

# WALK TALK



Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

January 2024

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

*“Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (CEB)*

## January 2024

Happy New Year everyone. I am Jean Davis and will be the Community Lay Director for the year. I was on walk 33 (Spring 2001) on the table of Ruth. The Emmaus community has meant a lot to me since my walk. I have served on many teams and in all the positions possible...I think. 😊 I was the Lay Director on walk 49 in 2009 and I have been on the board for the past six years. I am honored to take the position of Community Lay Director and will always seek to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and listen to the desires of the community. My email is always available to you - [jeanrdavis913@gmail.com](mailto:jeanrdavis913@gmail.com).

At the first of the year I started a new Bible study in which I will read the Bible in the year. The study begins in Genesis and the Psalms. I love that. It begins with praise of the Father and understanding that when he created us, it was good. Nothing of that has changed. We continue to have a good Father and He still thinks we are good. Of course, as we learned through Jesus, we are only good through the righteousness of the Son who gave His life for us.

With that understanding and the fact that I believe God is in this program, we are, in faith, continuing with planning our walks for this Spring and Fall. We currently do not have the funds in the bank but I believe we will have all we need at the time we need them. That is how faith works, right? We will be having some fundraising events over the next few months and I pray that the community listens to the urging of the Holy Spirit to contribute. I believe it is important for the pilgrims/butterflies to contribute to their walks and I also believe that the burden should not be all on them or the team. I believe the community should contribute heavily to make the walks happen. After all, we are the ones who know the benefit that these walks have in the lives of those who attend - all as a result of the work of the Holy Spirit for the work of the Father and His Kingdom. And that is good!

You will be hearing more from me as the year progresses. I really hope to see a big crowd at the gathering at Eric Johnson’s church, First Church of the Nazarene, 5455 North Terrace, Chattanooga, on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:15pm.

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*Jean*



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[www.clemmaus.org](http://www.clemmaus.org) or at the

[Emmaus  
Community Facebook  
Group](#)

for news, prayer concerns,  
praises and other  
communications.

*This Month's Gathering: [JANUARY 8, 2024](#)*

*Location: First Church of the Nazarene - Chattanooga, TN*

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# Speak a New Beginning

P. E. Uloh (Edo, Nigeria)

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*God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. - Genesis 1:3 (NRSVUE)*

I felt extremely grateful at the New Year's Eve service in 2021. It indeed felt like a new beginning, a new hope against the odds of the past year. Yet after the service, I was in tears as I thought of all the things I didn't have. I wanted so much for the new year, but I didn't know how or where to start. I felt hopeless.

That night, I decided to pray again. I didn't ask for anything. Instead, inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5:18, I gave thanks for all that I had, and I felt blessed by everything on my list. After this prayer of gratitude, I had Genesis 1:3 in my heart and a new understanding of the verse. In Genesis 1:1-2 it was the beginning, and it looked hopeless. In that bleak situation, God spoke light. With that light came hope, and God kept speaking, forming sky, seas, and land. What God wanted for the future, day after day, God spoke into being. Until it was all good, God spoke.

As believers, when faced with a hopeless situation, the first thing we can do is invite the Light into that situation. We can speak: “Thank you, Jesus.” He is the light of the world (see Jn. 8:12). With Christ's light comes hope. My resolution this year is to speak light through all my days

## PRAYER:

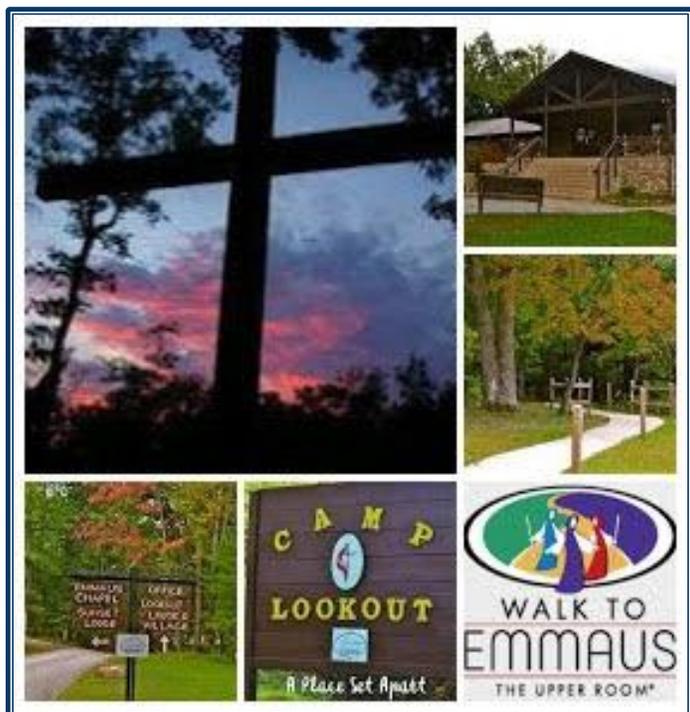
Dear God, help us to be grateful in all situations. Show us how to speak light and goodness into our lives and the lives of those around us. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING:

John 1:1-9

# Registration Open For 2024 Walks - Let's Go To The Mountain!

## SPRING WALKS SCHEDULED!!



### WALK DATES:

Women's Walk: March 7-10

[Candidate Form](#)

[Sponsor Form](#)

Men's Walk: April 11-14

[Candidate Form](#)

[Sponsor Form](#)

\*Click links above to complete Google Form for each candidate and walk. Links and printable PDF's 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).

## Prayer Requests



### Prayers for:

- Diana Pack - cancer treatment
- Donna Estes - rehab (had surgery last month)
- Darla Christopher - healing (had surgery last month)
- Family of Steven Sharpe (former Lay Director who passed away last month)
- Eric Wharton - bone regrowth (fractured vertebra in Nov. car wreck)

### Praises for:

- Lisa Parker - final chemo last week
- Courtney and Seth Lewis - birth of baby Micah
- Sandra and Jason Neal - birth of baby Melissa Jane

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.

[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](mailto:laydirector@clemmaus.org).

## Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Reunion Groups



### Find Your Group or Form a New One!

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

Check [here](#) for additional 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](mailto:secretary@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).

# 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 (a list of open positions will be available at this month's gathering).

Contact Jean Davis (at [jeanrdavis913@gmail.com](mailto:jeanrdavis913@gmail.com) or [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.

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## 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.