

# WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

January 2023

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

*"I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy." Phil. 1:3-4 CEB*

January 2023

*Happy New Year!*

"Exciting things to come" is often what we think of and say about an upcoming walk weekend. Well, now we can say this about the year 2023. This year we have another opportunity to bless others with a walk weekend experience. Collectively, we can grow and strengthen our community by getting more involved. We already have a core support of regular attendees of about 40 to 50 wonderful people that attend every gathering possible and support the walk weekends with their time and financial support. We have other members that support our community that seldom get to attend gatherings and events because of other obligations that prevent their attendance. We have seen a greater number of members that take care of elderly family members that cannot risk taking home an illness, so they limit outside interaction. Others have simply been "Unplugged" after the pandemic shutdowns and restrictions. No matter what your situation or current season of life, you are an important part of this community. At the very least, I ask you for prayers to bathe our community and leadership as we are challenged to continually seek God's will for our community and honor his teachings. Should you be able to do more for the community by serving in some capacity as a committee member, Board member, or something else, then that would be such a blessing as well. Just let me know and I can get you plugged in. Our community is blessed with talented and driven people that keep us moving in the right direction and there is no limit to what we can do with more volunteers. "Many hands make for light work"! The board will be discussing walk weekend dates for this year and getting on the Camp Lookout calendar as quickly as possible. We are working on a reduced pilgrim fee this year and ask that you plan to include a \$25 deposit with any application you submit as we finalize the needed total fee for this year. We are also working to have a simpler method for paying fees electronically for "All Things" Emmaus. I cannot express enough that you are ALL important to this community and vital to its future! You may have noticed I will usually greet everyone in the food line preparing to share in the meal at a gathering. It's my small, personal way of thanking everyone in attendance for being a part of the community and the gathering itself. I am always in awe of the wonderful people this community is blessed to have participate in so many ways. If you happen to be one of the community members that are unable to make it to the gatherings very often or not at all, please accept my thanks and gratitude and expect me to hug your neck when I see you!

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**Keith W. Sands**

Community Lay Director

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**Next Gathering:**

**JANUARY 9, 2023**

**Location:**

**Hope Church -  
Catoosa**



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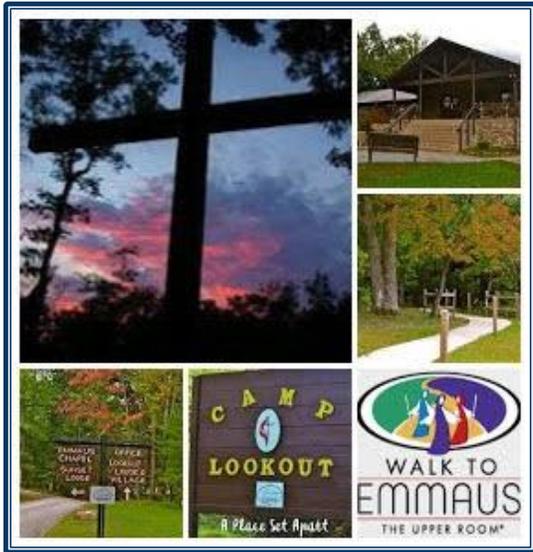
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for news, prayer  
concerns, praises and  
other communications.

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# Registration Open For 2023 Walks - Let's Go To The Mountain!



## WALK DATES TBA

**Men's Walks:**  
[Candidate Form](#)  
[Sponsor Form](#)

**Women's Walks:**  
[Candidate Form](#)  
[Sponsor Form](#)

\*Click links above to complete Google Form for each candidate and walk. Links are also on our website: [clemmaus.org](http://clemmaus.org).



## Special message from our Registrars

The Board will meet soon to decide if we have enough interest for a Spring walk. If you have a pilgrim in mind, get your forms in as soon as possible. Both paper and electronic applications are on the website.

Don't let the cost prevent you from sponsoring. We have scholarships available and we can help make it possible for you to invite your pilgrim to the walk.

If you had a pilgrim that couldn't attend the last walk, we still have the applications and information you submitted. Please check with your pilgrim and let us know to move forward with placing them on the roster.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [cecetillman@gmail.com](mailto:cecetillman@gmail.com), [billtillman12@gmail.com](mailto:billtillman12@gmail.com), or [registrar@clemmaus.org](mailto:registrar@clemmaus.org).

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## We Need YOU!! 2023 Board Openings

Please contact Keith Sands (at [loydirector@clemmaus.org](mailto:loydirector@clemmaus.org)) if you can serve as a member of the 2023 Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Board or would like to nominate someone else for consideration by the board.

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

- Assistant Spiritual Director
- Worship (Sponsor's Hour, etc.)
- Kitchen
- Agape Gifts
- Sponsorship





## Upcoming 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.)

[JANUARY 9, 2023](#)

Location: Hope Church Catoosa  
2 Harker Rd., Ft. Oglethorpe GA 30742

[FEBRUARY 13, 2023](#)

Location: Ridgeland Church of God  
1665 Waterhouse St., East Ridge TN 37412

[MARCH 13, 2023](#)

Location: TBA

If you are able to host a gathering at your church in 2023, please email Keith at [laydirector@clemmaus.org](mailto:laydirector@clemmaus.org).



Tell us about your Reunion Group!

Please send information about your group, including name, meeting location, and dates/times to [newsletter@clemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@clemmaus.org). Include contact information for anyone that wishes to join you. If you have pictures, send those, too!

Thank you!

## Contact Us!



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Visit us on the web at [www.clemmaus.org](http://www.clemmaus.org)  
-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

#### DONATE:

Donations can be made online through [www.clemmaus.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:teamselection@clemmaus.org).

JANUARY 6, 2022

# Day of the Kings

Douglas Wingert (Arizona, USA)



Ἰσοῦρος Μῆδεις (Μεσοποταμία)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. - Matthew 2:11a (NIV)

On January 6th of each year, many of my neighbors across the border in Mexico celebrate “Día de los Reyes,” or “Day of the Kings.” This holiday is a celebration of the faithfulness of the magi and of the generous gifts they brought to the Christ child.

But who were these magi who were searching for the King of the Jews? Were they really kings or royalty from other kingdoms? Were they astrologers or nomads? Were there only three? Did they travel with a caravan for safety? And why is it that Matthew is the only one of the Gospels to tell this story of faith and hope?

What is clear to me is the deep faith of the magi, who were willing to leave their homes and travel far, believing the truth of a prophecy and following a moving star. When the star finally led them to Bethlehem, they humbly presented their gifts and worshiped the child, the promised Messiah.

So whether we celebrate January 6th as the ending of the 12 days of Christmas, or in recognition of the journey of the magi, or as Epiphany — the revealing of Christ’s birth to the world — it is a special time to celebrate faith, love, and hope in the promises of God.

## PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift the magi gave to us — their story of faith. Strengthen our faith so that we also are willing to journey into the unknown to seek our Savior. In his name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING:

[Matthew 2:1-12](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2%3A1-12) (biblegateway.com)



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# Prayer Requests



Please be in prayer for our board of directors as they make decisions related to this year's walks and in filling remaining open spots on our board.

Also be in prayer for members of our community caring for aging parents.

Please send any prayer requests to [laydirector@clemmaus.org](mailto:laydirector@clemmaus.org) or [newsletter@clemmaus.org](mailto:newsletter@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.

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## 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](http://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 - 2023

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