

# WalkTalk

DECEMBER 2009

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

## FROM THE 2009 LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings,

As we come to the end of the year I would like to take a few moments to express the community's thanks to all of those who have served on teams, worked in the kitchen, made agape, helped setup the camp, sponsored candidates, and last but certainly not least prayed for the community and its needs during the past year. As I have said before prayer is what powers this community.

I would also like to thank all of the churches that have opened their doors for our gatherings this past year. Our December location is Brainerd United Methodist and this annual Christmas gathering has become something of a "homecoming" for our community. This year we would like to extend a special invitation to all Clergy who have served in any capacity in the community over the years. As usual we will have our covered dish dinner, sing some carols, share prayer praises and requests, have some special music, and share communion in a way that many of you might not have experienced. It should be a great evening in celebration of the birth of our Lord.

As Christmas comes each year we continue to see the commercial trend to make it a "generic" season. The latest thing I've encountered is a "Seasonal Tree". Hmmmm,,,well it sure looked like Christmas tree to me. It even had a star on top. I started to get a little perturbed. But then I realized that Christmas wasn't about trees, presents, or decorations, or "Happy Holidays" versus "Merry Christmas". Each year the true meaning of Christmas is conveyed on a network television broadcast. Yep, Linus Van Pelt gets right to the heart of the matter in "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Let me refresh your memory.

Charlie Brown finds himself depressed at Christmas searching for the true meaning of the holiday amidst the glitz and commercialism of the modern age. At the school auditorium getting ready for the Christmas pageant Charlie Brown blurts out in exasperation, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Linus, trusty blanket in hand responds, "Sure Charlie Brown, I can tell you what

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## FUTURE GATHERINGS:

### December Gathering

December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm

Brainerd United Methodist Church  
4315 Brainerd Road

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

### January Gathering

January 11<sup>th</sup> – TBA

2009-2010 EMMAUS/CHRYSLIS/CROSSROADS WALKS

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

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

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In memory of Joyce Meffert's mother from Butterfly Reunion Group

Every member's donation of \$5.00 per month will enable the  
Community to flourish. Send yours today before year-end!!

WELCOME GIRLS' CHRYSLIS

Brooke Holland, Bailey Ladd, Alexis Twitchell, Stephanie  
Bautista, Hannah Sheets, Allison Harris, Kayla Burgin, Regan  
Robertson, Ashley Conner, Macey Mullens, Rheanna Bolton,  
Blakelee Boring

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Christmas is all about." Linus walks out to center stage and says, "Lights, please?" The lights dim and Linus recites the following:

"And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were sore afraid ... And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men."

Linus walks off stage to Charlie Brown and says, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Indeed, that IS what Christmas is all about.

DeColores and Merry Christmas!!

Merry Christmas!

Steve

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SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO BRETT BAXENDELL at [bbaxendell@hotmail.com](mailto:bbaxendell@hotmail.com)

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

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