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

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings Fellow Community Members!

“Find a need and meet it”. Does this phrase sound familiar? It’s one of the main points of the Walk to Emmaus “Christian Action” talk. As a community we have historically done a tremendous job in meeting the needs of the Emmaus community as well as reaching out and helping other groups dedicated to Christ’s work in the Chattanooga Lafayette area.

Let me get straight to the point. We currently have a need that needs to be met for the Emmaus Community. As you might have guessed by now it’s **financial** in nature. Like many businesses (and a lot of us personally) the Chattanooga Lafayette Emmaus community closed out 2008 having spent more than we took in for the year. The upside to this is due to the fact we had money in reserve we were able to meet all our obligations for the year as well as place deposits with Camp Lookout for all the upcoming 2009 Walks and Flights. The downside is we currently have relatively little cash on hand. The Board took the first step to address the situation by voting to increase Walk/Flight application fees by \$15. This brings the total cost to \$150.00 for a pilgrim/caterpillar to attend a weekend. This increase is easily justified due to increase in costs food and camp fees. The new rates are effective 1/13/2009.

Following are some suggestions for each of us to explore in approaching the financial needs of our Emmaus Community:

First: PRAY! We all know this community is powered by prayer. Pray for God’s will to be done and pray for his guidance in relation to community stewardship. Remember, stewardship is not just financial. It’s our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Second: Sponsorship. We clearly have an issue with sponsorship for Chrysalis and Crossroads as all three flights last year were below capacity. With the number of members in this community we should be filling these weekends with caterpillars! Cost structure for the weekends is based on having a full complement of pilgrims/caterpillars. Let’s start NOW with getting applications for all weekends in the coming year. As Crossroads, Chrysalis, and Emmaus veterans, let’s make a concerted effort to fill ALL Walks and Flights in 2009.

Third: Sponsor a weekend “cost”. Have you stopped to think about what certain “little” things cost on a weekend? The purple worship book for example; FOR CONTINUATION, SEE PAGE 3

FUTURE GATHERINGS:

February Gathering
February 9th 6:15pm

Briarwood Baptist
Jim Boyd

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

March Gathering

March 9th – Ooltewah UMC

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

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Share your own experience, making sure the person knows that your invitation is to a more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ, not just to attend a weekend. The three days are a part of a whole new way of life. Carefully explain the group reunion, community gatherings, team membership and formation, and renewed interest in serving one's church. Help the person to understand that with God's love and grace, every aspect of life will change for the better. Explain the basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses. After they have filled out the forms, complete your part; mail it to the registrar, along with the registration fee.

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the cost of a meal for a pilgrim or a team member; team supplies. All these items add up quickly. Consider contributing what you can toward any of these costs on each walk weekend. Make it your offering when you attend any of the events related to the walk. This would also be a great opportunity for your Reunion Group.

Last and certainly not least: Contribute generously at gatherings and give to the community through honorariums and memorials. Remember, all gifts are tax deductible within the limits of the law.

As you are contemplating what you have just read please consider the following scriptures and pray for God's guidance in your commitment to our Community.

Matthew 6:19-21 & 25-27 *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.....Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"*

Blessings and Peace,
Steve Bowman

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2. To receive WalkTalk only by email, please email Brett Baxendell

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

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