

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

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings! With the conclusion of the Women's walk on the last weekend of April we come to somewhat of a halfway point in the year for our Emmaus community. I can say without any reservation that support for the three weekends was tremendous. This would be a good time to touch on a few areas that we need to revisit occasionally:

Sponsorship: Next to prayer, Sponsorship is the lifeblood of the Emmaus community. Prayerful discernment is critical when considering who, why, and when to sponsor a candidate for an Emmaus weekend. Here are some thoughts from the Upper Room on Sponsorship:

"Sponsorship should never be haphazard or a casual effort. It should always be based in prayers of discernment. Sponsors' prayers for discernment should be centered on the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsors must keep in mind that Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments."

"Just as sponsors need to be purposeful in who they look to sponsor on an Emmaus weekend, they also need to be sensitive to the fact that Emmaus is not for everyone. Potential sponsors should seek the leading of the Holy Spirit as they pray through the discerning process. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to foster Christian community; it is not a place of theological or religious debate. Persons who challenge the basic tenets of the Christian faith may become disruptive agents or may become silent and withdrawn. "

"Although our temptation is to seek to sponsor pilgrims in order to "fix" their emotions and / or situations, we do an injustice to them if we urge them to become involved in Emmaus in order to solve their ills. As sponsors we need to be careful not to build unrealistic expectations by promising pilgrims that Emmaus will heal their grief, emotional distress, or broken marriage. Current or recent emotional crisis often distracts a pilgrim from experiencing the full impact of the weekend."

Serving: As you are well aware serving can take many forms in the Emmaus Community. From washing dishes to leading a weekend every aspect of serving the community is an act of agape. No one is more important than the other.

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

May Gathering

May 11h 6:15pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran
822 Belvoir Ave

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

June Gathering

June 8th – Burks United Methodist

2009 EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

Crossroads: September 10-13 2009	LD's, Sandi Brock and Tony Parker
Men's Walk: September 24-27 2009	Lay Director, Damon Riggs
Women's Walk: October 22-25 2009	Lay Director, Penny Hynes
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

WE DON'T WANT TO RUN OUT!! PLEASE BRING AGAPE TO GATHERINGS

MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS TO EMMAUS

GIFTS TO EMMAUS: Your gifts are tax deductible *within the law*.

Send to: Mary Anne Bailey, 123 Pebblestone Dr., Lafayette GA 30728

WELCOME WOMEN'S WALK #51

Jeannette Byerley, Pearl Campbell, Stephanie Chambers, Faye Turner,
Stacie Clements, Stacia Cline, Joy Goodwin, Beverly Hamilton,
Becky Hatfield, Cindy Kennemore, Wanda King, Judy Kroulek,
Jennifer Metcalf, Carolyn Napier, Paula Petty, Linda Pinter,
Lynn Smith, Janice Thurman, Barbara Vandergriff, Elley Wasson,
Sarah Webb, Brittany Weldon, Becky Wilson

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If there is some form of servanthood you have not participated in for the community and would like to please prayerfully consider doing so. There is a link to a Volunteer Form under the Applications section of our website, www.chatt-laf-emmaus.org. If what you are interested in doing for the community is not listed there is an "Other" section you can complete to let us know what those gifts, talents, or others areas of service are that you can offer to the community.

Support: Continue to support the community with your prayers. Support the community with attendance at gatherings, reunion groups, regular church attendance and involvement. Support the community with your gifts in all forms; spiritual, intellectual, physical, and monetary.

Remember, we are all a part of the Body of Christ. Christ has no hands or feet but yours.

DeColores,
Steve

PS You can also help the Emmaus Community by receiving the WalkTalk by email. To do so send your email address to Brett Baxendell - bbaxendell@hotmail.com

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IMPORTANT QUESTION!!!!

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY, (ESPECIALLY IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE ZIP CODES 307--, 373—OR 374--)?

ANSWER: BY RECEIVING THE WALKTALK BY EMAIL!!

SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO BRETT BAXENDELL AT bbaxendell@hotmail.com

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

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