



Evansville District Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

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Concurrent EDWE Weekends

2020 has been a year like no other year we have experienced in our lifetimes. The coronavirus has caused us to look outside the box as we try to safely continue life and the activities we enjoy.

2020 has also been a trying year for the Evansville District Walk to Emmaus. We started the year with great hopes of spirit-filled walks in October as the board took a step of faith and committed to conducting the walks without a minimum pilgrim limit having to be met. Unfortunately, and beyond anyone's wildest imagination or control, the coronavirus hit with a vengeance and necessitated that the Fall 2020 EDWE walks be cancelled. The coronavirus also led the board to host all EDWE gatherings and board meetings at Dale United Methodist Church as other churches understandably were reluctant to host outside groups during the pandemic.

The effects of the coronavirus and the decreasing numbers of pilgrims being sponsored for EDWE walks spurred the board of directors to think outside the box for ways to reignite enthusiasm in the community for the walks and to inspire the Fourth Day Members to sponsor pilgrims. One of the ideas that surfaced and has gained momentum is the idea of conducting concurrent walks for the men and women. Concurrent walks mean that the men's and women's walks would be held the same weekend. Both walks would be held at the Santa Claus Campground. Concurrent walks does not mean that the men and women would be combined, it simply means that the walks will be held at the same time. The only combined activities on concurrent weekends would be the Thursday evening meal and send-off and the Sunday afternoon closing. Some advantages of conducting concurrent walks include Fourth Day being committed to only one weekend instead of two weekends for sponsoring, serving, and attending weekend events as well as team synergies in meal preparations. There would be some cost savings associated with concurrent walks which would allow the community to economically conduct walks with a smaller number of pilgrims. **(Continued on page #2)**

Gathering Information: 2nd Saturday of the month Dale UMC (Until further notice)



Date: Saturday Nov. 14th

Time: 7pm Gathering begins

Where: Dale United Methodist Church

1 W. Elm Street Dale, Indiana 47523



Please note;

To protect the health and well-being of all Christ's children please follow the safety protocols:

Wear your face covering

Social distancing will be observed.

Individual communion packets will be provided

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Several members of the EDWE board of directors and the Fourth Day Community have visited the Santa Claus Campground and developed a preliminary schedule to determine if concurrent walks are feasible. Although there are more details and logistics to be worked out, concurrent walks are feasible by utilizing the new lodge at the Santa Claus Campground. With this feasibility study and after much discussion, the EDWE board of directors decided to conduct concurrent walks in the spring of 2022.

As with any new endeavor, there are obstacles to overcome. There will also be doubts that will arise as to if this endeavor will work and be successful. Only God knows the answer to this. However, God is always calling us to step out in faith in following him. The EDWE board of directors, after much prayer, planning, and discussion, believe that God is calling the EDWE community to step out in faith and try a new thing. As Abraham was asked to step out in faith and sacrifice his only son Isaac and the Israelites were asked to step out in faith to go in and take possession of the Promised Land, we, too, are requested by God to take steps of faith. Abraham responded in faith to God's request and his son Isaac was spared. The Israelites did not take the step of faith and as a result spent another 40 years in the desert.

So, what can you, a Fourth Day member, do in support of this endeavor? First, and most importantly, pray for God's guidance and direction in this endeavor. Second, approach this endeavor with an open mind and with the anticipation that God can and will touch and change lives through concurrent walks just as He has in past walks. Third, support the EDWE board of directors and Fourth Day members that are working out the details for concurrent walks. Fourth, as always continue to pray about loved ones and friends that you might be able to sponsor for a walk.

Concurrent walks is a new thing and new things can cause excitement as well as discomfort and doubts. As an EDWE Fourth Day Member and a member of the EDWE board of directors who has been associated with EDWE since the first walk, I can attest to many changes and obstacles that this community has faced and overcome in the past 30 years. So, as we move forward with this endeavor, remember the words that God spoke and are recorded in Isaiah 43:1b-3a, 5a,

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

God is with us. God is always with us.

For questions/comments for the Board contact Debbie Pipken at; steinie2012@gmail.com

Blessings,

Mike Turner
EDWE Spiritual Director



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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 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 Justin Campbell.
- 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 Ron Fuhrman.

The Board wants you to know:



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