



WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

January 2018

My name is Clint Cooper, walk number 8, table of Matthew.

Happy new year to members of the Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community! When I awoke on Jan. 2, having slept very little, my thoughts then and during the previous wakeful hours revolved around this community, its relative health, things I thought I was being asked to do, things I would be asked I didn't have the answers to, and expectations about what was to occur and what my responsibility would be.

What was I, someone more at home in a servant's role, doing in this leadership role? Do you notice it — I, I, I, I, my, I? I did.

The Walk to Emmaus is not mine; it's God's. The Walk to Emmaus was around before I took my pilgrim walk in March 1993, and it will be here after I finish my three-year commitment on the board at the end of 2019. The community's success is not up to me; it's up to all of us working through God. I am an imperfect vessel, and I will make mistakes. but God uses imperfect vessels. Thanks be to God! —So soon we forget, though.

As I roused, God reminded me of the Emmaus team canon. You could change a few words and make practically every sentence in it your new year's resolutions, and you wouldn't go wrong. Look it up to remind yourselves. I'll cite just a few sentences.

— "I will remember that I am here only as an instrument through which God can work to renew his church.

— "I will use "I" as little as possible ... and will remember that all others are the main reason for my presence and my prayers!

— "In all things ... I shall pray, "not I, but Christ."

As we move into a new year for this community, I hope many of you that read this but haven't been to a gathering or Candlelight, haven't volunteered in the kitchen, haven't been a part of the prayer vigil, or haven't considered your walk in a long time will remember your weekend anew.

Remember how you grew, laughed? Remember what you learned, the new friends you made? Remember how God touched your life?

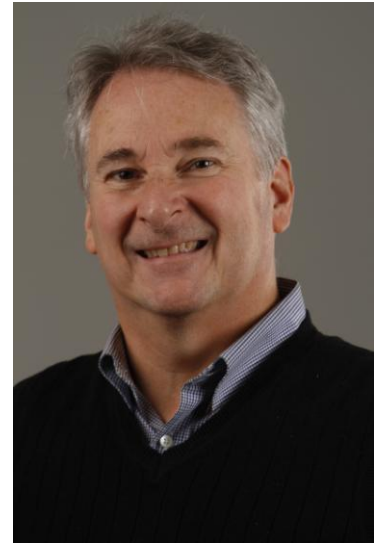
This community needs you and longs for your participation. It needs you to help reach new people so they can experience what you experienced — a fresh touch of God's grace.

Due to Camp Lookout's schedule, we have a men's walk — our only one of 2018 — scheduled next month. We want to fill up that walk and have so many on the waiting list that we can return to two men's walks in 2019. How can you be involved?

I look forward to seeing how God uses this community this year.

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Clint Cooper



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SPONSORSHIP

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How many times have you had difficulty collecting letters for your pilgrim / caterpillar? In today's world of technology it is almost unheard of to request actual hand written letters from those you contact. Email has become the replacement along with texting, instagram, messaging and twitter. These new means of collecting the needed letters can be quick and easy compared to snail mail. Try asking your pilgrim / caterpillar to supply you with an email list of 10 or so closest friends and family so you can request special prayers while they attend their weekend. When you send out your request for letters via email you simply ask them to reply and assure them that only the pilgrim / caterpillar will read it. Once you receive those email letters you can change font, size style and even paper colors when printing so the recipient would never know they came from one printer. **“Be mindful and honor your statement that only the recipient will read them”**. Then simply place each one in an envelope with the recipient's name on the outside. I have a simple email request letter that I use and it gives ALL the details needed to the letter writers. I would be glad to share this with anyone interested.

Consider this; in this age of electronics it can be very distracting to be around these devices and let's face it; we are used to having them whenever and wherever we want. In the experience provided in the 72 hour weekend program such devices can be tremendous hurdles in allowing the pilgrim / caterpillar to “UN-PLUG” so to speak and be able to truly receive the offerings of the weekend. As a sponsor it is appropriate and expected that you advise your applicant that these devices are not allowed during their experience and that you would volunteer to hold onto them and return them once you are returning the applicant home from the weekend. If your applicant refuses to refrain from using / having these items for the 72 hour experience then it is obvious that they are not ready for the event you have offered. There are “ALWAYS” exceptions and we accommodate them by assuring the pilgrim / caterpillar that should there be an EMERGENCY we will contact them A.S.A.P. Again as their sponsor it is your responsibility to provide ways for your applicant to be comfortable while absent from their regular activities for the walk weekend.

Keith Sands
Sponsorship

**January's Gathering
January 8, 2018 - 6:15 PM**

Hixson First Baptist Church
5800 Grubb Road
Hixson, TN 37343
(423) 877-2467

Contact: Patti Harris
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[Map](#)

2018 Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flight

February 22-25, 2018	Men's Walk #57	Pete Burnette
TBD	Women's Walk #69	Nancy Holland
October 18-21, 2018	Women's Walk #70	TBD

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.

HELP WANTED!

Marcia Phillips has been faithfully setting up decorations during each of the meals during the weekends. Marcia needs volunteers to co-decorate with her. You can choose any meal time to help. This involves taking down decorations right after a meal (storing properly) and setting up for the next meal. No experience or planning needed. Please call Marcia at 429-309-0128 or email at marcia.phillips@comcast.net

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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Contact Us

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 Kim McDonald
pravervigil@clemmaus.org

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Send email subscriptions or changes to Mike Payne
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Do we have your correct address and phone number? If you have changed either of these, please contact us with your updated information. Contact: Joyce Meffert
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