



WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

June 2017

During the recent follow-up meeting

for Women's Walk No. 67, Mark Davis gave a very clear explanation of the importance of sponsorship and the type of pilgrim that makes the best candidate for the Walk. I offer my apologies upfront for any errors in relaying his remarks. However, I have refreshed my memory by referring to both *The Upper Room Handbook of Emmaus* and the booklet from the Emmaus Library series, *Sponsorship*.

The Handbook says that sponsorship is the most important job of all, calling it the first act of agape, shown even before the Weekend begins. Good sponsorship provides support throughout the entire Weekend with sacrificial love shown for the pilgrim and their family. Also, sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus community, one that can fulfill its true purpose of developing strong Christian leaders to renew the church in ministry.

Mark stressed some the differences between sponsorship merely to fill up the Weekend versus thoughtful sponsorship with the intent to bring renewed vigor to the mission of the church in our congregations, homes, workplaces and communities.

Emmaus is designed for active Christians, those whose participation will bring new energy, commitment and vision to the church and their everyday environments for Christ's sake. Among these are:

- church leaders, both lay and clergy, who may benefit from the renewal and grace of the three days
- dependable church members (some might call these the backbone of the church)
- less active members who need their awareness of grace refreshed and their commitment renewed
- Christians in search of spiritual growth
- respected lay and clergy whose participation, support and leadership will encourage others to take the Walk and help provide sound, balanced leadership for the movement
- members of diverse congregations, denominations and ethnic groups

Mark also mentioned some examples of questionable sponsorship:

- Non-Christians
- Christians whose theology and/or practice is incompatible with the traditional theology and practices represented by The Walk to Emmaus; these folks may feel a need to defend the unique aspects of their beliefs throughout the Weekend, creating a distraction from the message of the Walk
- persons undergoing an emotional crisis (for example, family break up, job loss, severe grief) or who are psychologically unstable
- "church hoppers" or those always looking for another spiritual high to help them "arrive"

We have all seen the healing that can and does occur on a Weekend. But it is important to remember The Walk is not primarily purposed to be a time of healing or as a conversion experience.

In sponsorship, we accept many responsibilities with respect to the pilgrim. Some of those responsibilities will be discussed in the Newsletter next month.

De Colores,

Richard Farlik



Lay Director for 2017

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**June's Gathering
June 12, 2017 - 6:15 PM**

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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

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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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