



WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

November 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)*

NOVEMBER 2023

Welcome to the newest lady community members!

Many of you haven't been available to attend our monthly community gatherings just yet. Hopefully now that you have enjoyed your follow-up meeting you will be available to join us. As Community Lay Director Let me extend the warmest welcome to you ALL and a personal invitation to our November and December gatherings. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:15 pm at the church location hosting that month. The church location is posted on the clemmaus.org website and the location address is included in the monthly newsletter as well. You will find both gathering locations listed in the body of this newsletter. Get involved with a reunion (accountability) group if anyway possible. Seek out a group that meets at a time and place you can visit with them. Realize you can check out as many as you wish or you may start your own group. Help is available for however you wish to structure your group. I realize you have already experienced the fact that our community is one of wonderful caring people that support the weekends and the pilgrims such as yourselves. They are full of Love and support for you and the rest of our community members. "BUT" none of us are without sin. Let me apologize now for the words someone may say or something our community may do that might offend you. You see just like everyone else; I am aware of the struggle I have with daily issues and the sin that surrounds us. And Remember; 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, no worse than anyone else but hopefully you will reflect a much closer love and understanding of Christ that will be evident to others. I have said this before and I will repeat it again, 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 long 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 questions. I thank you for answering the call that the Holy Spirit has extended through your sponsor and your willingness to attend a walk weekend.

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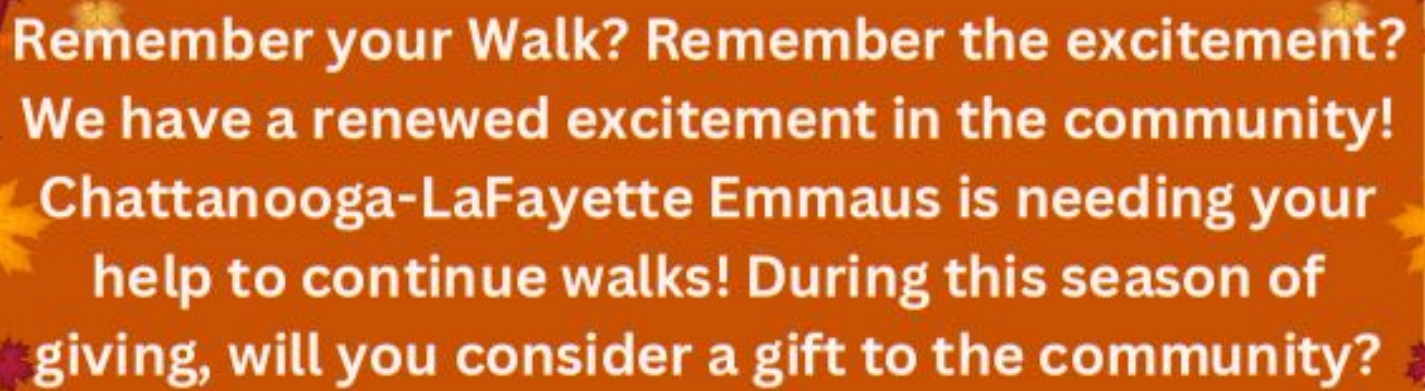
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Emmaus
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Visit us on the web at:
www.clemmaus.org or at
the Emmaus
Community Facebook
Group
for news, prayer concerns,
praises and other
communications.

Upcoming Gatherings:

NOV 13, 2023: Fairview United Methodist Church, Rossville GA

DEC 11, 2023: Christ United Methodist Church, Chattanooga TN



Remember your Walk? Remember the excitement?
We have a renewed excitement in the community!
Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus is needing your
help to continue walks! During this season of
giving, will you consider a gift to the community?

WILL YOU
INVEST
AND MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?

