



A Newsletter for the Chattanooga/Lafayette
Emmaus, Crossroads and Chrysalis Community

FROM THE 2006 LAY DIRECTOR

A very big welcome to all of our new beautiful Butterflies! It was a pleasure to hear at Closing how the Lord had worked in your lives. My prayer is that He will continue what He has started. I know He will.

Well, I guess this is my last Rambling. It has been an incredible honor to serve as Community Lay Director. It has also been very humbling. I hope we did more right than wrong. I feel that we let the Holy Spirit lead us and I know that He has blessed us.

A lot has happened this past year in my family, and the community is probably tired of hearing about our trials. Sorry, I've got one more story.

As most of you know, this past Girls Chrysalis was going to be Bekah's second try. Amazingly, she really wanted to go, but she became sick the week of the Flight. She tried, we all prayed, but God had other plans and she was unable to complete the Flight. Rhonda & I had to take her home on Friday night. What happened that weekend at home was truly the timing of God as we dealt with an issue we would not have known about if Bekah had not been on the mountain Thursday night and Friday. On Saturday, her life began to change and over the next couple of weeks it has only gotten better.

This past weekend we had an incredible event for our youth at church. It was 28 hours of "in your face" Jesus, along with some fun. The focus was to reveal to God those things that we hold on to, so that He can heal them. Basically, what we do at Dying Moments, only a little more intense.

After our last session, the youth were given a card that said "Reveal" on one side, and "God, I want to talk to you about ..." on the other. They were then instructed to go somewhere they could be alone and write down what they needed to reveal to God. I know that God already knows what is in our hearts, but confession brings freedom.

When we gathered back together, they were asked to place the card in baskets up front, if they really were giving those things to God. Well, the Holy Spirit broke through to Bekah and she gave all her sins & past issues to Jesus. Praise the Lord! If that room had isles, I would have run them! Then she asked to address the Youth Group. She told them of her newfound freedom, that she was no longer afraid, and that she physically felt God's hand on her shoulder.

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

December Gathering

December 11h 6:15pm

Hixson United Methodist Church

This is our annual Christmas Gathering with music, worship and fellowship!

Dinner: Bring a covered dish. Join the Community for food, fellowship & worship.

January Gathering

January 8th

TBA

WELCOME NEW PILGRIMS/BUTTERFLIES

Girls' Chrysalis - Butterflies

Paige Hudson, Heidi Steger, Allie Gentry, Nicole Millsaps, Bekah Arnold, Megan McDowell, Hannah Smith, Summer Rudd, Beth Henderson, Lauren Colby, Kati Helton, Brett Spaulding, Mary Katherine Riggs, Amanda Harris, Kayla Williams, Morgan Capps, Ashleigh Topping, Becky Mincy, Nikki Rodriguez, Ashley Schenk, Emily Baker, Dallas Hartman, Natalie Brown, Angie Durham.

Women's Walk Pilgrims will be announced in January

APRONS FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

A personalized Emmaus/Crossroads/Chrysalis apron would make a great gift for many people on your list! They make great gifts for new butterflies or pilgrims as well as for the "more seasoned" community members. With a name and walk number embroidered on them, you can take them up to serve a meal and not have to remember your nametag! And, all the proceeds go back to the Emmaus community- another great reason to order!

Colors available: Red, Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Black

Cost: \$30 (\$20 without embroidery)

To order, please email Katie Harbison at kcharbison@comcast.net.

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Glory to God! He is faithful. Bekah is free.

Thanks for your prayers, and please continue to pray for all of us, especially our new daughter in Christ, Bekah.

It has been a pleasure and joy to serve you. You are a community that answers the call to be His hands and His feet.

Thanks again.

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GIFTS TO EMMAUS: Your gifts are tax deductible *within the law*. You may send a general contribution or you can honor or memorialize a loved one. Please send to:

Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728.

She will send an acknowledgement to the person you designate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the upcoming nominations process. Nominations for Community Board positions will take place in November and December.

Be in prayer for 2007 Chattanooga/Lafayette Emmaus Community, for the Spring Walks – lay directors and teams – and, of course, for the pilgrims.

AGAPE INFORMATION

KEEP WORKING ON THOSE AGAPE GIFTS FOR THE SPRING WALKS!!

Agape gifts don't have to be elaborate, but they go a long way in expressing the unconditional love of God to Pilgrims. Get together with your Reunion group or others you know and make a gift to be given to the Pilgrims.

24 (minimum) bed agape

36 (minimum) conference room agape

60 (minimum) meal agape

Please label the bundle of Agape gifts you bring with the total number so that the Chas will have an idea of how many gifts are available for distribution.

Agape food is a vital part of the Emmaus and Chrysalis walks. Homemade goodies are great, but if you don't have time to make something, buy something salty or sweet. The more things, the better! We also need plenty of drinks.

How about spending some time during the next few months making agape gifts for the Spring Walks? The Chas can ALWAYS use more agape gifts!

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Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!

December Gathering – December 11th – Hixson United Methodist Church

January Gathering – January 8th – TBA

Address change: Notify Priscilla Caine at pmcaine@msn.com or 423.886.3757

If you have a new email address, or would like to receive the WalkTalk via email (and save postage costs), please email Brett Baxendell - bbaxendell@hotmail.com