



WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

February 2018

The board of the Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community learned in December we could not have the 2018 dates for walks at Camp Lookout we requested. Just after Christmas, it became clear the February date we anticipated for a men's walk would not work due to lack of leader training, team training time and secured pilgrims.

As I pondered this first for our community — only fall walks — my thoughts kept going to John the Baptist and his mission of preparing the way for Jesus.

You know the story of John. This locust-eating, camel hair-wearing guy is baptizing people in the Jordan River, and the priests and Levites want to know what he is doing. They ask him questions, and he tells them he is “a voice of someone crying out in the wilderness,” that the one coming behind him is stronger than him, and that he is not worthy to even take the sandals off the one coming behind him.

We have been preparing the way for those on our fall walks since our pilgrim journeys. We have trod in their paths. We have prepared eggs so often we know how to make them for a crowd. We have stored candles and crosses in strategic places so we know where to find them. We know where to park for Candlelight so we won't be seen.

We have been John for those who will come this fall. They are not Jesus, but they are the representatives of Jesus sent our way.

Now, in the next seven months, we must find these representatives, the ones God has ordained for these weekends. This year we have the time we never have had to prepare the way.

I would challenge you to start in the way you always start — by praying not just for numbers but for people who need this weekend, people whose service to the church can be enhanced, and people who will experience spiritual growth through a closer walk with God.

But also think about how you might widen the news of this weekend. Could you brainstorm with Emmaus members in your church? Could you publish a blurb in your newsletter offering to be an information source for those who have questions? Could you make a brief announcement about the weekend during your service and be available to talk to anyone who is curious?

Don't wait. The Lord is calling us now to prepare the way.

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Clint Cooper



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SPONSORSHIP

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The Sponsorship hand book provided by the Upper Room lays out 14 points that will make for a good sponsor. I will briefly list them here as a reminder of just what we commit to as a sponsor.

1. Spend concentrated time in prayer to discover whom you should sponsor.
2. Once you have discerned God's will for whom to sponsor, continue to pray for your potential pilgrim and yourself as a sponsor.
3. Make an appointment to meet with your potential pilgrim and extend your invitation to the walk weekend.
4. Once your invitation is accepted, Present your potential pilgrim with an application and take the time to go over it thoroughly to insure you have answered any questions the applicant may have.
5. After insuring the application is complete, submit the application with the appropriate deposit and have your pilgrim schedule to be available the walk weekend.
6. Prepare yourself as the sponsor to fulfill your responsibilities to your pilgrim. Letter collection, Send off, Candle light, Closing and follow-up meeting and gatherings. As well as any duties needed for the pilgrims family while they are away.
7. Stay in contact with your pilgrim regularly leading up to the weekend and offer to assist with any needs or questions they may have.
8. Escort your pilgrim to the weekend sendoff event. Introduce them to others so they feel a connection to the weekend.
9. Spend as much time as possible during the weekend in prayer.
10. Check in with the pilgrim's family and see if your help is needed in any way.
11. Attend Candlelight and insure letters are present for your pilgrim.
12. Escort your pilgrim to the follow-up meeting and assist them in getting into a reunion group.
13. Invite and assist your pilgrim in getting to the community gatherings. Spend time introducing them to others and making sure they feel comfortable and a part of the community as a whole.

Many of these 14 points I have covered in previous articles. The fact that these items are spelled out by the Upper Room reassures the importance each of these responsibilities are as a sponsor. Our communities' strength is its people that will devote the time and effort needed to further God's glory. All while giving with a servant's heart. I ask you ... what can possibly be more important?

Keith Sands
Sponsorship

I am looking to see if there are members of the community who would be willing to gather at a local church for a 24-hour period to pray for the specific needs of our community and a church to host this "vigil".

Please contact me at prayervigil@clemmaus.org if you are interested.

Kim McDonald – Prayer Vigil (Board)

Dear Community:

I am Susan Crocker, Walk #26, Table of Mary, and I am the Chrysalis Registrar for 2018, a position formerly held by Sandi Brock. Please be in prayer for our Chrysalis program as we enter into a new year and remember, the Flights are open to young adults and youth of any Christian denomination (ages 15 to 24) who would like an exciting three day meeting with Christ, a friend who comes in God's love, expressed through other Christians and who would like to gain a deeper relationship with God.

Our youth is our future! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone you know and get those applications in EARLY. It is NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PRAYING!

Also, do not allow the cost of the weekend keep you or your prospective caterpillar from experiencing three days of worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, singing and discussions, as there are scholarship funds available.

Susan Crocker

February's Gathering
February 12, 2018 - 6:15 PM

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 Chattanooga, TN 37321
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[Map](#)

2018 Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flight

September 22-25, 2018	Men's Walk #57	TBD
October 18-21, 2018	Women's Walk #69	Nancy Holland

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 423-309-0128 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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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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