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Winter 2017-18

Jackson Area Emmaus Newsletter

End of the Year Reflection

Bonnie and I would like to say “Thank You” to God for opening the door for the opportunity to be in the position of Community Lay Director of the Jackson Area Emmaus Community. Jesus Christ for his Death and Resurrection so we could live and the Holy Spirit for His guidance. As part of the Jackson Area Emmaus Board its members have strived to pray, discern, and stay in Gods will for the community. As with all boards we have ran the gambit of decisions that have been made on behalf of the Community. Some have been well received and some maybe not as much. But we have tried to keep Gods will and the Community at the center of our decisions.

As I think back to my walk, many memories come forward. I remember when the Lay Director announced that there would be 15 talks 5 by clergy and 10 by lay people. Not realizing how the walk worked I said “Lord do not let them chose me I will **Never** give a talk.” Not that I knew what to talk about. Then we were told that the Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders would be announced. I said “Lord please do not let them pick me I will **Never** be a leader.” God has taken me to some fantastic places because I said yes to him.

I have been totally amazed by what God has done through this Community. To see the growth of not only those on the board but the growth of many of those within the Community is and has been awesome. I know that Gods will is to be done but I also believe that he wants us to step forward and be His hands and feet. Yes as far as the mission of Emmaus we are equipping and sending forth new leaders into their respective communities. Again “Thank You” to all that are involved in the Jackson Area Emmaus Community for your support over the past three years.

Continued Prayers -

—Jeff Sweet

JAE Community Lay Director

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Caroling at Countryside

Nursing Home (McCain & Robinson)

3:00 Saturday, December 9

December Gathering

5:00 pm Saturday, December 9

Brookside UMC

Francis St. Jackson

January Gathering

5:00 pm Saturday, January 13

Brookside UMC

Francis St. Jackson

January Board Meeting

6:30 pm Tuesday, January 23

Brookside UMC

Francis St. Jackson



Holiday Drinking Guide



As we come up on the holidays, I urge my Christian friends to drink heavily and heartily like the Apostle Paul states in the Book of Ephesians:

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit

Eph. 5:18

If we look at the phrase, “be filled” it means be to continually filled with The Spirit. Paul doesn’t just want you to get filled with The Spirit on one day and be through with it. We need to be continually filled.

Why do we need to be continually filled?

Because we leak. I’m not sure where the hole is, but I guess it’s somewhere between our ears.

If He wasn’t important, Jesus wouldn’t have sent Him.

In Ephesians chapter 5, verses 14-21, Paul lists some benefits of being filled with The Spirit.

Eph. 3:14-21

Strengthened with Power by His Spirit in your inner man

Christ may dwell in your hearts (bigger than having nice thoughts)

Rooted and grounded in love

May be able to comprehend breadth, length, depth & height of His Love

Know The Love of Christ Be filled with The Fullness of God (Did you know that that was even possible?)

That He may do exceedingly and abundantly above ...

according to the power that works in us.

If you’re not getting any results, check your filling level.

Make sure you keep a lot of this on tap for when friends and relatives come over. Share some of this with the mail letter carriers, babysitters, and other folks on your Christmas list.

Merry Christmas and DeColores to all!

-Pastor Dave Goolsby



**Happy
Newyear**

Jackson Area Emmaus Community 2017 Financials

Where God guides, He provides!

Beginning Checking Balance	\$7303.35
Beginning Savings Balance	951.54

2017 Expenditures

Liability & Trailer Insurance	401.00
Internet Website Hosting	359.40
Music License	124.00
Upper Room Supplies	483.10
Tires for Two Trailers	616.81
Community Gatherings	554.14
Men's Walk	3235.46
Women's Walk	2838.37
Total	8612.28

Checking Balance as 11/13/2017	9435.09
Outstanding checks	507.18
Remaining Balance	8927.91

Savings Balance **1010.69**



"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8

(Genesis 22:14)



THIS SUMMER, I ALONG WITH THOMAS AND A FEW FROM OUR CHURCH HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND A CAMP AT ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMPGROUNDS. IT WAS CALLED HANDI-CAMP. THERE WERE SEVERAL HANDICAPPED OR MENTALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS THAT ATTENDED. THIS WAS OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE, BUT EXACTLY WHERE THE LORD WANTED ME TO BE. I WAS PAIRED WITH A YOUNG LADY WITH AUTISM AND ADHD. ALSO IN THE ROOM I STAYED IN WAS A YOUNG LADY WHO IS BLIND. BOTH LADIES WERE BUSY, FUN, AND CONSTANTLY WANTING TO BE DOING SOMETHING.

