiths, which made things interesting.

The one thing I had to wrap my head around, and I think it happened fairly quickly for me, was that we were going into a prison to present this weekend experience. I had no idea what to expect. The leadership on the team helped to make it easy to look past where we were going to see what we were there for. I went from anxiety to excitement.



Hope. Hope is something that the men in Potosi Correctional Center have in very short supply. Most of the men we met on that weekend will likely never see the other side of the electrified fence that keeps them inside. But I was surprised to see how decent they were, fun-loving people who were simply looking for something to believe in. I told a fellow team member that I found it hard to believe that we went back to a local church, ate a nice meal and slept comfortably, while those men returned to a cell.

I can't wait to serve on another one of these teams. I don't know when that's going to happen, but it will. If you have interest in serving on a Kairos team, there are a number of folks involved in Emmaus who have become active in Kairos. Both men and women can take part on Kairos teams. Vern Walters (vernstl54@earthlink.net) is the state Kairos rep, and he can communicate your interest to the Kairos leadership.

I promise you won't be sorry! De Colores.



An Invitation from... Kairos Prison Ministry

JESUS SAID, "COME, FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN!" AND YOU SAID, "HERE I AM, SEND ME!"

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS! YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:

WHAT: A KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY PRESENTATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

WHERE: CHURCH OF THE SHEPHERD, 1601 WOODSTONE, ST. CHARLES - ROOM 94-2

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH, NOON TO ????
(WHEN ALL YOUR QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!)

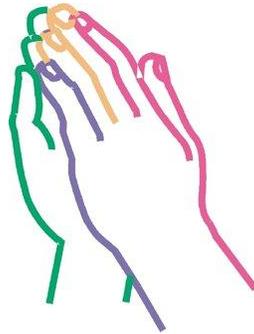
For more information, see www.mykairos.org and www.potosi-kairos.com or call Michael or Cheryl Baalman at (314) 623-0762 or Dave Raposo at (636) 284-9328.



Missouri East Emmaus Community Newsletter

Agape Chapel

We are a community of prayer warriors.
Please lift up the following in prayer:



Leadership & Team Formation:
Emmaus Fall Walks #151 &152
Kairos #13 Prison Ministry Weekend

Missouri East Chrysalis Board vacancies

Local church pastoral leadership and their families, especially those United Methodist ministers serving in new appointments

All first responders, that God's grace be upon them and their families.

All lives touched by terrorism and violence, that God may grant warmth, strength, and healing

(You may email prayer requests of an ongoing nature to kjcieslak@gmail.com, to be included here, but please remember that our goal is to publish every other month. If the prayer need is more immediate, please notify our Community Lay Director, Nathan McKie (navigator.1@juno.com) about the possibility of doing an email blast.)