

Opportunities and Answered Prayers



Several years ago, my wife and I went to see a movie called “Evan Almighty.” The plot of the film revolves around a newly elected congressman named Evan Baxter who gets a visit from God in the person of actor Morgan Freeman. God tells Evan to build an ark. Evan tries to dodge God’s request, but finds he can’t get away from God, and so he begins to build the ark. This creates much stress on Evan’s family, to the point where his wife and children pack up and leave to go live with his in-laws. After leaving Evan, his family stops for dinner at a restaurant where God, again in the person of Morgan Freeman, takes their order. Mrs. Baxter goes on and on to the waiter about how odd her husband is acting, and how confused the whole situation was. God replies by saying, “I think that sometimes God answers prayers by giving us opportunities.” For example, if we pray for patience, does God suddenly make us patient, or does He give us opportunities to exercise and learn patience? If we pray for more time with our families, does that time just magically appear, or do opportunities arise that allow us to spend that family time? After getting that advice, Mrs. Baxter and the family went back home, began looking at the ark project as a chance to do things together, and they all lived happily ever after. There’s more to the story than that, but that is the general idea.

That scene of the movie has really stuck with me over the years. Now I make it a point to look for what opportunities God might be showing me to do His work. If you are praying to be more involved in our community, look for those opportunities to be involved, by making agape, by attending candlelight and closing, by volunteering to set up before and clean up after a meeting. If you are praying for a chance to be on a team, look for opportunities to sponsor pilgrims, serve on committees, or reach out to our sister retreats in Chrysalis and Kairos. If you are praying that someone will come to know the Lord better, take the opportunity to discuss the Emmaus experience with them.

Opportunities are everywhere. And they may just be the answer to a prayer.
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Terrell Thompson

Community Meeting—May 6th—7:00 P.M.

- ◆ Broadway Church of Christ
- ◆ 1924 Broadway Street
- ◆ Lubbock, Texas
- ◆ Fellowship afterwards

Kairos #23 May 20th-23rd

- ◆ LD-Perry Hallford SD-Loyde Castle
- H.S. Girls Chrysalis Flight #24**
- June 17th-20th**
- ◆ Ld Sharla Askew SD Tom Griffin

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Focus on Sponsorship – Who should I sponsor?

When considering sponsoring a pilgrim to attend an Emmaus weekend, appreciate that while God and Jesus literally are for everyone, the Emmaus retreat may not be.

Emmaus won't "fix" someone, and the weekend won't suddenly cure all the ills that any one pilgrim may be suffering from. Being a pilgrim involves possessing a certain amount of social skills, the ability to follow directions, a willingness to work as part of a group, and so on. If your prospective pilgrim lacks these basic abilities, or their personality is such that they won't be a part of the group, then perhaps sponsorship would be better at another time.

The Upper Room says that the Emmaus experience is open to:

- 1) men and women of any denomination,
- 2) who are members of a local church,
- 3) who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives,
- 4) who may have questions about their faith,
- 5) who understand being a Christian involves responsibility and
- 6) are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner.

Those requirements imply a certain level of Christian maturity and church involvement. If your pilgrim lacks that involvement or maturity, perhaps sponsorship should be delayed.

We all want everyone to know what we know and experience what we have experienced. Pray for discernment about God's timing before approaching anyone about attending a Walk to Emmaus.



Thank you to everyone that participated in the meat tasting at Tech on April 12th to benefit the Chrysalis scholarship fund. We filled both time slots! We appreciate each and every one of you.

Team meetings are beginning for the Flights and Journeys that are scheduled for this summer. Please be in prayer for the teams and for the caterpillars that God has chosen to attend a Chrysalis. We are very blessed to have 4 dedicated and committed Lay Directors to lead these Flights and Journeys. Sharla Askew is leading the High School Girls Chrysalis that kicks off on June 17th. Her Spiritual Director is Tom Griffin and the Youth Lay Rep is Jynna Askew. Drew Stone is the Lay Director for the High School Boys Chrysalis that takes flight on July 8th. His Spiritual Director is Steve Colbert and the Youth Lay Rep is Colby McDaniel. On July 29th, the Young Adult Gals Journey will begin. Lay Director is Victoria Baker, Spiritual Director is Vernon Baker, and the Young Adult Lay Rep is Vanessa Baker. Our Young Adult Guys Journey will kick off on August 19th. Don Stone is the Lay Director, Dan Chrestman is the Spiritual Director, and our Young Adult Lay Rep is Ryan Brown. Please get your applications in for your caterpillars as soon as you can. We are expecting and BELIEVING that these Flights and Journeys will be full!

We will be visiting the New Horizons Community for their monthly Community meeting on May 20th. Don Stone and Ryan Brown will be talking to their Emmaus Community about Chrysalis and we have been asked to do Mime Communion. Would love to have you join us! It will be at the First Methodist Church in Amherst and it starts at 7:00.

Once again, thank you to the Llano Estacado Emmaus Community for all that you do for Chrysalis. We appreciate you!

Fly With Christ!

Janice Weaks, Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Emmaus News

For more information you can check out our website at llanoemmaus.net and in doing so you will find a wealth of knowledge about our community. We are proud of all that is done in Christ name by our faithful members.

You are a blessing to many people because of your generous giving of every kind of agape under the sun (maybe that should be "under the SON"). Not only giving of agape you also give of your time and giftings when you work a walk, or the encouragement given when you attend a send-off, a candlelight or closing.

To those of you who are new to our community or those that are not so new but have not been "plugged in", I encourage you to get involved with us. We need your gifts and talents to continue to minister the love of Christ to those who choose to attend one of our seventy-two hour weekends.

A short reminder, continue to pray for the Kairos being held may 20th—23rd and the High School Girls Chrysalis Flight June 17th—20th.

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2010 Walk Dates

Walk	Date	Lay Director	Spiritual Director
Men's #76	April 22-25	Derek Racca	Jim Irwin
Kairos #23	May 19-23	Perry Hallford	Loyde Castle
H.S. Girls Chrysalis Flight #24	June 17-20	Sharla Askew	Tom Griffin
Women's #113	June 24-27	Marsha crouch	Orbin Crouch
H.S. Boy's Chrysalis Flight #25	July 8-11	Drew Stone	
Men's #77	July 22-25	Ed Stephens	
Gal's Chrysalis Journey #27	July 29-Aug 1		
Women's #114	Aug 5-8	Judy Sanders	Dave Menefee
Guy's Chrysalis Journey #20	Aug 19-22		
Men's # 78	Sept 23-26	Chad Oglesby	
Women's # 115	October 21-24	Dani Blythe	Ted Wilson