



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

FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

To the Community:

As the thermometer dipped to record lows in early January it seemed appropriate to discuss winter survival.

Even in snow-starved Chattanooga, the Boy Scout (or Girl Scout) in each of us should not let us leave the house without an appropriate survival kit in the car. Keep your gas tank at least half-full (in case that knee-deep snow drift strands you on the side of the road). Other necessities in the trunk should be: a blanket, an extra pair of socks, gloves, flashlight (with batteries), whistle, a warm hat and a few candy bars or granola bars.

A secondary form of heat is a must and the experts recommend a candle, along with an empty coffee can. It is surprising how much heat is produced from just one candle. Place the candle in the center of the can. Hold it in place by melting some of the candle into the bottom center of the can and sticking the candle into the wax. The light and warmth of one candle can help heat a small space in an emergency situation; it will allow you to see; and it will help others see you.

Sound familiar? It should. Jesus encourages us to be candles in a dark world. When the electricity goes off at home, we all search for flashlights for temporary light, but a candle for something longer-lasting.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

What kind of light are you giving off? Do friends, family members and co-workers notice anything different about you that has a positive attraction?

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

January Gathering

January 14th 6:15pm

Wesley Memorial United Methodist
6314 E Brainerd Road
Contact: Nancy Smith

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

February Gathering

February 11
Location TBA

2007 - 2008 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS

Please be in prayer for these Walks and plan to participate!

Women's Walk: February 21 – 24	Lay Director, Susan Crocker
Boys' Chrysalis: March 6 – 9	Lay Director, Skip Pond
Men's Walk: March 27 – 30	Lay Director, Jim Crocker
Women's Walk: April 24 – 27	Lay Director, Jean Davis

Meal Times for Walks

Friday Breakfast 8:30	Saturday Breakfast 8:15	Sunday Breakfast 8:00
Lunch 12:00	Lunch 11:55	Lunch 12:00
Dinner 5:30	Dinner 6:30**	

To Cook, come to the kitchen 1 hour before the meal; to serve, 30 minutes early.

****Saturday Dinner cooking/serving: if you have not signed up, please check with the kitchen before you come to see if you are needed! Thanks**

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*There is a candle in every soul, Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, Ignites a candle and makes His home
Carry your candle, run to the darkness, Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle, go light your world
-- "Go Light Your World" by Chris Rice*

I look forward to being a candle and serving a risen Savior with each of you!
In Christ, Don Harris

DONATIONS/GIFTS

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.

Correction from December 2007:

The honor gift for Phil and Lisa Talley was given *by their employees* at Chickamauga Drug Store.

AGAPE GIFTS

AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

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.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrim, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient grace. When you find a prospective Pilgrim, there are some suggested steps to take.

After the registration form is mailed in, continue preparation. You're not finished-- just beginning. Continue to pray for and stay close to the person to answer any questions that may arise. When the person is confirmed for a specific weekend, start collecting agape letters and letting friends know that he or she is going to attend a Walk to Emmaus, enlisting their prayers. If the person's pastor has not attended, you will want to explain the Walk to Emmaus and enlist support and prayers for your Pilgrim.

As the weekend approaches, make sure that the needs of your Pilgrim's family are being taken care of. Continue to pray.

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

January Gathering – January 14th - Wesley Memorial UMC

February Gathering – February 11th - TBA

IMPORTANT REQUEST:

If you have changed your address or phone/cell number please notify
pmcaine@msn.com **and** verb5740@comcast.net

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