

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT WALK TO EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO
EVERYONE

LAY DIRECTOR'S DESK

Season's blessings to all of you. As the body of Christ it's time again to celebrate. To try to remain truly focused on our Lord Jesus' birth, but so much can distract us and we can forget the real reason we gather around to celebrate. Please don't forget to reflect on all that God has done for you. Merry Christmas from our home to yours.

Sandie Heatherington CLD

MEN'S WALK #82

March 6-9, 2014

Lay Director:

Bill Eberle EDWE #24

WOMEN'S WALK #83

March 13-16, 2014

Lay Director:

Janice Weber EDWE #13

DECEMBER GATHERING

Saturday, December 14, 2013

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rockport, Indiana

Fellowship begins @ 6:30p.m.

Worship follows at @ 7:p.m.

Guest Speaker: Paul Giles

DIRECTIONS TO CHURCH: 124 South 5th; take Highway 66 west into Rockport, continue straight through two traffic lights (highway 66 becomes 5th street) as you enter Rockport. The church is located one block south of 5th and Main Street intersection on the right.

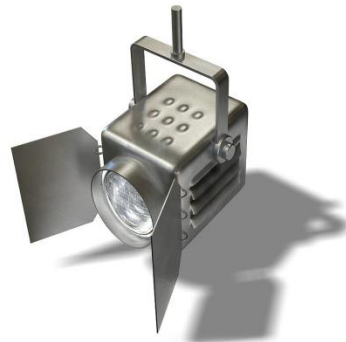
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GOOD FOOD

During this busy time of the year it is always nice if you don't have to cook, so I'm offering you a way to try to keep up with your busy schedule and still have a good meal. On the evening of the gathering THE WAY in Rockport will be having a meal from 5:p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Gideon Hall at Trinity UMC. It will be a free will offering with the money collected going to benefit THE WAY. THE WAY is a transitional home for those recovering from addiction.



Helpful tips for sponsoring

Don't get upset if you haven't finished your Christmas (not holiday) shopping yet. You have one of the greatest gift ideas ever right at your fingertips. Give the gift of The Walk to Emmaus to someone this year. You can print a nice certificate or card with the info and give it as a surprise gift. Remember the joy, love and fellowship of your walk. Who wouldn't want that? The Spring Walks will be our only Walks this year and should fill up quickly. Don't miss out on giving the gift that will last the rest of someone's life. It is much better than a fruit cake, which might last the rest of someone's life also.

As always, if you have questions or need help, contact Mark Wilson at oldtowneww@gmail.com or call 812/629-8725.

From the Registrar's Desk

If you were at the last Gathering you heard Bill Eberle say he was having problems getting his team put together due to outdated phone numbers and emails. This has been an ongoing issue and the Registrar's Committee has been trying to come up with the best way to solve the issue. There are over 3,000 names on the EDWE website and even though we are willing to call each of you to make corrections, we do not feel that is the best way to go about it. We are asking all of you to go into the website to check your information and correcting any incorrect information. I would also ask that you email me to let me know you have done this and I can check your name off as being corrected. The registrar committee person in charge of sign in sheets will have information sheets for the

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website at the Gatherings if you need them. If you continue to have issues signing in or verifying your information please email Chris Ritchie.

I know how busy we get with Christmas just a few weeks away, but we have some work to do for God. I have received one pilgrim application since the last gathering. Please keep in mind that the walks are only 3 months away. Please be asking God who he wants you to sponsor. We will have extra applications at the Gathering or you may go to the website and print one from the forms section. You may mail applications and deposits directly to me – Joyce Cundiff, 3244 Pigeon Valley Road, Boonville, In 47601 or you can mail them to the address on the form.

What a great Christmas gift you could give to someone- A Walk to Emmaus-

Praying for a Very Merry Christmas for all of you!

Joyce Cundiff – EDWE #49 – Registrar

NEWBIES (somewhat)

Craig Groeschel wrote about loneliness in his book confessions of a pastor that he had been used in a mighty way by the Lord in front of a thousand teenagers in a Christian camp. It should've been a mountain top experience. Instead, he returned to his hotel room and cried feeling utterly alone.

None of us are immune to loneliness, fear, feelings of inadequacy, illness, addiction, grief and many more. But it seems harder to deal with during the holiday season. Sandie and I faced her mom's passing one Christmas and the very next Yuletide season, we were dealing with cancer. Even this year that fear of what might be around the corner makes me wonder, should we decorate?

Luckily for all of us, God's word is filled with the very encouragement that we need to find good in all of this. Consider the apostle Paul who wrote in second Corinthians 12 about a thorn in his flesh, a torment. Verse eight through nine says " three times I pleaded with the Lord take it from me. But he said to me," my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

So there is our promise folks, no matter what we face on wobbly legs we need to walk in faith even though it may be weak at first - he will carry us through. I don't know about all of you but we are getting a tree out and decorating it this weekend. Merry Christmas.

Ed Heatherington EDWE # 46

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FUTURE GATHERING LOCATIONS:

January: North Friendship-Lynnville, IN.

February: St. James- Evansville, IN

March: Santa Claus UMC- Santa Claus, IN. (Walk month)

April: Cornerstone UMC-Chrisney, IN.

These are tentative and may be subject to change. Please, watch the newsletter for updates.

CHRYSALLIS FLIGHTS

#40 Launch: March 7-9, 2014

#41 Launch: November 7-9, 2014

Journey #9 date is undecided.

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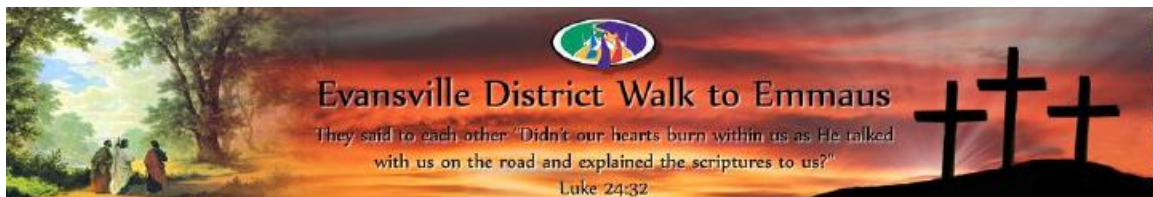
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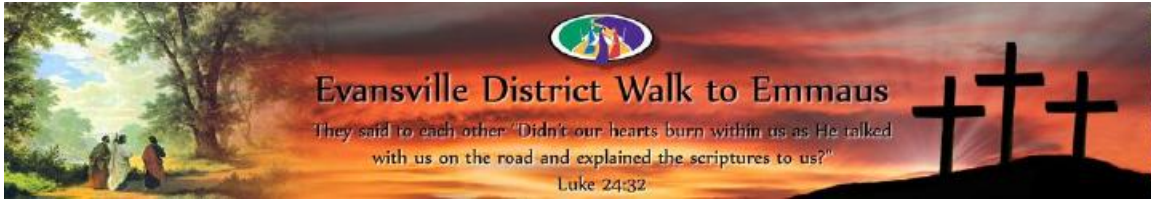
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