

WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

August 2023

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

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

AUGUST 2023

As a community, we have recently lost another of our patriarchs and a pillar of our community with the passing of Mike Payne. The wonderful stories of Mike and all the diligent years of supporting our community are endless. We will feel his absence and miss him greatly. Please continue to be prayerful for Ms. Martha, the boys, and their extended families.

I am *grateful* for the past two years serving as the C-L Emmaus Community lay director. I, like many of you, was concerned about the survival of our community after struggling through the Pandemic. I have served in many capacities and on many teams over the past 20 years. Let me tell you that I am *blessed* for the wonderful things I've seen and experienced while being a part of our community. I have made so many connections and cherish the relationships that have developed over the years with so many of you. I do not know of a better way to grow my faith than being alongside those of you in the community that have influenced me and taught me so much about Faith, Friendship, and our Father. It is such an honor to serve among people that honor God and seek Christ in whatever they do. I **KNOW** that I am a better man and student of Jesus because of the ones I have alongside me in the community. I challenge **YOU** to reflect on the things that have occurred since you became a part of the Emmaus community. I know at times, feelings get hurt and words are said that prove "once again" that we are sinners. I had an altercation of words with a community member during a walk weekend that disturbed me dearly: I misunderstood the situation and felt terrible once I realized there was a breakdown in our communication. Although I apologized once I realized my misunderstanding, the words I said were out there and could not be retracted. The other community member said they forgave me, but I haven't seen them since. Most of you don't know me that well, but things like this are in my memory and rehashed often for years. I do **NOT** want to be the reason we lose community members, yet somehow, I believe I could be.

Forgive me, Father, for I am a sinner! It is bittersweet knowing that next year, someone else will become community Lay Director and experience all the wonderful interactions awaiting them.

DeColores,

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Visit us on the web at:
www.clemmaus.org or at
the [Emmaus
Community Facebook
Group](#)

for news, prayer
concerns, praises and
other communications

Next Gathering:

[AUGUST 14, 2023](#) - First Church of the Nazarene Chattanooga, TN

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

UPDATE FROM OUR REGISTRARS:

We need men's applications ASAP! We need AT LEAST 13 men in order to move forward with the men's walk. Current registrations are 10 men and 26 women.

The online electronic application makes it easy to get someone registered, but paper applications are also welcome.

Please remember: there will be a cost of \$150 for pilgrims this year. You can mail a check to the registrars at:

Cece or Bill Tillman
1112 County Rd 800
Flat Rock, AL 35966

...or pay at a gathering. Please designate the pilgrim's name with payment. You can also pay at Sendoff.

If cost is an issue, complete a [scholarship form](#). You can email it to the registrars (see below) or get it to Keith Sands or any board member. *There are many community members who are happy to help pay the cost for the weekend!*

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of our community. Thanks to all those who are sponsoring pilgrims for the upcoming walks!

DeColores!

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WALK DATES:

Men's Walk: Sept. 21-24

[Candidate Form](#)

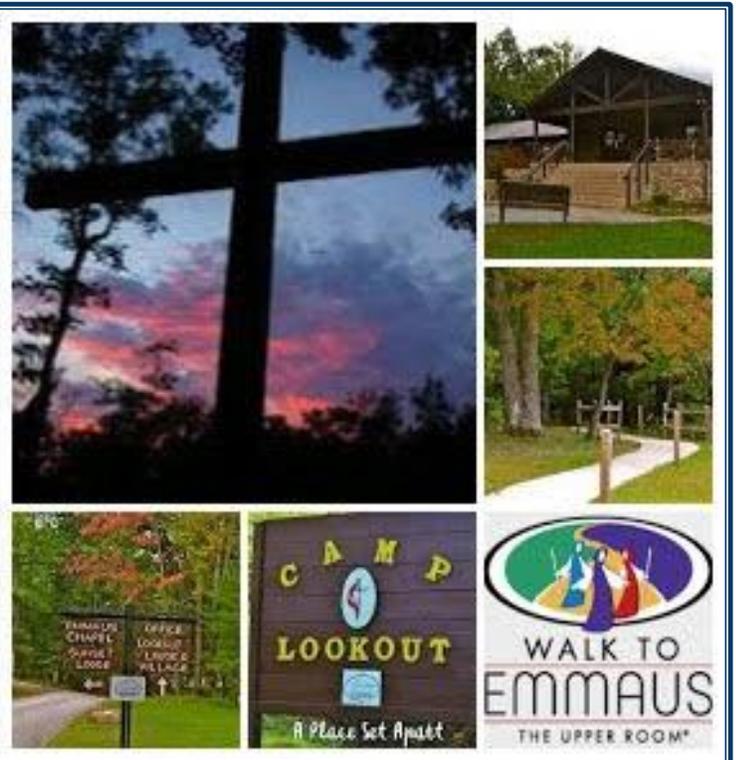
[Sponsor Form](#)

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.



