



## Evansville District Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

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### January Monthly Gathering & Walk Critiques

January 11, 2020

#### Aldersgate UMC

5130 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715  
Witness Speaker: Angie Hulsey

Family, Friends and Children are always welcome to attend our Gatherings and we encourage you to invite them.

Walk Critiques: 5:30  
Social Time: 6:30  
Gathering: 7:00 pm



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### Upcoming Events / Gatherings

**February 8** - Trinity UMC, Rockport  
**March 14**- Newburgh UMC, Newburgh  
**April 18**- Main Street UMC, Boonville  
(please note this is the week after our normal gathering date)

### Editor's Notes

If you have ideas for newsletter content, please contact Kristi Abell at [kcordeliaa@gmail.com](mailto:kcordeliaa@gmail.com).  
I welcome your thoughts and ideas!!



## **Obedience** - 10 Prayers God always answers — *Prayer 5 of 10*

**"Strengthen my obedience."** - We all know that when the Lord asks us to do something, we need to be obedient. However, at times it can be very, very hard. For example, if we are waiting for something to happen, it can be hard not to take matters into our own hands. When you have days of anxiety and doubt, ask the Lord to strengthen your obedience. Ask him to help you to do what you have been commanded to do. For me, whenever I hear or see the phrase, **"Be still and know that I am God"**, it reminds me to be still and obedient. For he is working even if I can't see it.

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."

[James 1:5](#) (NLT)

## **Don't Forget!!**

### **New 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Walks #92 & #93:**

Walk Critique meetings will be held before the January gathering. This is your time to tell us what you loved about your walk, and also what we can improve. This Saturday, January, 11, 2020 at 5:30pm at Aldersgate UMC in Evansville.

## **Chrysalis Corner**

Attention EDWE,

Our Chrysalis Community will have their next Flight (#52) on February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chrysalis can be as life changing of a weekend for our youth as your walk was for you. Our youth is our next generation and can you imagine any more powerful of a gift?

Please prayerfully consider a High School student that you should sponsor.

## Community Classifieds

- Please make note of EDWE's new address. EDWE, P.O. Box 805, Evansville, Indiana 47705.
- When there is a death of a family member connected to our EDWE Community, please contact an EDWE board member. This will assist us with extending our condolences, prayers and support to the family.
- New Pilgrim Applications are available on the [www.edwe.com](http://www.edwe.com) website.
- If you are interested in working on a Walk, Volunteer forms are available on our website. The following link will take you to all EDWE forms: <http://edwe.com/index.php?page=forms> member. You can turn them in at a gathering or mail to: Team Selection Committee Chair, C/O EDWE, P.O. Box 805, Evansville, Indiana 47705.
- EDWE needs **Musicians and Song Leaders** for our Gatherings and/or upcoming Walks. Please contact our Music Coordinator Paul Northcutt.
- If you would like to share what the Lord is doing in your life, please consider being a **Monthly witness speaker** at an upcoming Gathering. Please contact Gathering Coordinator Don Roettger.
- Each month we will be having a door prize drawing for those in attendance. If your name is drawn you may choose any clothing item or up to \$15 worth of other items available. Come by and check out the inventory.
- The EDWE Board is looking for someone to serve as the EDWE/Chrysalis Liaison. If you're interested in serving in this capacity, please contact any Board member.

## EDWE Needs You



Over the course of the next several months, it is the EDWE Board of Directors' intention to provide updates and enhancements to our website and social media sites.

### We need your help!

If you any have expertise administering or setting up websites or social media pages and can help, please contact Kristi Abell at [kcordeliaa@gmail.com](mailto:kcordeliaa@gmail.com).

## A Note from Your Weekend Lay Directors

**Shannon Gehlhausen:** Upon receipt of the list from the Team Selection committee, I will begin assembling a team- although I have had several inquiries from people indicating they would like to serve on the team. I have filled the Head Spiritual Director position. I am praying for discernment of who God wants on the team. Please be in prayerful consideration regarding who you will be sponsoring and start now.

**Kimberly Elzer:** If you are 4<sup>th</sup> day, please remember that it is more important to sponsor someone than to hold off sponsoring because you are waiting for a call to work on the team. There's no need for a team if we don't have any pilgrims to love on!

## From your Board of Directors

*Debbie Pipken is currently our Board Treasurer and wants to share some of her Walk with the Emmaus community.*

My name is Debbie Pipken. I made EDWE # 55 and sat at the table of Mary. My walk was in 2007 and I can still remember that special weekend. I was scared to death Thursday night at clap out. I also remember how free I felt Sunday. I did not want to go home. My Emmaus weekend allowed me to forgive myself. I know now that God's grace set me free of those burdens. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

God has put many special people in our lives. He has the perfect plan for us. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Please don't take for granted the people that God puts in your life. He has the perfect plan for each of us. In October 2013 after working an awesome weekend, one of God's special people told me that a friend of hers had a crush on me. New Year's Eve 2013 Jay and I were married at St. James West. We just knew that this was a God thing. Two and a half months of dating and then getting married kinda freaked out some of my family. Our 4th Day friends understood how God can change lives. We COUNTED OUR BLESSINGS.

After a Dr. appointment June 10, 2019 my husband Jay was called and told to get to Deaconess for more tests. We didn't know why Jay was admitted for two days. Then they told us that they thought he has leukemia. It isn't always easy to count your blessings when your world has been turned upside down. At that time God was carrying both of us. June 13th we were told that Jay has (ALL) Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and the closest facility was IU Health in Indy. They allowed me to drive Jay to Indy that Friday night. That was a huge blessing. It gave us some time together to pray, talk and set our focus. We decided that we wanted to walk the Christian walk that two close friends were walking in their fight with cancer. They were the perfect role models of giving this to God. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. Our first doctor told us that he prays before he starts his day. Asking God to lead him to make the correct decisions for his patients. That was a goose numbs moment. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

We've been home now for almost two months since our 2nd 30 day stay at IU Health. Jay has his new bone marrow now. His counts are raising and he's starting to get a little "lippie" again. That means that he is starting to feel more normal daily. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

We thank God for all the blessings that He has given to us! And we thank God for all of your love and prayers. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. We aren't out of the woods but we know that God has the perfect plan. Whether our time together is 1 more day or 30 years, we will do our best to walk our Christian walk together. Count your blessings daily and thank God for what you have.

Live a joyful life.

Blessings,  
Debbie Pipken  
EDWE # 55



## Pray for Emmaus January 2020 Walks

### **Alabama**

Jan. 22- 25: Central Alabama Emmaus                      Men's Walk #204                      Montgomery, AL

### **Illinois**

Jan. 30- Feb. 2: Great River Emmaus                      Men's Walk #25                      Quincy, IL

### **Minnesota**

Jan. 16-19: Minnesota Walk to Emmaus                      Men's Walk #127                      Minneapolis, MN  
Jan. 23-26: Minnesota Walk to Emmaus                      Women's Walk #128                      Minneapolis, MN

### **North Carolina**

Jan. 16-19: Coastal Carolina Emmaus                      Women's Walk #110                      Wilmington, NC

### **Ohio**

Jan. 16-19: Greater Dayton Emmaus                      Men's Walk #67                      Dayton, OH

### **Texas**

Jan. 23-26: La Mesa De Dios Emmaus                      Men's Walk #79                      Brownfield, TX  
Jan. 23-26: Cross Country Emmaus                      Women's Walk #251                      Graford, TX