



WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

MAY 2017

The best Walk ever....

Seems like this is said after each Walk that occurs. However, I think that this can truly be said of the two Walks just completed. Each Walk is special in its own way. To me, this past Men's Walk was one of courage on the part of the pilgrims and one of joy and healing. Likewise from contact during meals and at closing, I found the Women's Walk full of laughter and the start of strong friendships.

Many things happen during a weekend. But I want to remind all of us what the purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is as stated by the Upper Room.

The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as a body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus expands the participants' spiritual lives—deepens their discipleship and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities. These aims are accomplished not only during the three-day Emmaus Walk but also through participation in group reunions and community Gatherings, sponsorship, prayer, support of Walks and service on teams. Persons whose spiritual lives are renewed and strengthened through Emmaus are called to share within their community the grace they receive. They become leavening influences in their local churches. The purpose is not fully realized during the three days of the event itself but in the Fourth Day.

Each of us in this community is called to advance and support this renewal. Each aspect – from participation in group activities through sponsorship, prayer and other service – builds upon the others.

To make the experience meaningful to all, the Upper Room covenants with the local communities to provide a consistent, common and trustworthy experience. This uniformity strengthens the Emmaus movement and assures church leaders from one part of the country to recommend Emmaus to church leaders in another part of the country, knowing that the design and standards are uniform everywhere.

The manual we follow sets forth a model of theological congruence, developed over years of experience. When individual communities add or remove parts of this model, the potential for communicating the Christian message as a whole is diminished. Sometimes practices with no intrinsic relationship to the Emmaus model are passed on from Walk to Walk, unquestioned simply because “that’s the way we did on our three days.” This may be done without understanding of the congruence or incongruence with the design.

Of course, each community will add its own color, and minor differences will arise. But the direction of change in a community's Walk to Emmaus three days should always be toward the standard model, not away from it.

De Colores,

Richard Farlik



Lay Director for 2017

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May's Gathering May 8, 2017 - 6:15 PM

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[Map](#)

HELP NEEDED!! -- Emmaus Community Camp Lookout logistics volunteers needed, please contact David Sergeant at logistics@clemmaus.org or by phone 423-847-0357. Help needed for April women's walk and the fall walks. (i.e. Set up and Take down)

2017 Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flight

March 16-19, 2017	Men's Walk # 56	Lay Director: Keith Sands
April 20-23, 2017	Women's Walk # 67	Lay Director: Pam Foster
September 21-24, 2017	Men's Walk # 57	Lay Director: Robert Wiley
October 19-22, 2017	Women's Walk # 68	Lay Director: Glenda Peck
November 9-11, 2017	Chrysalis Flight # 47	Lay Director: Stephanie Royer

Donations

Donations can be made online through clemmaus.org; by mail to: PO Box 21024 Chattanooga TN 37424; or at the Gatherings. Your gifts are tax deductible under section 501(C)(3). Please talk to the Community Lay Director regarding bequests.

Meal Times for Emmaus Walks

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:00	12:30	5:30
SATURDAY	8:00	12:30	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

Meal Times for Chrysalis

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:30	12:00	5:30
SATURDAY	8:15	11:55	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

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Visit us on the web at www.clemmaus.org
-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

AGAPE:

Minimum Needed
-24 Bed Agape
-60 Meal Agape
-36 Conference Room Agape

Thank you for your acts of agape love! Your gifts are appreciated!

PRAYER:

To sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, contact Mandi Thurmond at 423-902-4853.
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