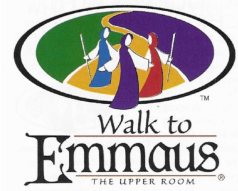
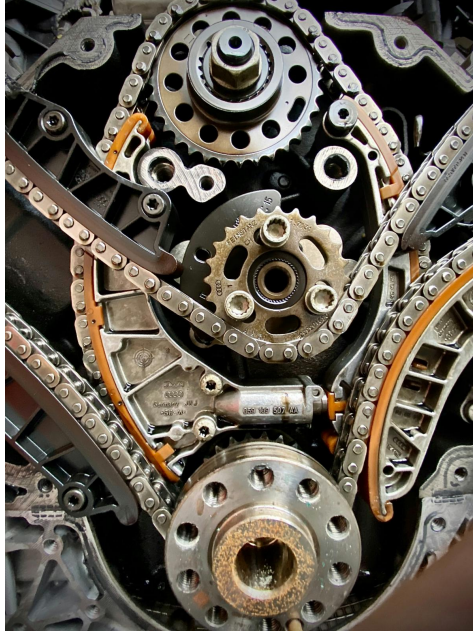


The Joyful Noise



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God's Timing? ***PERFECT!***

Based upon reflections from Pete Cousino, Lay Director, Men's Walk #76

In the Emmaus community we are familiar with a phrase ... "In God's perfect timing". We are reminded to lean on the wisdom and sovereignty of our Heavenly Father.

As you may recall, Northwest Ohio Emmaus Men's Walk #76 had originally been scheduled for September 5-8 of 2024 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan - but God had a different plan. We were led to wait. Those who were called to serve on the Team prayed. You (the Community) prayed. And the Spirit led Pilgrims to accept the invitation of their sponsors to participate in the weekend! We were reminded of the importance of trusting His perfect timing.

During the Men's Walk Team Formation, we experienced God's direction as the original Fall Team was transformed into a slightly different Winter Team that God selected for this particular walk.

In God's perfect timing, Men's Walk #76 was held February 27 through March 2, 2025 at Maumee United Methodist Church.

We welcomed 11 Pilgrims who were able to draw closer to God by opening their hearts allowing the LORD to work in their lives. And by inviting God closer to them and allowing Him to help lift some burdens, these men found themselves refreshed by the Spirit, journeying closer, in faith, with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers leading up to this walk, and for your continued prayers as the assurance of God's perfect timing helps keep each of us desiring to stay tuned-up, in sync with the Spirit as we journey in our fourth days! Let's trust His timing. It is perfect!

See YOU at the Summer Gathering! **August 23**

Alan & Vicki Adam's Residence, **9031 Stitt Rd in Whitehouse**
Fellowship starts at 4 p.m. | Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. | Worship at 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!



WATER TRAMPOLINE



WATER SLIDE

AUG. 23 4-8 PM

2025 SUMMER GATHERING!

4:00PM FUN STARTS
5:30PM POTLUCK DINNER
7:00PM WORSHIP

9031 STITT RD.
WHITEHOUSE, OH
ALAN & VICKI ADAM'S HOME



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM



Christ

is counting on us!

Exciting news! Servants for the **Men's Walk #77** Team have been called, and the ministry team is now fully formed. These men are currently beginning to meet in preparation for the next amazing Walk weekend! A wonderful Team of ladies for **Women's Walk #93** is forming as well, and God is most assuredly "on the move! Hallelujah!" As Jesus is leading them forward into a special calling, let's lift all of these individuals up in prayer as they say, "Yes! ...and I am counting on Christ." In order for their preparations to be fruitful, we must send pilgrims along on the spiritual journey.



How is God calling YOU to be involved in these expressions of His grace and love to our spiritual brothers and sisters? Mark your calendars to *serve and participate!*

Men's Walk #77 **October 2-5**

Wesley UMC - 903 Center Street, Bryan

Lay Director: George Roush, Spiritual Director: Steve Rath

Who will you be Sponsoring as a Pilgrim on his Walk? _____

Women's Walk #93 **November 6-9**

Maumee UMC - 405 Sackett Street, Maumee

Lay Director: Kelly Vetter, Spiritual Director: Barry Burns

Who will you be Sponsoring as a Pilgrim on her Walk? _____

Walk Reunions / Fall Gathering **November 22**

Aldersgate UMC - 4030 Douglas Road, Toledo

Walks #77 and #93 reunions will take place at 5:30 prior to our meal.

Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. | Praise & Worship at 7 p.m. (childcare provided)

All are welcome!

Neighboring Emmaus Communities

The Emmaus / Chrysalis / Kairos movement reaches beyond our NWO Community. Do you remember being amazed by agape and prayers sent from remote places? We are encouraged when we support one another! **Below are just a few mentions of relatively close-by communities that we can be praying for**, and more. Our God is a God of plenty! *If you are moved to expand your Emmaus involvement, consider searching Facebook for timely updates.*

Western Reserve Emmaus / N.E.Ohio Chrysalis is hosting a Central Gathering July 19 at **Lakewood UMC** - 15700 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107

If you're traveling east, consider visiting our neighbor community and sharing God's love! Their social time begins at 6:30, with the Gathering event at 7 p.m. They ask that attendees bring a snack (not a dinner dish) to share! The gathering will also be broadcast online at wreneoc.org. Of course we can pray for their upcoming Walks, for which the Teams are now forming.

Greater Area Findlay Emmaus is gearing up for Findlay Area Women's Walk #117, which will be held October 16-19 at **St. Mark's Findlay** - 116 W. Lima Street, Findlay, OH 45840. This means **Findlay Candlelight** should be scheduled for **October 18**. Our communities would love to bless each other's Walks with agape, service, and by attending Candlelight Services. Imagine their delight to hear that folks from our northwest Ohio towns are present, as they read those names and we lift our lights!

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT:

Kairos Fall Weekends

Lift fervent prayer for the leadership, ministry teams, women and men who are preparing themselves to participate in upcoming **Ohio Kairos Prison Ministry weekends**. May the Spirit of God move mightily in all involved, and may each weekend plant seeds that will bring forth a fruitful harvest. "Lord, we need you! Hear our prayers."

September 18-21 Kairos @ Dayton (Women); @ Lake Erie and @ North Central (Men)

September 25-28 Kairos @ Toledo (Men)

October 23-26 Kairos @ Marion (Men); @ Ohio Reformatory (Women)

Click on member name to email them directly or email us at NWOEmmaus@gmail.com

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