I GOT TO SPEND SOME ONE ON ONE TIME WITH EACH OF THE YOUNG LADIES AND GOT TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR LIVES, FAMILY LIFE, AND THEIR DREAMS. IT WAS A GREAT TIME WITH EACH OF THE LADIES IN THE SHORT TIME WE HAD. WE HAVE BUILT UP A FRIENDSHIP NOW AND TALK WITH EACH OTHER THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA FACEBOOK. I LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE YOUNG LADIES HAD A ROUGH LIFE AT HOME AND WAS CALLED ALL KINDS OF NAMES. SHE WAS CALLING HERSELF A RETARD, STUPID, A NUISANCE, AND NO GOOD. WHY WOULD YOU SAY THIS ABOUT YOURSELF? WELL, BECAUSE THAT IS ALL THAT SHE WAS TOLD. GOD PUT ME THERE TO LET HER KNOW AND SHOW HER THAT SHE IS NONE OF THOSE NAMES, AND THAT SHE IS A PRECIOUS CHILD OF GOD.

SO AFTER A LONG TALK WITH HER, EVERY TIME SHE CALLED HERSELF A NAME, I HAD HER REPEAT OUT LOUD, "I AM A PRECIOUS CHILD OF GOD". BY THE END OF THE TIME WE HAD TOGETHER, SHE HAD STOPPED CALLING HERSELF NAMES AND IF SHE DID START TO SAY SOMETHING, SHE WOULD STOP HERSELF AND SAY I AM A PRECIOUS CHILD OF GOD!!

GOD KNEW WHERE I NEEDED TO BE THAT WEEKEND AND WHO I NEEDED TO BE WITH. THIS WAS A BLESSING TO ME AS IT WAS FOR HER.



I TELL YOU THIS STORY BECAUSE THIS IS LIKE AN EMMAUS WEEKEND. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO STEP OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES IN ORDER TO DO GOD'S WORK AND SERVE OTHERS. I HAVE BEEN A PART OF EMMAUS FOR 18 YEARS NOW AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH SOME CHALLENGES WITH MY COMFORT ZONE LEVELS WITH MEETING NEW PEOPLE, NOT TALKING AT CERTAIN TIMES, TELLING MY UGLINESS OR TESTIMONY TO OTHERS, AND ACTUALLY COOKING AND SERVING BEHIND THE SCENES ON THE WALKS. WHAT A GREAT FEELING IT IS TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO BLESS THEM WITH ALL THAT YOU HAVE LEFT IN YOU. THEN TO FEEL THAT LOVING BLESSING THAT YOU RECEIVE FROM GOD FOR ALL THAT YOU DID THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

I ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO STEP OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ON A WALK. BE A SERVANT OF GOD AND RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS HE HAS FOR EACH OF YOU.

I TRULY BELIEVE GOOD THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE JACKSON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY, BECAUSE YOU, AS THE COMMUNITY ARE ALIVE AND WELL AND ON FIRE FOR GOD!! I KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL OF YOU THAT WANT TO KEEP THIS GOOD THING GOING, SO PLEASE STEP UP, STEP OUT, AND STEP IN TO A SERVANT ROLE ON THE UPCOMING MENS WALK IN APRIL. THEN IN THE FALL IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE WOMENS WALK. YOU COULD REALLY TAKE A BOLD MOVE AND STEP OUT IN FAITH AND JOIN US ON THE BOARD IN A POSITION TO HELP FURTHER THIS COMMUNITY TO SHINE IN THE FUTURE. ALONE WE CAN DO NOTHING BUT TOGETHER WE CAN CONQUER IT ALL BECAUSE WE HAVE CHRIST AS OUR LEADER AND VICTOR OVER ALL.

