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

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

No one will argue times are tough. We can argue how the world got mired in the mess it is in now. However, most of the arguing amounts to nothing more than what the Apostle Paul would refer to as "a resounding gong or a *clanging cymbal*". You know - lots of talk but no action. In Texas it's often referred to as "Big Hat, No Cattle". Anyone can wear a nice, fancy cowboy hat but most that do don't have a clue about what a real cowboy has to contend with when given the responsibility for actually taking care of one head of cattle much less a whole herd.

One thing that you will observe in "Big Hat, No Cattle" folks is they tend to consider themselves to be "self reliant". Frank Sinatra summed these folks up pretty well in his song "My Way". Now, don't get me wrong. The "Chairman of The Board" was a great singer and song stylist. However, if you study the lyrics to "My Way" you'll get a glimpse of a person who said they did it all on their own without relying on anyone or anything else.

I don't know about you, but there is no way I would be at the point I'm at in my life if it had not been for the people that God put there. More importantly was the grace God offered through Jesus that allowed me to have a relationship with Him and place my faith in Him. If left to my own devices, to do it "My Way", I can assure you I would be what could be politely called "a mess"

Faith in God is that indefinable something separates us as believers from the "Big Hat, No Cattle" folks. Faith is one of those foundations of Christianity that can be very hard, if not impossible, to describe to a non-believer. A century and a half ago, Peter Cartwright was a preacher on the American frontier. The story is told of a conversation he once had with a medical doctor regarding Cartwright's faith in God. The doctor asked Cartwright, "Did you ever actually see God?"

Cartwright answered, "No." "Did you ever hear God?...smell Him?...Taste Him?" "No," said Cartwright.

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

March Gathering

March 9th 6:15pm

Ooltewah United Methodist
Contact: Nancy Graves

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

April Gathering

April 13th – Morris Hill Baptist

2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

Boys' Chrysalis: March 5-8, 2009 Lay Director Jay Baumgardner
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.

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

The perfect way to support our Emmaus Community by providing items for a walk!

The purple worship book
The cost of a meal for a pilgrim
The cost of a meal for a team member
Team supplies
Medical supplies
Candles for candlelight
.....You think of some!

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"Did you ever feel Him." "Yes, that I have," replied Cartwright. "Well," said the doctor,

"we still have four strong witnesses against one that there is no such thing as God."

Cartwright quickly countered, "Have you ever seen pain - pain itself?" "No," said the doctor.

"Have you ever heard pain?...smelled it?...Have you tasted it?" "No," were the responses.

"Have you ever felt pain?" "Of course," said the doctor

"See," Cartwright explained, "we have four strong witnesses out of five that pain does not exist!"

Hebrews 10:39-11:1 says "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." I suspect most of us have a "Big Hat" or a "My Way" in some part of our life. We should seek to replace those with faith in our Lord, ask his will, not ours, be done, and rejoice in the people he has placed in our life.

DeColores,
Steve

Please remember the increase in fees for Emmaus Walks effective 1/13/2009.
Sponsor's fee = \$50, Pilgrim's fee = \$100 for a total of \$150.

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

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