

WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

April 2023

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

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 CEB

APRIL 2023

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

I hope you can make it to our April gathering. We miss you! Yes! I am speaking to you, the ones of you that are finding it so difficult to join us on the second Monday of every month. Well, we have a second opportunity this month when we meet at Camp Lookout on Saturday the 29th. That's right, we are doubling up this month and adding what I refer to as Fun, Food & Fellowship! Check out the rest of the newsletter for all the details! Could you host a gathering at your church? We would love to visit your place of worship and the place you refer to as your church. Please let me know if this is something you could possibly do. We have everything in place to make hosting as simple as possible. We would love to hear from you.

With the Men's walk weekend Sept. 21 thru 24, and Women's walk weekend Sept. 28 thru Oct 1st, we are so looking forward to another season of growth in our community. Please plan to join us for our monthly gathering at Hixson UMC 5301 Old Hixson Pike. Hixson Tn. on April 10th. It's worth repeating! We will have a community wide Gathering event on Saturday afternoon, April 29th at Camp Lookout. Please get that on your calendar now! Food, Fun and Fellowship are on the menu! Hope to see you there! See the flyer with this month's newsletter for more details.

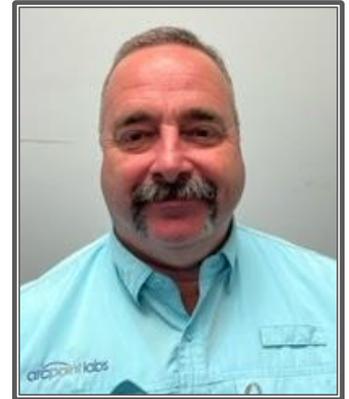
God has been very busy in my life these past many months, in a way that seems more deliberate in getting my attention. I wish I could tell you that it is all wonderful but that just wouldn't be true. Like so many of you, my family is constantly facing challenges and changes. While at times this can be very exciting, these changes can be very heavy and worrisome. I am reminded that we should celebrate the light and not take for granted the wonderful things revealed to us. While also remembering that no matter how dark things get, we should always seek out the light. For Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Light! Be the light! If you are the light, then you allow everyone else around you to find their way.

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www.clemmaus.org or at
the [Emmaus
Community Facebook
Group](#)

for news, prayer
concerns, praises and
other communications.

Next Gathering:

APRIL 10, 2023

Location:

Hixson United Methodist Church - Hixson, TN

FOOD--1:00 PM

Burgers & HotDogs & Fixins--Bring a desert to share

FUN

Games and activities for the whole family

FELLOWSHIP

Music & Worship time in the Chapel at 3:00 PM



Family, Friends, Open to all

spring fling gathering

Please RSVP just for head count .
pastlaydirector@clemmaus.org
or on Facebook



Where: Camp Lookout

Please mark your calendars and join us for FUN,
FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP . Community will provide
burgers, hot dogs & Fixins—bring a desert to share if
you would like

Time: 1:00-5:00 PM

When: April 29th, 2023



Website clemmaus.org



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.

APRIL 10, 2023

Location: Hixson United Methodist Church
5301 Old Hixson Pike, Hixson TN 37343

MAY 8, 2023

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

JUNE 12, 2023

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

JULY 14, 2023

Location: TBA

If you are able to host a gathering at your church in 2023, please email Keith at laydirector@clemmaus.org.

Contact Us!



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Visit us on the web at www.clemmaus.org
-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

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.