AS A CHILD OF THE KING OUR JOB IS NOT TO TURN HEADS BUT TO TURN HEARTS TOWARD THE KING!! SENDING MUCH LOVE AND HUGS TO YOU ALL!!

- Sue Miller

Asst. Community Lay Director

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- Data Entry
- Phone Calling
- Leading Music
- Newsletter writing contributions
- Serve on Walks
- Help with Gatherings
- Set up/tear down at events
- Lead a 4th Day Group
- Contribute food items

Call Jeff Sweet to volunteer:

517-565-3259



JACKSON AREA EMMAUS WALK #60



Hello my name is Tammy. My Emmaus walk was 09/2017 and I am from the table of Martha. Before the walk I was having a "spiritual breakdown."

Going through the motions, but I really thought God had forgotten me. I was ready to turn in my church shoes and give up my pew.

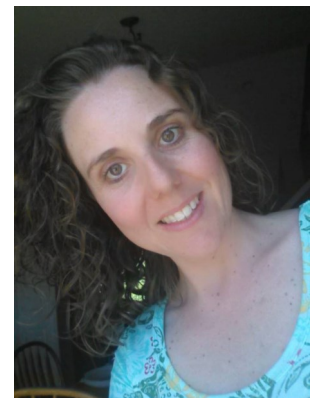
Then I went on the Emmaus walk. "Aha" is still with me today! I was so busy looking for all the reasons God should not adopt me that I overlooked His grace, His mercy, His love for me. Oh how the Father loves us!

I met some wonderful people who shared their struggles, their triumphs, and yes their "Aha" moments too! I laughed, I cried and I laughed some more! Then it was time to back to my life, my job, but now I had (have) Jesus in me. Yes, Satan tried to knock me down. I almost fell for it too. My sisters at the table of Martha reminded me that I am a child of God.

Jesus said "I have told you these things, so that in me you may

have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
-John 16:33 NIV.

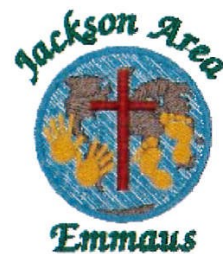
De Colores sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus! -Tammy



"The Emmaus weekend was amazing. I have never felt so loved in all my life!" - Jessica



Clothing Order Form



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 <p>Women's Polo Shirt Material is 65/35</p>	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
	Banana	2 XL		\$20.00	
	Black	3 XL		\$22.00	
	Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
 <p>Men's Polo Shirt Material is 65/35</p>	Red	S M L XL		\$19.00	
	Black	2 XL		\$20.00	
	Banana	3 XL		\$22.00	
	Light Blue	4 XL		\$23.00	
	Red	LG & XL TALL		\$21.00	
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 <p>Crewneck Sweatshirt Material is 50/50</p>	Ash Grey	S M L XL		\$18.00	
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 <p>Hoodies Material is 50/50</p>	Ash Grey	S M L XL		\$21.00	
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 Thank you for your support of Jackson Area Emmaus.



We'd like to welcome new board members Celia Sykes and Kate Bancroft, as well as returning board member Butch Walker. Celia has agreed to serve as Mailroom/Agape chairperson, and Kate will take on the responsibility of the Newsletter. Butch previously served as Site Selection Coordinator for a three year term, and will resume that position.

Also elected to the board for a second term are Jim Justin (treasurer) and Debbie Spicer (secretary).

Positions yet unfilled: Community Lay Director, Asst. Lay Director, Registrar, and Music Director.

MEN'S WALK APRIL 12-15, 2018 Marshall United Methodist Church

Please be in prayer for the upcoming men's walk. Now is the time to begin the registration process. Contact Jean Herrick (information below) for a registration form.

Andy Cristenberry, chef at the 2017 women's walk, has agreed to serve as Lay Director. He would appreciate your prayer support as he follows the Lord's leading in assembling the conference room team.



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(Contact Jeff Sweet if you are interested in serving on the board)

