



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

FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

One of the biggest misconceptions is the adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." That's a bunch of bologna!

Having spent quite a few years in jobs that required a fair amount of travel, I used to think my travel time was "corporately cool." To be honest, though, I really missed being at home with my wife and children. There was no advantage to being away from my family and I did not feel any "fonder" of them when I returned. I love them too much! Sure, there was always a warm reunion, but my love for them did not increase or decrease just because of my absence.

That's not the way it is with God. All of us have experienced those times when we felt separated from God. What an isolated feeling that is!

When we think of God, sometimes we're tempted to believe that He is not only out of town, but He's out of the world. He appears to be nowhere around. We know that is not true at all. God is with us every minute of every day. Just like a job can often take us away from home, we sometimes "travel" away from God. But the day we invited the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, it was a permanent residence.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8: 38-39

We do not grow fonder of Christ when we feel separated from Him. There is, however, a yearning in our hearts – that's the Holy Spirit – to grow closer to Him all the time.

As much as I dislike being away from my family, I dislike the idea of anything that would separate me from God's presence. I love Him too much!
Don

FUTURE GATHERINGS:

September Gathering
September 8th 6:15pm
Red Bank United Methodist Church
3800 Dayton Blvd
Host: Prissy Thrash

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

October Gathering
October 13th – TBA

2008- 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/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		

You know how important agape gifts are to the Pilgrims! We have 4 Walks this fall and we really need your help to provide the blessing of agape gifts!

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.

MEN'S WALK TALKS & TIMES

Friday September 26, 2008

9:15 am	Priority	MIKE ANDERSON
11:15 am	Prevenient Grace	DAVID GRAVES
1:30 pm	Priesthood of All Believers	DON HELMS
2:45 pm	Justifying Grace	CLERGY
6:30 pm	Life of Piety	DAVID SMITH

Saturday September 27, 2008

8:45 am	Growth Through Study	DON MUSE
10:15 am	Means of Grace	BEN MATHERLY
2:15 pm	Christian Action	BRETT BAXENDELL
3:45 pm	Obstacles To Grace	CLERGY
5:30 pm	Discipleship	DENNIS SULLIVAN

Sunday September 28, 2008

8:45 am	Changing Our World	RICHARD FARLICK
9:45 am	Sanctifying Grace	CLERGY
11:00 am	Body of Christ	PHIL TALLEY
1:00 pm	Perseverance	JIM SWEARINGEN
2:00 pm	Fourth Day	MARK HOLLAND

To pray for these speakers before their talks, please come to the Prayer Chapel 30 minutes before each talk.

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Quick Calendar & Update – All Gatherings at - 6:15pm – Potluck!
September Gathering – September 8th – Red Bank United Methodist
October Gathering – October 13th - TBA
Crossroads Walk – September 11 – 14
Men's Walk – September 25 - 29

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