



## Evansville District Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

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### June Monthly Gathering

June 8, 2019

### St James West

[3101 Hillcrest Terrace,  
Evansville, IN 47712](#)

**Witness Speaker:** Sherri Harding

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

**Social Time:** 6:30

**Gathering:** 7:00 pm



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### Upcoming Gatherings & Walks

July 13, 2019 Baker Chapel

**Witness Speaker:** TBD

August 10, 2019 TBD

**Witness Speaker:** TBD

### Monthly witness speakers needed

If you would like to share what the Lord is doing in your life, contact our Gathering Coordinator to schedule your witness talk.

*We are in need of Musicians and Song Leaders for our Gatherings and upcoming Walks.*

*If you are interested, please contact:*

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# Devotion - Happy Father's Day, Dads! - A Child of God

**Colossians 1:12** - *(We are) giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

A Seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. One morning, they went for breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said.

"What do you do for a living?" "I teach at a seminary," the professor replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you."

And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need--another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there?" (He pointed out a restaurant window). "Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked, "Hey boy, who's your daddy?" Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, "Who's your daddy?" He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so much.

When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, "Who's your daddy?" But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, the boy got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about the young man, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, "Son, who's your daddy?"

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the, question, "Who's your daddy?"

The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to the scared little boy. "Wait a minute! I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God." With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

The boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, "Who's your Daddy?" he'd just tell them, "I'm a child of God."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was.

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked, "Do you know that man who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

*Father God, knowing that I belong to You gives me great comfort, joy and assurance. Help me to live each day in the fullness of the inheritance You supply for me as Your child.*

## Board Update

It is our pleasure to welcome our new Board of Director members Mike Bass, Roger Blair, Connie Mabee & Chris Poehlein. Thank you for your willingness to serve the Evansville District Walk to Emmaus and our Lord in this capacity.

We are sad to say goodbye, John Sutton, Pam Siscel and Vera Moore who have finished their terms. We wish to extend our sincere thanks for your hard work and service. ***Job well done good and faithful servant!***

As you see above, the EDWE Board of Directors still has a few open positions. Please prayerfully consider joining the board. It is a wonderful way to server our Lord and community.

## Community News

- The Upper Room has notified the EDWE Board of Directors that they have created a new Mission Statement. **“Renewing Christian Disciples, Strengthening Local Churches”**
- 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.
- Volunteer Sheets are available on the [www.edwe.com](http://www.edwe.com) website if you are interested in working on a Walk. You can turn them in at a gathering or mail to: Team Selection Committee Chair, P.O. Box 3937, Evansville, IN 47737. The following link will take you to all EDWE forms: <http://edwe.com/index.php?page=forms>
- ***Please continue to Pray for our Weekend Lay Directors, teams and pilgrims:***  
Men's Walk #92 - Butch Hooper                      Women's Walk #93 - Sherri Harding

## Being a Good Sponsor

Good sponsorship is your first act of Agape before the Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really starts with how we handle sponsorship.

Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of Emmaus. Many communities take sponsorship for granted, they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Yet sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. It is more than just "signing people up." The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement and the churches affected by the movement.

Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims; embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim.

Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement.

# June Walks

Remember at your walks when they announced all those who were praying for you. Your sponsors, Friends, People in your church and community, people in prison, people around the globe? This is real and you all know how powerful prayer is. We can pay it forward. This is a new article that will be included in each newsletter and includes a list of walks that are occurring in the next month. Please be in prayer for these walks and God's will for each and every pilgrim and team member.

## Barbados

June 27 - June 30, 2019 Barbados Bridgetown Emmaus Community Women's Walk #23

## Illinois

June 6 - June 9, 2019 Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #54  
June 13 - June 16, 2019 Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #54

## Mississippi

June 6 - June 9, 2019 North Mississippi Emmaus Women's Walk #338

## Nebraska

June 20 - June 23, 2019 Nebraska Emmaus Men's Walk #135  
June 27 - June 30, 2019 Nebraska Emmaus Women's Walk #135

## New Mexico

June 19 - June 23, 2019 Sunrise Emmaus Community Inc. Men's Walk #17  
June 27 - June 30, 2019 High Plains Emmaus Community Women's Walk #51

## Ohio

June 6 - June 9, 2019 Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Women's Walk #78  
June 20 - June 23, 2019 Greater Dayton Emmaus Men's Walk #67  
June 27 - June 30, 2019 Wilmington Area Emmaus Women's Walk #101

## Texas

June 13 - June 16, 2019 Llano Estacado Emmaus Community Women's Walk #149  
June 20 - June 23, 2019 Crossroads Emmaus Women's Walk #87  
June 20 - June 23, 2019 New Life Emmaus Community Women's Walk #2705  
June 27 - June 30, 2019 Rushing Wind Emmaus Women's Walk #130

## South Africa

June 15 - June 17, 2019 Vineyard Grace Emmaus Ministries Men's Walk #1  
June 15 - June 17, 2019 Vineyard Grace Emmaus Ministries Women's Walk #2

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. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.