

WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

June-July 2022

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us (The Chattanooga-Lafayette Emmaus Community) the Fire of Your Love.

"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." (Hebrews 13:14)

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Can you believe that we are already halfway through 2022? What an Awesome first half year we have experienced.

Let me share a story of a pastor that visited his oldest member at her home in what was her last days. She'd been a part of this church longer than he or any of the other members still attending. She was well known for her devotion and attention to the church and had led Sunday school, Bible studies and so much more over the years. When the doors were open, she was there. The pastor realized that although he knew of her devotion very well, he really didn't know much about her on a personal level. He wanted to inquire of her what her last wishes would be for her funeral service. They sat and talked for hours, and the pastor was filled with mixed emotions upon leaving her side. He'd discovered things that apparently no other members knew of her past as she was a very private person about her personal life. She'd grown up in the Depression and told stories of doing without so many times and how that affected her for the remainder of her life. She'd endured the loss of her only child when she was a young mom and later lost her husband to war. Her parents had passed many, many years earlier and she told him all these things without a hint of sorrow or regret in her voice. The pastor knew he was in the presence of a child of God that never had forsaken her Lord even through her most difficult times. Before the pastor left her side, she gave him very explicit instructions as to her wishes in the matter of her funeral. A short time thereafter, the elderly lady passed and her funeral was attended by a very large number of people. No family to attend, but lots of friends, church members, and others. During the viewing at the funeral home there became a buzz of conversation about the unusual manner that she was portrayed in the casket. Finally, as the time came for the funeral to begin, the pastor got up to speak. Everyone was on pins and needles awaiting the pastor's words in hopes that an explanation of her unusual display would be explained. The pastor shared the stories of her life of difficulties and trials he had just recently learned himself. As he shared, the words became more difficult and he paused often to wipe tears and compose himself before continuing. Everyone there felt heavy-hearted and truly touched by what this wonderful pillar of the church and community had endured all the while keeping these truths to herself. The pastor then stated that her last wishes included the manner she would be placed in her casket in anticipation of the moment now upon us. He explained that growing up in the Depression, she talked of how food itself was scarce and that on occasion there wouldn't be any. She shared a story with him he would never forget. She'd been taught from the time she was young to take her dishes to the sink after eating. She exclaimed that she would never forget this one occasion her mother told her after finishing her food to "Keep her Fork". Her mother then presented her with a dessert! It wasn't much but she couldn't remember the last time she had a dessert. The feeling of having something to celebrate through those difficult times of sacrifice and hardships was something she would never forget. Yet somehow just knowing there was something so wonderful waiting made the difficulties more bearable. The pastor continued to explain to the crowd that her wish was to have a fork placed in her hand upon her death. She is declaring to us all that no matter what happens here on Earth that we must remember: *"The best is yet to come!"*

Hopefully this story reflects where we and our community are currently. Looking forward to our community walks this fall and growing our attendance for the monthly gatherings while bringing glory to God's kingdom. On a personal note, I hope we can all look forward to growing daily and realizing that our own trials and tribulations all lead up to that glorious day of celebration! Whenever you struggle with one of those worldly mishaps that tend to aggravate you. Try thinking to yourself or even expressing out loud *"The best is yet to come"*. What a testimony it may be that someone hears you declare this out loud and then asks you to explain!

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for news, prayer
concerns, praises and
other communications.

A Place to Retreat

Mendy Creswell Huskey (Tennessee) - Upper Room Daily Devotionals



Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. - Mark 1:35 (NIV)

Growing up as the oldest of three sisters with a large extended family, I never knew a shortage of siblings, cousins, or friends coming and going through our home. For the most part, the constant activity was welcome. Yet there were times that I needed to escape the hustle and bustle.

Just behind our house grew a large lilac bush. When I needed an escape, I would crawl under the blossoming branches and sit hidden from the world. As a cool summer breeze blew through the branches, I would close my eyes and breathe in the sweet fragrance of the lilac. The serenity of this place seemed to melt away the worries of the world.