Ways to Serve

PRAYER VIGIL:

Sign up for 72-hour prayer vigils thru Ministry Manager:

[Men's Walk](#)
[Women's Walk](#)

(or email Sandye Helms)



AGAPE DONATIONS:

Minimum needed per Walk:

- ❖ Pillow: 24
- ❖ Dining Room: 60
- ❖ Conference Room: 36
- ❖ Letters to Pilgrims: 24



BOOK DONATIONS:

**Needed for the book table for Men's and Women's Walks.

Suggestions:

- ❖ Christian Fiction / Non-Fiction
- ❖ Discipleship
- ❖ Devotionals





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.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

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

OCTOBER 9, 2023

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

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Location: TBA

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Location: TBA

If you are able to host a gathering at your church in 2023 or 2024, please email Keith at laydirector@clemmaus.org.

MINISTRY MANAGER TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE:

A couple of years ago, all members with an email address on file began receiving an invitation to set up user access in Ministry Manager. To get the most out of this access, here are some tips:

- Be sure to opt-in for emails and make sure your address is correct
- Reset the password if you don't remember it, or never set one up; the username is the email address used when you accepted the invitation
- If none of this works, request a new invitation by emailing webmaster@clemmaus.org
- Finally, check your spam/junk folder for the sender MinistryManager@urmm.org and mark as NOT SPAM



A Note from our Webmaster

Contact Us!



WEBSITE:

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

DONATE:

STAY TUNED FOR A NEW ONLINE DONATION OPTION COMING SOON!!

Currently, donations can be made by mail to: PO Box 21024 Chattanooga TN 37424 or in-person 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:

Submit email changes thru MINISTRY MANAGER, or to: pastlaydirector@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.

Uphill with God

Cindy Lee (England, UK)



“The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life.” - Psalm 121:7 (NIV)

“I need a walk,” I thought. *“I must have some time outside with God.”* Worries were pressing down on me. I live in a valley surrounded by abundant hilly countryside. When I’m facing challenges and my mind needs peace, I love walking up the hills to calm my heart and mind.

In the fresh air that day, my body and mind began to relax. As I trudged uphill, my legs ached, I was thirsty, and I could hear the sound of my breathing and feel the pounding of my heart. But determination and necessity pressed me forward. The challenge was worth it because I was away from distractions, and the quietness refreshed me. From the top of the hill, surrounded by beauty, I gained a different perspective. My thoughts slowed down, and in the solitude I was reminded that whatever we face, we are never alone — our loving Father promises to watch over and guide us.

Sometimes we become exhausted when life is tough, especially when stress overwhelms us. Whatever we are going through, God is close by, offering us strength, courage, and perseverance. We experience joy and spiritual growth in our uphill walk with God.

PRAYER:

Loving Father, thank you for watching over us and guiding us. Give strength to those in need today. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

[Psalm 46:1-11](http://biblegateway.com) (biblegateway.com)

Prayer Requests



We are praying for Martha and family on the recent loss of Mike Payne and for the success of Lisa Parker’s upcoming surgery on September 5th to treat uterine cancer.

Please send new 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.

Special Request from Camp Lookout



Without a doubt, we love Camp Lookout and view its chapel as central to the Emmaus Walk experience. *Did you know our community donated the funds needed for the chapel's original construction?*

As with all buildings, there comes a time when a roof requires replacement. *Will you consider making a one-time, or on-going, donation to help fund the replacement of our Camp Lookout chapel's roof?* If so, please make your donation at an upcoming gathering or by mail to: Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus, PO Box 21024, Chattanooga TN 37424.

★ *Note - be sure to mark donations as "Camp Lookout Chapel" to ensure your money is applied correctly*

Scholarship 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:

- ❖ **STAY TUNED FOR A NEW ONLINE DONATION OPTION COMING SOON!!**
- ❖ Send a monthly check to Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus, PO Box 21024, Chattanooga TN 37424
- ❖ Make a donation at Monthly Gatherings
 - *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.

**We Need
YOU!!
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



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Board Members - 2023

****NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURS., AUG. 17TH (ZOOM)****

Role	Name	Phone	E-mail Address
Spiritual Director	Eric Johnson	423.693.5134	SpiritualDirector@clemmaus.org
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**Worship (Sponsor's Hour, etc.)	OPEN		Worship@clemmaus.org
**Kitchen	OPEN		Kitchen@clemmaus.org
Literature	Colleen Lieberum	423.304.1203	Literature@clemmaus.org
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Team Selection Captain	Glenda Peck	423.693.5428	TeamSelection@clemmaus.org
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72-Hour Prayer Vigil	Sandy Helms Carolyn Napier	423.774.1105	PrayerVigil@clemmaus.org
**Nominations (Past Lay Director)	OPEN		PastLayDirector@clemmaus.org
Non-Board Support			
**Agape Gifts	OPEN		AgapeGifts@clemmaus.org
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