

# WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

May 2023

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

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. - 1 Peter 4:10 NLT*

## MAY 2023

Wow! We had a wonderful gathering last month at Hixson UMC and as always, the members of our community that attend there made it great. Looking forward, we plan to have Lay Director training this month for the upcoming walks. The Men's Walk weekend is September 21st thru 24th. The Women's Walk weekend is September 28th thru October 1st. Just Remember: if you would like to serve on a team ***you will need to contact us and let us know***. Don't delay! Team building will begin later this month. We have several newer members in the community, and we would love for them to get plugged in and experience the blessing of serving on a team. We make every effort to find a way for those wanting to serve to be able to. Please remember to Pray! Pray for that person or persons to sponsor for the upcoming walk weekends.

*"Sponsorship is a vital part of the Walk to Emmaus movement, if the community is to grow spiritually and numerically. The only way a person may become a "Pilgrim" is to be sponsored by a Community Member. Because sponsorship is a serious responsibility, the sponsor should seek God's will and guidance through prayer as to whom to sponsor and be sensitive in approaching a potential candidate. As required for potential candidates, sponsors should be living a lifestyle becoming to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

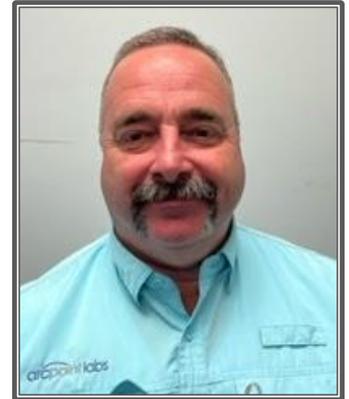
We are approaching the middle of the year and I'm already asking myself, "Where has it gone"? Please be prayerful about hosting a gathering this year at your church. We would love to visit the church you call home! I believe most of you are very busy and juggling all that you need to get done in a day, week, and month. I must remind myself continually that "Priorities" are something I must be aware of to be as effective in my responsibilities as possible. *I learned that on my Emmaus weekend* and remember it still.

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Group

for news, prayer  
concerns, praises and  
other communications

## Next Gathering:

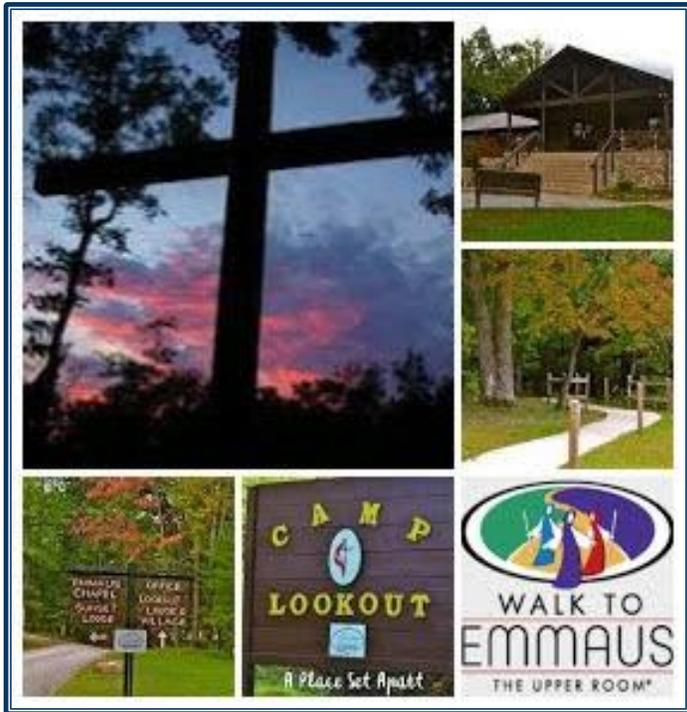
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*Location:*

Hixson Baptist Church - Hixson, TN

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# 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](http://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](mailto:cecetillman@gmail.com), [billtillman12@gmail.com](mailto:billtillman12@gmail.com), or [registrar@clemmaus.org](mailto:registrar@clemmaus.org).

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## Prayer Requests



Please keep Carla Grider and family in your prayers following the loss of her father last month. Also pray for Pete Burnette's continued recovery following heart surgery.

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



## 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.

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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](mailto:laydirector@clemmaus.org).

## 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).

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## Childlike Awe

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CHILDLIKE AWE

*Jesus said, "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 18:4 (NRSV)*

I have never forgotten an experience from first grade. It happened on a Monday. Just the day before I had attended junior church, a special class for children a bit too young to get the most from the adult worship service. Our teacher talked to us that day about how we will always have a friend in Jesus. He is with us hand-in-hand every day, she told us.

On that memorable Monday as I walked to school, I recalled my Sunday school teacher's message. Suddenly, I raised my right hand and imagined grasping Jesus' hand. Even now, decades later, I still have a vivid and comforting recollection of that experience.

As we mature, we often lose that simple relationship with Jesus. But Jesus made it clear that we need to "change and become like children" (Matt. 18:3), thinking and living humbly. I believe that means we must maintain a simple, unspoiled relationship with Jesus Christ. As we maintain that link with Christ in our prayers and thoughts, we may find ourselves reaching to grasp Jesus' hand that is always reaching out to us.

### PRAYER:

Dear Jesus Christ, help us maintain a childlike awe in our relationship with you. May we always sense your presence with us, guiding us through each day. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING:

[Matthew 18:1-5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A1-5) (biblegateway.com)

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## We Need YOU!! 2023 Board Openings

Please contact Keith Sands (at [laydirector@clemmaus.org](mailto: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



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## 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](mailto: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](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

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

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