

Evansville District Walk to Emmaus, P.O. Box 805, Evansville, IN 47705

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2st Corinthians 5:17

In this month's edition, we have...

*Guidance regarding 'overcoming spiritual lethargy' from Spiritual Director, Pastor Christena Poehlin.

*A testimony from Board Member, Agape/Reunion Board Member, Jill Oeding.

*Upcoming Board Member Election Update from CLD, Butch Hooper.

*May 2021 Gathering 'CHANGE OF VENUE' info.

*Daylight Saving Time Knowledge Nuggets.

*What is God calling you to do? *Trials, Perseverance, Encouragement, and Sponsorship* in current times.
Written by Jill Oeding.

*Upcoming 2021 Events – March 13 '21 Gathering & October '21 EDWE Walks.

*A brief introduction on Robert Price - guest speaker for the EDWE March 2021 in-person Gathering.

Dale UMC

1 W. Elm St., Dale, IN 47523

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Speaker – Robert Price

Social Time @ 5:30 / Gathering with Communion @ 6:00 pm CST

*Contact information for EDWE and Board Members.

A note from Pastor Christena Poehlin, Spiritual Director...

“When You Don’t Feel Like It”

We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times we just don’t feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment. Yet, Psalms also gives us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let’s take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

“Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances...”

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

“For all things are Your servants...”

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God’s servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

“If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.”

Recalling God’s faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to *delight* in and *diligently consider* God’s precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate, remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God. ***From Christianperspective.net***

Yes we all have times when we don't feel like it don't we? The devil will help us further that feeling if we let him. We don't have to because God gave us the power of the Holy Spirit to combat against the devil. He calls us to have strength in Him.

I feel that we've been on a journey similar to Jesus's journey in the desert. Jesus took that journey to grow stronger, able to stand against Satan. He became stronger and gained more wisdom. You might think that 40 days in the desert fasting might make him weaker but you know the outcome. Jesus was able to thwart all that the devil threw at Him after that journey. We could allow this Covid journey to weaken us to where "we don't feel like it" or we can allow it to strengthen us and give us the wisdom to know what God wants us to do. We need to ask God how we can draw His people into the fold.

One way is through Emmaus. It is such an honor and privilege to sponsor someone on an Emmaus Walk that it's almost effortless doing so. My prayer is that we all can overcome the "I don't feel like it..." condition. Let us all use this journey to build strength and wisdom and come out boldly helping to build God's kingdom.

DeColores - Pastor Christena Poehlein, EDWE Spiritual Director

Jill Oeding – Agape/Reunion Officer Biography – Walk #83 – Table of Mary

- With upcoming Board Elections, EDWE wants you to become familiar with our Board & Members. -

I am thankful for grace, mercy, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. I love serving Jesus. My position on the EDWE board is Agape/Reunion Groups. In this position, I am responsible for maintaining a list of reunion groups within our community. When someone in the EDWE community needs a reunion group, I attempt to get them in contact with a reunion group that meets in their geographical area at a time that is convenient for that person.

I also collect wall agape from other communities across the world for the Walks. In addition, I encourage members of the community to send agape for the pilgrims and the team members during the Walks. We need people to be administrators “behind the scenes” to advance the Kingdom.

I decided to serve on the board because I felt called to do so. Emmaus is important to me because I see how it changes so many lives for the better. When God can have three days with

a person, who is removed from the world and whose heart is open to His will, that pilgrim's life is forever changed.

I have known many people whose lives have been transformed through their experiences at the Walks. Some through healing, some through forgiveness, some through growth & stepping out in faith, and so on. Each Emmaus experience is unique as God's will is accomplished for the weekend. I wish every Christian could experience the Walk to Emmaus.

Upcoming Election of New Board Members

In May we will be electing new Board Members. We have 5 Lay Members to be elected...

- 4 Lay members for 3 years
- 1 Lay member for 1 year

If you are interested or know of anyone you would like to see on the Board please contact me by phone or text at 812-393-9237 and leave a voicemail or email me at chashoofersbcglobal.net or contact any Board Member. I will be following up in a few weeks with details on when and how we will be holding the Election.

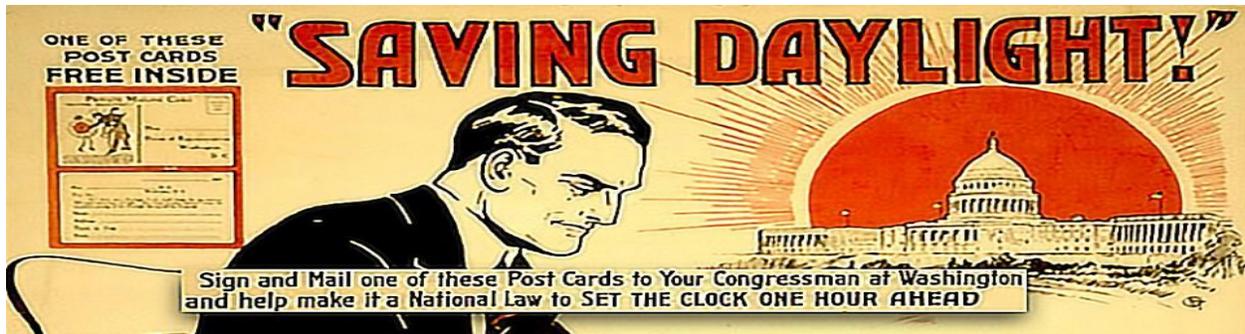
Our next in-person Gathering is less than 2 weeks away! Social distancing and masks are required. We can seat around 75 to 80 people and meet the guidelines. The witness speaker will be Robert Price - Walk # 74 – and he has a powerful Witness Talk. Let's get out and support him!

