

WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

October 2023

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

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Rom. 8:39 (NLT)

OCTOBER 2023

Welcome to our newest community members!

As Community Lay Director, let me extend the warmest welcome to ALL who experienced their Emmaus walk this past September. I can only hope your experience was one that you will cherish and remember for the rest of your life. Our community is one of wonderful, caring people that continue to seek Christ in everything we do. The intention for your Emmaus weekend was, and is, to send you back to your church as a better member, leader, and example. No better and no worse than anyone else, but hopefully a much closer love and understanding of Christ will be evident to others. We are so excited to have you be a part of our wonderful community of sinners that are always seeking more truth and understanding. As we live out our 4th days, we can only strive to remain in community with like-minded believers. Our community is honored to have members that treat each other as a loving family, and we are wanting to share our love of Christ with our newest members in any way possible. PLEASE, as a new member, stay active in our community and get plugged into serving whenever and however possible. There are SO MANY WAYS to be involved if you wish to seek out ways that work for you. Ask your sponsor for help in this area or reach out to anyone that has been a part of the community for a longer period of time. I will include my phone number and email at the close of this letter for your convenience. Please feel free to contact me for more information or with any questions.

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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:

OCTOBER 9, 2023: Briarwood Baptist Church, 26 Ellis Springs Rd., Ringgold GA 30736



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.

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Location: Fairview United Methodist Church
2112 McFarland Ave., Rossville GA 30741

DECEMBER 11, 2023

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

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

Registration now open for 2024 Walks - Let's Go **BACK** To The Mountain!

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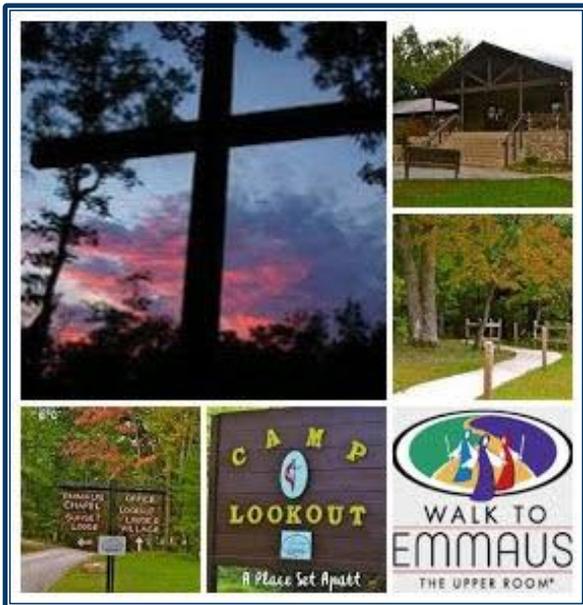
Women:

[Application for Women's Walk](#)
[Women's Walk Sponsor Form](#)

Men:

[Candidate Application for Men's Walk](#)
[Men's Walk Sponsor Form](#)

*Links to Google Forms are also on our website: 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



OCTOBER 4, 2023

God's Mysteries

Beverly Taylor (Arizona, USA)

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[God said to Job,] “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.” - Job 38:4 (NIV)

I know the basic principle at work when I place a dish of food in the microwave — atoms and energy create waves that vibrate to heat my food — but I cannot pretend to fully understand the complex science behind it. However, this lack of knowledge does not prevent me from using my microwave. I am just happy my food warms quickly!

Similarly, I do not understand the mysteries of God, but my lack of knowledge does not prevent me from trusting God. In today’s scripture reading, God poses a series of questions to Job concerning the complexities of creation. Like Job, I don’t understand how God created our world. I don’t understand exactly how my belief in Jesus gives me a personal relationship with an unseen God. I don’t understand how the Holy Spirit intervenes in my life, offering abiding peace through scripture and prayer. As the apostle Paul said, we see things dimly now, like a cloudy reflection in a mirror, but someday we will understand (see 1 Cor. 13:12).

I do not have to understand something to know that it is so. My immediate surroundings hold countless instances of mystery that nudge me toward the awesomeness of God. In spite of incomplete understanding, spiritual life is born in and nourished by faith.

PRAYER:

Dear Creator, thank you for guiding us to you through the mystery and wonder of the world around us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Job 38:1-7

Prayer Requests



Praises for the men and women on our recent Walks and for all who served!

Prayers, please, for several members of our community experiencing significant medical challenges: *Lord, touch all with Your presence, Your healing, and Your provision. Amen!*

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 the Emmaus 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 Emmaus 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-Emmaus Chapel" to ensure your gift 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



We have *SEVERAL* board positions opening for 2024 as those who have served the past few years rotate out of current positions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve as a member of the board or in a non-board support capacity (see the full list of positions on the following page).

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.

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Board Members - 2023

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