



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

### FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

Notice on some paper or Styrofoam beverage cups there is a line with the words something like this "Fill Line." That tells the server to fill the cup no more than the prescribed amount. That's the limit.

Isn't that just like us? To put limits on how much we want to be filled. But, thankfully, God does not operate that way. He wants to "fill us" so much that we overflow, to a point that's incomparable.

*"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."* – Psalms 23:5

One of the greatest benefits of being a Christian is "contentment" – knowing that, no matter what our circumstance, we are at peace. Your cup cannot "run over" if you are not content with your life. Have you ever been acquainted with someone who has so many material possessions that they are miserable? They aren't content and their cup is never full and will never "run over."

One of my life verses is Malachi 3:10. *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it".*

In this scripture, people had been keeping their tithes from God, essentially robbing God of what was really already His. He asks for the "whole tithe," not some leftovers, not some afterthought, not what we feel we "can afford." God wants the whole tithe "that there may be food in my house." He has great plans for that tithe.

Then God challenges us. He says, "Test me in this." It's God's way of saying I double-dog-dare-you. When we do, God will "throw (see \*\*\*p. 3)

### FUTURE GATHERINGS:

#### May Gathering

May 12th 6:15pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Belvoir Avenue

Contact: Kevin Skidmore

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

#### June Gathering

June 9<sup>th</sup> - TBA

## 2008- 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS

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

Crossroads: September 11 – 14	Lay Director, Gene Blair
Men's Walk: September 25 – 29	Lay Director, Jim Swearingen
Women's Walk: October 16 – 19	Lay Director, Wanda Boleen
Girls' Chrysalis: November 6 – 9	Girls' LD, Rhonda Keith
Men's Walk: Spring 2009	Lay Director, Mark Holland
Women's Walk: Spring 2009	Lay Director, Nancy Graves
Girls' Chrysalis: Fall 2009	Lay Director, Lori Bailey

### WELCOME PILGRIMS FROM WOMEN'S WALK 49!

Tangi Ballard, Holly Berkshire, Donna Chambers, Sandy Culbertson,  
Dianne Davis, Debbie Douglas, Christina Duncan, Susan Fryar, Debbie  
Gilbert, Karen Hicks, Pat Kassebaum, Karen Kennedy, Amy Kyriakidis,  
Dianne McGill, Dottie Mims, Jill Murphy, Meghan Oakley, Jill Plumer,  
Janice Ryan, Sharon Shedrick, Betty Shelton, Annette Smith,  
Shirlene Ward, Vicki Whittaker

## AGAPE GIFTS

### AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

24 (minimum) bed agape                      36 (minimum) conference room agape  
60 (minimum) Meal agape

Please work on these gifts over the summer so that we can begin the fall Walks with a good supply. The walks use a lot of agape gifts, so please help out!

### \*\*\*LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Picture that in your mind for a moment: "so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." God stands ready to "open the floodgates of heaven" for each of us. If you're wondering how much blessing that can be, the floodgates mentioned in Malachi are similar to "the floodgates of the heavens" that Noah experienced in Genesis 7:11. Those floodgates stayed open for 40 days and nights and literally changed the world. God's blessing on us can be that much.

But we must do our part first. Do not hold anything back from God and He will not hold any blessing back from you.

In Christ, Don

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

May Gathering – May 12<sup>th</sup> – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

June Gathering – June 9<sup>th</sup> – TBA

July Gathering – FAMILY PICNIC – July 14<sup>th</sup> - Flintstone

### IMPORTANT REQUESTS:

If you have changed your address or phone/cell number please notify  
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