



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

FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

I remember as a child anticipating my first ride on an airplane. Perhaps a bit too young to be trusted to keep up with my ticket and board pass, my dad held it until it was time to get on the plane. When the flight was called, my dad gave me exactly what I needed at the exact moment I needed it. Dads are like that.

So is our heavenly Father.

Recently, I was using a Weedeater to trim the weeds in front of our business. The Weedeater hit a small rock and slung it toward the glass door. It shattered into a million pieces right before my eyes, just as several customers were coming inside. Everyone's nerves were shattered, too. The cleanup took about 30 minutes and a quick call to a local glass dealer had everything back to "normal" in under an hour.

As I headed home after the ordeal, I talked to God and remember saying, "God, I really need to hear *'Praise You in the Storm.'*" The song is by Casting Crowns – one of my favorite contemporary Christian groups – and I was praising God despite my "storm." I checked J-103 and Way FM, but the song was not on at the moment.

Following a quick stop at the grocery store on my way home, maybe the ordeal started to fade from my memory. But God did not forget. When I started up the car, you know exactly what song was on the radio. I cranked up the volume and praised God in my storm the rest of the way home.

*"And I'll praise you in this storm and I will lift my hands
For You are who You are no matter where I am
And every tear I've cried You hold in Your hand
You never left my side and though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm."*

God gave me exactly what I needed when I needed it.

*(see ***p. 3)*

FUTURE GATHERINGS:

August Gathering

August 11th 6:15pm

East Ridge United Methodist Church

Host: Jim Jackson

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

September Gathering

September 8^h – TBA

2008- 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS/CROSSROADS

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

Crossroads: September 11 – 14	LD, Gene Blair/Diana Kidwell
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	Lay Director, Rhonda Keith
Boys' Chrysalis: February, 2009	Lay Director
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 Bev Clemmer's father and Candy Royer's grandmother by Becky Lockaby

Donations received from Neal Atchley and Leroy Smith

***LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

He did not give me what I wanted. He gave me what I needed.

Dads are like that.

"...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." – Matthew 6: 8

What do you really need?

"You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it." – John 14: 14

The key words are *"in my name."* This doesn't mean you get everything you want – until we abide in Jesus and His word abides in us. Whenever we do that our desires will change. Then, when we ask in Christ's name, it will happen.

Keep praising God even in the storms!

Don

PLEASE COME TO THE AUGUST GATHERING TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER VIGILS FOR THE UPCOMING WALKS! You may also bring your agape gifts to this gathering. We start fast and furiously in September with Crossroads and Men's Walks. So...Be Ready!!

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

August Gathering – August 11th – East Ridge UMC

September Gathering – September 8th – TBA

Crossroads Walk – September 11 - 14

IMPORTANT REQUESTS:

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