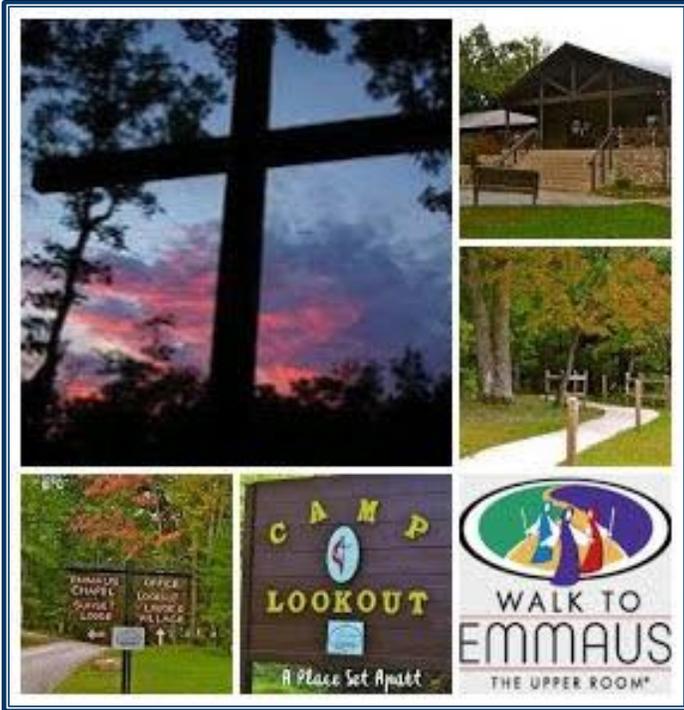
EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES:

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.

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



WALK DATES:

Men's Walk: Sept. 21-24

[Candidate Form](#)
[Sponsor Form](#)

Women's Walk: Sept. 28-Oct. 1

[Candidate Form](#)
[Sponsor Form](#)

*Click links above to complete Google Form for each candidate and walk. Links are also on our website: clemmaus.org.

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, billtillman12@gmail.com, or registrar@clemmaus.org.

Prayer Requests



Prayers, please, for Joyce Gilbert, recently diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Also for Jacqueline Davis-Gines and family following the loss of her brother, John Henry Davis. Praises for answered prayers from Lisa Parker and her husband, Terry, for his new job! Prayers for our upcoming Spring Community Gathering at Camp Lookout, the men and women putting it all together, and for a great turnout by community members and potential pilgrims.

Please send any prayer requests to laydirector@clemmaus.org or newsletter@clemmaus.org. Requests can also be posted on the [Emmaus Community Facebook page](#) to allow the body of Christ to be praying.



“He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.” Matthew 28:6 NLT

I’ve tried to imagine what it must have been like for Mary Magdalene that morning as she went to the tomb. Were there tears in her eyes while she and the other Mary walked along the path, struggling with the memory of the crucifixion just two days before? Did she arrive at the tomb just in time to witness the angel rolling away the stone? Perhaps the tremors from the earthquake went unnoticed as she shook from fear at the sight, realizing Jesus was absent from the now-open tomb. Did she even notice the guards as they passed out from fright?

But then, the angel speaks to Mary and her companion, giving them a divine assignment: “...go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead...” With the memory of the past Jesus had saved her from, the miraculous healing she’d received from the torment of demon possession, did Mary wonder why she of all people was chosen to carry the first message of the Savior’s resurrection? Surely the angel knew that a woman wasn’t considered to be a reliable witness in their Jewish culture. Shouldn’t he have sent a couple of men with the message instead?

I have no way of knowing what thoughts actually swirled through Mary’s mind that Easter morning, but I can just imagine her joy at meeting the newly risen Jesus along the road back to town. Nothing could keep her from running to Him and falling at his feet!

How beautiful the message for us all, that our Savior, Jesus Christ, died and rose again for every one of us. How precious the hope we all have because He didn’t stay in that tomb. He is, and will always be, our risen Lord. Hallelujah!

PRAYER:

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much that you died in our place, and that through your resurrection, we can live with you for all eternity. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

[Matthew 28:1-10](http://biblegateway.com) (biblegateway.com)

We Need YOU!! 2023 Board Openings

Please contact Keith Sands (at laydirector@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
- Assistant Lay Director
- Worship (Sponsor's Hour, etc.)
- Kitchen
- Agape Gifts
- Sponsorship



Endowment Fund

WE NEED FRESH IDEAS!!

It's no secret that regular giving can be a challenge, so we want to make it easier for you to donate. We are considering options such as Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal but could use some input from community members. Please share your thoughts with Kathy Austin at: secretary@clemmaus.org

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 - 2023

****NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURS., MARCH 16TH (ZOOM)****

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