Scripture shows us the importance of taking time to breathe in God's peace, love, and hope. In today's quoted verse, "Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Just as I used the lilac bush as a child, today I seek to follow Jesus' example and find a time and place to retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily life to breathe in the sweet fragrance of God's peace. Honoring God in this way brings me the peace, love, and hope of God.

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Father God, thank you for being with us every moment. Help us to remember that you always offer us peace, hope, and joy. Amen.

TODAY'S READING:

Mark 1:29-39



Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for Mike Payne and Donna Estes for continued healing from recent medical treatments.

Please send any prayer requests to laydirector@clemmaus.org. These requests will be listed in the newsletter and on the [Emmaus Community Facebook page](#) to allow the body of Christ to be praying.

The Walk to Emmaus - 2022



Upcoming 2022 Gatherings

All our gatherings start at 6:15pm. These are great times to fellowship together over a potluck supper, followed by Worship, Prayer, 4th Day Talk, and Communion. (The Board of Directors meet following each gathering.)

JULY 11, 2022

Location: Ooltewah United Methodist Church
6131 Relocation Way, Ooltewah TN 37363

AUGUST 8, 2022

Location: St. John United Methodist Church
3921 Murray Hills Dr., Chattanooga TN 37416

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Location: Hixson First Baptist Church
5800 Grubb Rd., Hixson TN 37343

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Location: Briarwood Baptist Church
26 Ellis Rd., Ringgold GA 30736

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Location: Tyner United Methodist Church
6805 Standifer Gap Rd., Chattanooga TN 37421

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Location: Christ United Methodist Church
8645 E. Brainard Rd., Chattanooga TN. 37421

If your church would like to host a gathering in 2023, please email Keith at laydirector@clemmaus.org.

Contact Us

Visit us on the web at

www.clemmaus.org

-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

AGAPE:

Minimum needed (per Walk)

-24 Bed Agape

-60 Meal Agape

-36 Conference Room

Agape

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

PRAYER VIGIL:

To sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil, contact:

prayervigil@clemmaus.org

DONATE:

Donations can be made online through

www.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.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

Send email subscriptions or changes to:

webmaster@clemmaus.org

CONTACT INFO UPDATES:

Do we have your correct address and phone number? If you have changed either of these, please contact us with your updated information:

teamselection@clemmaus.org.



2022 Board Members We Need YOU!!

Please contact Keith Sands (at laydirector@clemmaus.org) or Glenda Peck (at pastlaydirector@clemmaus.org) if you are interested in serving as a member of the 2022 Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Board.

We have several opportunities at this time for new Community Board Members.

Endowment Fund

The Chattanooga-Lafayette Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience an Emmaus Walk can deliver. Would you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both pilgrims and team members?

Please consider making a monthly donation of \$5, \$10, \$25, or whatever amount feels right. Ten people donating \$100/month, 20 people donating \$50/month, or 40 people donating \$25/month would cover pilgrim and team fees for ALL our 2022 Fall Walks. Imagine this not being an issue for any pilgrim, sponsor, or team member!

We all know what our Walk meant to us, and this is a wonderful way to pay it forward.

There are multiple ways to contribute:

- ❖ Set it up a monthly recurring donation on at: www.clemmaus.org
- ❖ Online Bill Pay through your bank - just set Chattanooga Emmaus as your biller and add the address below
- ❖ Send a monthly check to Chattanooga Emmaus, PO Box 21024, Chattanooga TN 37424
- ❖ Make donation at Monthly Gathering
 - *Note - Mark all payments for Endowment Fund to ensure money is applied correctly*

Thank you for continuing to support the community in this way. We know God will bless this endeavor. The Emmaus Board is trusting and stepping out in faith, and we believe our community will do the same. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to anyone on the board.

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Board Members - 2022

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