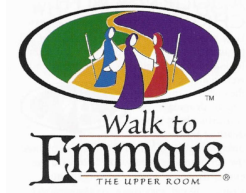


# The Joyful Noise



March 18, 2024

## Welcome To Our Newest Community Members



We welcome 26 men and women to the NW Ohio Emmaus Community after their recent walks, and we thank all those who sponsored, supported, prayed for, and attended the weekend events! If you recognize any of these folks, please reach out to congratulate them and encourage them to remain active in the Emmaus ministry.

### Men's Walk #75

Dan Breen, Holland  
David Feltner, Walbridge  
Allan George, Maumee  
David Hammack Jr., Whitehouse  
Chris Malanga, Bryan  
Jordan McBride, Napoleon  
Todd Mitchell, Maumee  
Gary O'Connor, Maumee  
Israel Reyes, Bowling Green  
Jason Rotar, Maumee  
Joe Scribner, Perrysburg  
Nathan Tolliver, Maumee  
Brian Yarger, Maumee

### Women's Walk #91

Karen Baker-Zepf, Ottawa Hills  
Lyn Bigelow-O'Connor, Maumee  
Sharon Dayton, Liberty Center  
Connie Disbro, Perrysburg  
Kara Estelle, Delta  
Nikki Malanga, Bryan

Mary Ordway, Holgate  
Dianne Pinkelman, Swanton  
Julia Rossow, Bryan  
Kristen Taylor-Hendges, Toledo  
Mona Tomaszewski, Adrian  
Rachel Widdowson, Genoa  
Karol Zsarnay, Maumee

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## Reunion Gathering, Hope Church of Delta Saturday, March 23

101 Northwood Drive, Delta

5:30pm - Reunion Meeting

6:00pm - Potluck Dinner

7:00pm - Praise & Worship\*

(\*child care will be provided)



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### KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND #37 Toledo Correctional Institution (ToCI) March 21 – 24

Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, and their families. It has its roots in the Cursillo movement similar to Emmaus. You can support the 24 residents enrolled this weekend with your prayers, financial contribution or possibly cookie donation, and are invited to the "graduation ceremony" on Sunday at 12:45 p.m. (You must sign a Staff Nexus form to enter ToCI.) For more information, you can contact Allen Drown at 419-351-7084.



Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.  
"... I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36)

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## The Meaning of Easter in Seven Words

There is a story told of an event about a century ago. In 1930, the communist leader Bukharin left Moscow to travel to Kiev. His mission was to make a speech to a huge assembly of people about atheism. For about an hour he ridiculed, made every point and argument he could to convince his listeners to leave Christianity behind, and turned to leave the podium. He was confident that he convinced everyone there to walk away from their faith. There is no way their simplistic faith could withstand what he just finished telling them.

So before sitting down, he turned back around and asked the crowd if there were any questions. One solitary man raised his hand, and Bukharin invited him to the stage. So, the man made his way to the front, climbed the steps onto the stage, and went to stand close to Bukharin. The audience was silent, and the man looked from one side of the crowd to the other.

At last, he then shouted the ancient orthodox greeting, **"CHRIST IS RISEN!"** and the crowd rose to their feet and roared the response, **"HE IS RISEN INDEED!"**



We are living in a day when more and more people seem to be doubting this truth of our faith, that Jesus is risen. At times we have to admit that it is easy to just give in, to remain silent, to lose sight of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. But Easter is that time to shout to the world that our Savior is alive, that death could not stop him, and that we are called to follow the risen Savior.

My prayer for you is that you will be able to join the Body of Christ this Easter in proclaiming this good news! We serve a risen Savior!

De Colores!  
Barry Burns, NW Ohio Emmaus Spiritual Director

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## Upcoming Dates To Remember

**Sept. 5-8: Men's Walk #76, Wesley UMC, Bryan**

**Oct. 3-5: Women's Walk #92, Maumee UMC**

Lay Directors have been selected, team selection is beginning, and our prayers are lifting all those who God will choose to participate in our next walks! We encourage everyone to consider friends, family or acquaintances who may be seeking a stronger faith or a closer relationship with Jesus, and invite them to a walk and be part of this powerful ministry.

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