

FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Hard to believe isn't it? Where has the year gone?!

Having just gone on vacation I spent some time thinking about how fortunate I was to have the means to travel and spend time in a nice hotel, have some fun and relax for a little while. I also noticed that in spite of what those "in the know" say about the economy there are still a vast number of people who are able to spend plenty of time and money on leisure activities. Don't misunderstand, I don't think there is anything wrong with this provided it's put in perspective and kept in balance. Having said that, I was hit by that fact that in this country even those considered to be on the lower end of the economic scale are vastly better off than the majority of the people in the rest of the world. We are blessed beyond measure. The song "I'm Proud to be an American" really should be titled "I'm Fortunate to be an American" because after all most of us had nothing to do with the fact that we were born and raised here. There is a portion of a prayer that is sometimes recited on the Emmaus weekends that reflects this idea very well. It goes as follows:

"When people are claiming pride in their ancestors, enable me to remember the roots of my heritage, the God of Abraham and Jacob. In moments of pride, make me not prideful of my accomplishments, but witness to the accomplishments made by you, through me."

As Thanksgiving approaches let us be mindful of where everything we have comes from. The following devotion says it all.

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FUTURE GATHERINGS:

November Gathering

November 9th 6:15pm

St. Peter's Episcopal
848 Ashland Terrace

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

December Gathering

December 14th – Hixson UMC

2009-2010 EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

Girls' Chrysalis: November 5-7 2009	Lay Director, Lori Bailey
Men's Walk: Spring 2010	Lay Director, Mike Anderson
Crossroads: Fall 2010	LD's Susan Crocker and David Smith
Girls' Chrysalis: Fall 2010	Lay Director, Michelle Patrick

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

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In memory of Sherri Noble from John and Sandy Shadden

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One day a passerby saw a homeless man on the roadside. He stopped for a moment to hand him some loose change and casually said "God bless you, my friend".

"I thank God," said the homeless man, "I am never unhappy."

"What do you mean?" the passerby asked.

"Well," he said, "when the sun is out, I thank God — when it rains, I thank God. When I am full, I thank God and when I am hungry, I thank God. And, since God's will is my will, and whatever pleases Him pleases me, why should I say I am unhappy when I am not?"

The man looked at him in astonishment and asked, "Who are you?"

"I am a King," said he.

"Where, then, is your Kingdom?" asked the man.

"In my heart." The homeless man replied.

Let us all be grateful and give thanks. Blessings and peace,

DeColores, Steve

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

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

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