



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

## FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

There are 6,912 languages in the world. I'm not sure if that statistic counts texting as a language, but it is certainly foreign to me (lol).

Despite so many different dialects, God manages to speak to people throughout the world. Some people would argue that God does not speak, but I disagree. Consider for a moment, a few ways God speaks:

- God Speaks Audibly – There are times we wish God would make audible what he's saying to us, yet it's highly unlikely many of us hear God's audible voice. Many of us have blurted out "I wish God would just tell me what to do." Usually He does, but we are not listening.
- God Speaks Through Creation – How can anyone watch a colorful sunset and not comprehend how marvelous God is? Romans 1:20 alludes to this: *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."* God revealed himself through creation in such a way that through the view everyone knows God created it.
- God Speaks Through Dreams – I submit the life of Joseph. He knew at an early age that God was going to use him in a mighty way. His brothers were incensed by the interpretation, but Joseph used the gift of interpreting dreams to follow the will of God.
- God Speaks Through Preachers – Hebrews 1:1 says *"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways..."* God still speaks to those who would speak to the people. Prophets often spoke a direct word the prophets heard from God. A word of caution here to be watchful of false prophets. Unless we study and know the Scriptures, we can be deceived by "ear ticklers."

*(see \*\*\*p. 3)*

## FUTURE GATHERINGS:

### July Gathering

July 14th 6:15pm

First Church of the Nazarene, Flintstone

Host: Joanne Winkler

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

### August Gathering

August 11<sup>h</sup> – East Ridge UMC

## 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

## 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!

## MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS TO EMMAUS

**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.**

In memory of Virginia Frye by Gayle Kimble

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

- God Speaks Through Unusual Circumstances – In Hebrews 1:1 noted above, “various ways” indicates how creative God can be to speak to us.
- God Speaks Through His Word – Through the Holy Scripture, God speaks to us and gives us direction. By studying Scripture we see the primary meaning when it was written. Then we see the extended meaning now and how it’s applicable to our life. Never forget that all Scripture is “God-breathed” and an inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- God Speaks Through His Commandments – Some decisions don’t have to be a matter of prayer. Just follow the commands already spoken by God.  
 God Speaks Through His Son – Hebrews 1:2 says, *“but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made the universe.”* Through His Son, God speaks his love for the world.

Emmaus testimonies are direct evidence how God is still speaking today. God has made himself real during an Emmaus, Chrysalis or Crossroads weekend through speakers, candlelight service, meals, servanthood, dying moments or the quietness of an evening. God is still speaking today. Are you listening?

In Christ, Don

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Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!  
July Gathering– FAMILY PICNIC – July 14<sup>th</sup> – Flintstone Nazarene Church  
August Gathering – August 11<sup>th</sup> – East Ridge UMC

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