March 2021 Gathering
Dale UMC
1 W. Elm St., Dale, IN 47523
Saturday, March 13, 2021
Speaker – Robert Price – Walk #74

Social Time @ 5:30 / Gathering with Communion @ 6:00 pm CST

The in-person May 8th Gathering will be at St. James West UMC 3111 Hillcrest Terrace, Evansville, IN, 47712.

Your Community Lay Director & Servant, Butch Hooper



Daylight Saving Time Knowledge Nuggets

- George Hudson, a New Zealand entomologist, first proposed Daylight Saving Time in 1895. He proposed a two hour time change so he could have more time to ‘hunt’ for creepy crawlies after work in the Summer...
- Initially implemented in 1909, it was meant to save energy for war production during WWI. It was originally known as “War Time”.
- Germany was the first Country to enact Daylight Saving Time in 1911.
- The only states that do not observe Daylight Saving Time are Arizona and Hawaii.
- Oddly, the Department of Transportation is in charge of time in the USA.
- A study by Chmura Economics & Analytic estimated that daylight saving time costs the U.S.A. more than \$430 million a year. The Independent Institute claimed the annual costs for changing clocks twice a year could be as high as \$1.7 billion.
- Indiana has 92 Counties. 12 Counties are on CST. 80 Counties are on EST.

References:

Prerau, D. (2006). *Seize the Daylight: The Curious and Contentious Story of Daylight Savings Time.*

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021, at 2am.

‘Spring Forward’ after you get home from the March 13, 2021, EDWE Gathering - so you won’t be late for Church the next morning!

Trials, Perseverance, Encouragement, and Sponsorship

Jill Oeding – Agape/Reunion Officer

Living during a pandemic has been challenging. We do not have access to the same things to which we used to have access such as going to work, going to the movies, being in public without wearing a mask, etc. In addition to these obstacles, many people have experienced the virus and/or lost loved ones. Life as we knew it has been stripped away and we do not know when the uncertainties will end.

God brings good out of hard situations, and He uses trials to bring us him closer to Him. This reminds me of the apostle Paul saying, “And we know that *in all things God works for the good* of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28. Looking back at my own life, my faith grew the most during trials. Trials in life are a certainty, which is why James said, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, *whenever* you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2. James did not say, “*If* you have trials.” Rather, James said, “*When* you have trials . . .” May we persevere during our trials “trust[ing] in the Lord with all of our heart.” Proverbs 3:5

The apostle Paul knew all about trials; he was beaten, interrogated, and imprisoned for spreading the gospel. Here again, God brought good out of the trials. For example, Paul was a prisoner for Christ for years out of his life, but Paul used that time to witness to his guards and other inmates as well as to write letters of encouragement to new Christians including the Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. May we use Paul’s example as we continue to persevere under trial.

In First Thessalonians, Paul said, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you were doing.... Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in *all* circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 5:11 & 16. My question is, “If Paul was living today, what would he be doing during the pandemic?” I believe he would continue to be thankful, witness, spread the gospel, disciple others, and encourage others. May we be thankful and be focused on encouraging others and building them up, helping them to see that the Lord is still with us.

People all around us are struggling with loneliness, isolation, grief, depression, and anxiety. Many people feel like they “are passing through the waters” or “walking through fire,” but God says, “I will be with you.” Isaiah 43:2. Who is God calling you to minister to? May this EDWE community of believers be hands and feet of Jesus? May we take this opportunity to encourage those around us?

Who do you know who would be encouraged by the Walk to Emmaus, just as you were encouraged? Who do you know who needs three days removed from the world spending time focused on the Lord?

I pray that you...

- (1) prayerfully consider who the Lord is calling you to ask to The Walk to Emmaus,
 - (2) have the courage to ask whoever the Lord puts on your heart even though it may be awkward,
 - (3) believe that God prepares the pilgrim’s heart to say “yes!”
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Upcoming Events:

March 13, 2021 - Monthly Gathering

Social Time @ 5:30 / Gathering with Communion @ 6:00 pm CST

Witness Speaker - Robert Price

Location - Dale United Methodist Church, 1 W Elm St, Dale, IN 47523

EDWE musician and Amazon #1 Best Selling author and Christian songwriter, Bob Price, joins us for a message entitled: Be Ready for Your Calling.

Bob will discuss how he rediscovered his faith and passion for music ministry during his walk - almost ten years ago after struggling with his faith after fighting in combat in Iraq.

He'll share how God started it all with a whisper during one night on his walk... Bob will share where his journey has taken him. God has used him to share Christ's message of love, compassion, and forgiveness in ways he would have never anticipated.

Bob will also give us a sneak peek into his upcoming book release, a Christian book entitled "Second Coming - THE RETURN," a story about the return of Jesus - now. He'll also share two songs he's written that were inspired by his book and streaming on Christian radio today.

Bob was on Walk # 74 and will be serving on the Men's Walk # 94.

- Ron Fuhrman, EDWE Gathering Coordinator

UPDATED! EDWE will meet again at St. James UMC on May 8, 2021.

3111 Hillcrest Terrace, Evansville, IN, 47712

2021 Evansville District Walk to Emmaus

Men's Walk #94 – October 14-17, 2021 - Shannon Gehlhausen – Weekend Lay Director

(812) 453-5496

Women's Walk #95 – October 21-24, 2021 - Kimberly Elzer – Weekend Lay Director

(812) 431-1005

Applications are available on edwe.com

We want to hear from you!

FaceBook - Evansville District Walk to Emmaus

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