**LOOKING FOR 124 FOLKS/FAMILIES
TO DONATE \$100**

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Ever Thankful

Cindy C. Ragland (Virginia, USA)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. - James 1:17 (NIV)

My daughter loves to decorate for Thanksgiving. Each year, she fills our dining room with string lights, decorative turkeys, and fall foliage. One year she started a new tradition of taking a photo of each family member with an instant camera as they arrived for dinner. She asked everyone to write what they were most thankful for at the bottom of their photo. She then displayed the pictures during dinner, and they became the topic of conversation that year. As our family talked about our blessings and the many things we had to be thankful for, we became overwhelmed with gratitude.

As we face daily pressures and stress, it is hard to focus on the many gifts God provides. It's easy to believe that good things happen as a result of our own work, but James 1:17 reminds us that every good gift is from God. How might our outlook change if we spent more time each day focusing on our blessings and giving thanks for God's love and faithfulness? Psalm 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Even on our worst days, when everything seems broken, we can find peace in God's love and give thanks for God's many blessings.

PRAYER:

Dear God, open our eyes and hearts to recognize the many gifts and blessings you provide each day. Thank you for your constant love and provision. Amen.

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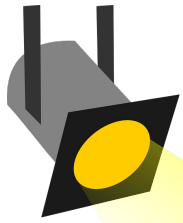
Psalm 107:1-9

Prayer Requests



Praises for a successful kidney transplant for Melissa Brook's father, Rev. Randy Martin! Continued prayers for Lisa Parker as she continues chemotherapy for uterine cancer. Prayers also for Erin Leverett's mother, Darla Christopher, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer. *Lord, hear our prayers!*

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.



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Reunion Groups

New Groups!

Dani & Dawn's Group:

Where: REMAX at 3898 Hixson Pike
When: 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 10am
Open to: Ladies in the Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community
Contact for more information:
Dawn O'Neil, 423.838.0373, dawnoneil@bellsouth.net

Burning Hearts:

Where: Chickamauga (*contact leader for location*)
When: 1st Saturday of month at 4pm
Open to: Couples in the Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community
Contact for more information:
CeCe Tillman, 423.902.5031, cecetillman@gmail.com

Existing Groups!

Check [here](#) for groups listed in Ministry Manager

Check [here](#) for groups listed on clemmaus.org

Reach out to the contact person listed to check if days/times/locations may have changed

If you have a group not listed here or on our website, and are open to new members, please send details to: secretary@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 Lisa Parker at: 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



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?*

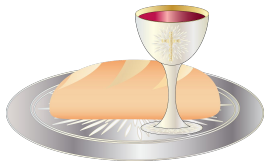
Special Request from Camp Lookout

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*

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.

DECEMBER 11, 2023

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

JANUARY 8, 2024

Location: TBA

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

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

WALK DATES TBA

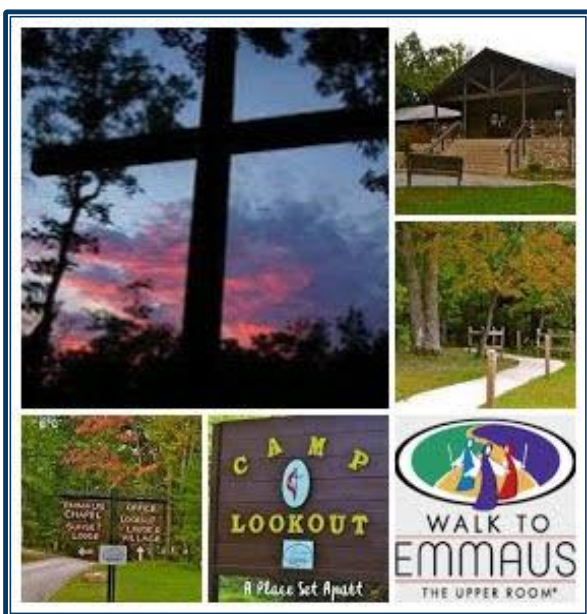
Women:

[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.



We Need YOU!!

2024 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.

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 2024 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.

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Board Members - 2023

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**Nominations (Past Lay Director)	OPEN		PastLayDirector@clemmaus.org
Non-Board Support			
**Agape Gifts	OPEN		AgapeGifts@clemmaus.org
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