# EMPANS A Christian Community



Central Mississippi Emmaus-Chrysalis-Kairos Newsletter

Spring 2021

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#### **Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus**

Camp Wesley Pines,	Gallman, Miss.
Walk 173, Ed Simmons	October 21-24
Walk 174, Diane Barnes	October 28-31

### What is Your Emmaus Story?

As I serve in the role of your community lay director this year, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ed Simmons and I attended Central MS Walk to Emmaus #33 and sat at the table of Peter. My wife Julia is also active in Emmaus and we have three grown sons and a sweet daughter-in-law.

After a difficult and interesting 2020, I prayerfully hope that 2021 is a better year for us all. It's been hard and even discouraging as we've seen walk weekends canceled and reunion gatherings postponed or done virtually, but I'm excited to let you know that the dark clouds are lifting and Central Mississippi Emmaus is back! The CMWE board is pleased to announce that we plan to host men's and women's walks in October 2021 at Camp Wesley Pines. As there is still some uncertainty surrounding these walks because of potential ongoing COVID-19 issues and complications, your board has asked two board members to serve as the lay directors of these walks. I know you all join me in being extremely excited to see Emmaus walk weekends begin again!

Having time away from Emmaus over the past year has caused me to pause and reflect on what the Walk to Emmaus means to me and how meaningful it has been in my life. I would ask the same of you - what is your Emmaus story? Did you experience a life changing weekend on your Emmaus walk? Or maybe you've gathered strength and encouragement in your Christian walk as you've worked on an Emmaus team or met with your reunion group. Whatever the case, I suspect we can all agree that the Walk to Emmaus has had a significantly positive impact on our respective Christian walks. With that in mind, I invite you to "rediscover" Emmaus along with me. If you've been active in an Emmaus group in the past, I encourage you to start meeting again if you haven't already. If you've been wanting to sponsor a pilgrim, please get them signed up for an upcoming walk. If you would like to serve on a walk, please get an updated team application turned in.

I'm also excited to announce that we are holding a CMWE community gathering on Thursday July 22, 2021, at 6:00pm at Flora United Methodist Church (note the updated time). All the Central MS Emmaus community is invited as we share a time of fellowship, worship, communion, and a potluck meal. Thank you all for your prayerful support of Central MS Emmaus and I hope to see you on July 22!

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Ed Simmons Board Chair

**Reminder:** Fourth Day Gathering Thursday, July 22, 6 p.m. FLORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 142 Carter Street, Flora Bring a snack to share with the Community. Board meeting at 3:30.

Visit our website at www.centralmsemmaus.com

# **Upcoming Walks**

Walk 173, Ed Simmons	October 21-24
Walk 174, Diane Barnes	October 28-31
Walk 175, Gerald Finley	February 17-20. 2022
Walk 176, Mimi Leach	February 24-27, 2022
Walk 177, Dave Schaefer	April 21-24, 2022
Walk 178, Kristy Wooten	April 28-May 1, 2022
Walk 179	July 14-17, 2022
Walk 180, Dobby Bowden	October 20-23, 2022
Walk 181, Wendy Palato	October 27-30, 2022

## **Pilgrim & Caterpillar Apps**

Please help us with pilgrim and caterpillar applications. Applications will not be considered to be complete unless:

(1) There is a signed application from the pilgrim or caterpillar.

(2) There is a completed sponsor sheet from the sponsor for that pilgrim or caterpillar.

(3) There is a deposit of \$25. If at all possible please send these all in at the same time to ensure that our lists are up to date and accurate.

Please use the updated Chrysalis Forms found on centralmsemmaus.com.

Thanks!

Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus & Central Mississippi Chrysalis Boards of Directors

### **Team Applications**

We ask that you have an application on file to be considered for an Emmaus or Chrysalis team. You can submit your Emmaus and Chrysalis team registration online at www. centralmsemmaus.com. Team applications can also be printed completed and sent, for Emmaus forms to Paula Stubbs at paula.stubbs@gmail.com and Chrysalis forms to Jackie Finley at cmschrysalis@yahoo.com. We hope that you will honor the suggestion to work only one walk per year. We want everyone to have the blessing of serving on a team. And as you all know, being a part of a team is a time, a financial, and a prayerful commitment.

## **Reunion Groups**

*Metro Jackson* - The Metro Jackson Reunion Group will meet on the first Monday of each month at the Belwether Office at 6:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and be of part of this new and growing group.

*Clear Branch* - The Clear Branch Reunion Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Clear Branch Baptist Church.

**Bolton, Clinton, Raymond -** Bolton, Clinton & Raymond Ultreya Group meets on the first Thursday of each at 6 p.m. at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For additional information contact Antoinette Raggio at ajraggio@gmail.com.

*Flora* - The Flora Reunion group now meets on the first Tuesday of February, April, July, and October at 7 pm at the home of Rudy & Mary Holcomb. For additional information, contact Leila Malatesta at floraemmausgroup@gmail.com.

*Vicksburg* - The Vicksburg Emmaus Reunion Group meets the last Thursday of each month at the Crossway Church. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Kathy Sibley at 601-529-3733 or kathy\_case@ymail.com.

**Brookhaven** - The Brookhaven Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion group meets the first Monday of each month at 6 pm at the Southway Baptist Church, 1107 South Jackson St. Brookhaven. For more information call Mendez Vaughn at 601-757-0255.

*Franklin County* - Franklin County Gathering is third Tuesday of each month except November and December. Visit their Facebook page for location (rotates between four churches).

*Anguilla* - Anguilla meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at Anguilla UMC.

**Rolling Fork** - The Rolling Fork group meets the first Tuesday of February, April, July, and October at 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church.

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