

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

## FROM THE 2008 LAY DIRECTOR

Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 62 In other words, keep your eyes on Jesus!

I was going to suggest an experiment of turning your head around while driving a car, but the results could be disastrous. I imagine most of us have taken our eyes off the road periodically, perhaps to have a polite conversation with those little angels riding the back seat? And when you turn back around, you seem to be taking your half of the road out of the middle. Remember what happened to Lot's wife when she looked back!

So instead, try this experiment in your yard the next time you mow the grass. Look over your shoulder as you push the mower and see how straight a line you can keep. The same is true with the vacuum cleaner or sweeping the floor.

That's what Jesus was talking about when he described three different scenarios in Luke 9: 57-62 where each individual had a task more important than following Jesus. If we look back instead of keeping focused on Jesus, are we fit for service in the kingdom God?

Pretty harsh words, but Jesus wants everyone to fully understand the cost of following Him. In Hebrews, right after Faith's Hall of Fame (Chapter 11) is listed, Chapter 12 reminds us of that focus again. Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

I pray I have been able to do that as the Chattanooga/Lafayette Emmaus and Chrysalis Community Lay Director this year. It has been a humbling and rewarding experience. To God be the glory for the way the Community supported each Walk, Flight or Journey. The hosts for every gathering had to get out more tables and chairs because of the terrific attendance.

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## FUTURE GATHERINGS:

### December Gathering

December 8th 6:15pm

Brainerd United Methodist Church  
4315 Brainerd Road

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

### January Gathering

January 12th – Wesley Memorial  
United Methodist Church

## 2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

Boys' Chrysalis: March 5-8, 2009

Lay Director

Men's Walk: March 26-29 2009

Lay Director, Mark Holland

Women's Walk: April 23-26 2009

Lay Director, Nancy Graves

Crossroads: September 10-13 2009

Men's Walk: September 24-27 2009

Women's Walk: October 22-25 2009

Girls' Chrysalis: November 5-7 2009

Lay Director, Lori Bailey

### AGAPE NEEDS FOR EACH OF THE WALKS:

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

## 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. She will send an acknowledgement to the family or honoree. Please send to:

Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728

Gift in honor of Sandy Shadden by Myra and Jerry Wilhelm

Gift in honor of Jane Neall by Peggy Davis

## WELCOME NEW BUTTERFLIES!

Girls' Chrysalis #34

Alex Dickey, Hannah Farlett, Kayla Pierce, Elizabeth Momberg, Macy Licht,

Katelynn Ridge, Morgan Mullens, Catelyn Topping, Emily Allison,

Beth Bontekoe, Amber Mathely, Leah Bolton, Kelly Hadden, Melinda Poteet,

Avery Pettway, Megan Bowers, Kathleen Shoemaker, Taylor Helton,

Courtney Moore, Emily Caldwell

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Now I reach the end of this season of service. Please continue to remain faithful to the Community with sponsorships, service and financial support. This community has grown so strong after nearly two decades of existence and it needs to be salt and light for two more decades (and longer).

I thank you for the opportunity to serve with so many prayer warriors and Godly men, women and teenagers. As each of us completes a faithful service to Him, remember the word of Paul as he reflected over three decades of being an apostle.

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4: 7-8

Blessings to each of you! Don

December Gathering: We have completed 50 Women's Walks, we're into the 40's with Men's Walks, into the 30's for Chrysalis Flights and just celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Crossroads Journey! That equates to about 3,000 community members. At the December Gathering, we will recognize and honor every former Lay Director from Emmaus Walks, Chrysalis Flights, Crossroads Journeys and Jail Walks conducted by our Community. We will also hear about the history of our community – how it was formed and by whom – and get a taste of the future. **YA'LL COME!!**

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#### BOOK TABLE

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#### 72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

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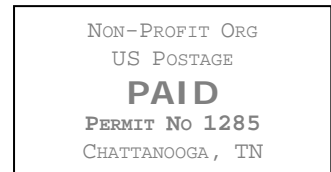
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***VERY IMPORTANT!!!!***

Emmaus is trying to be good stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us. At this time we are mailing almost 1100 WalkTalks each month. We are asking you:

1. If you're not reading the WalkTalk, let us know that you wish to be removed: by email to Brett Baxendell - [bbaxendell@hotmail.com](mailto:bbaxendell@hotmail.com) or snail mail your request to the PO Box above.
2. To change from snail to email, please email Brett Baxendell

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

December Gathering – December 8<sup>th</sup> – Brainerd United Methodist

*Christmas celebration and honoring our history! Special Entertainment!*

Be there!!

January Gathering – January 12<sup>th</sup> – Wesley Memorial UMC