## WALK TALK



### Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

February 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)

### February 2024

Hello from Gatlinburg to all our Emmaus friends. It's been such a wonderfully beautiful and restful vacation week. Mark and I were joined for part of the week with Bill and Cece Tillman. What a blessing to share time with great friends! All week we marveled at God's creation. I was reminded of the phrase "let heaven and earth sing." And we certainly saw our earth sing. Even though there was not a lot of green around, the hemlock pines and rhododendron leaves glistened radiantly in the sun. The babbling brooks laughed as their white waters tumbled over the shining river rocks. And even the barren trees seemed to reach out their branches to the heavens with the wonderful hope for new life. God was certainly smiling and repeating his words that is was good!

As the new year continues let's all sing as the new creations we are reaching out to our creator in glorious hope. Singing along with heaven and earth. And knowing it is good.

#### Psalms 96:11-12 (TPT)

Let the skies sing for joy! Let the earth join in the chorus. Let oceans thunder and fields echo this ecstatic praise until every swaying tree of every forest joins in, lifting up their songs of joyous praise to him!

DeColores!

Jean

### From our Registrar:

We are excited about the upcoming spring walks. If you would like to contribute to help with team or pilgrim fees it would be greatly appreciated.

Please get applications in as soon as possible. We will take electronic or paper applications. You can fill out the application and text a picture to me at 423.902.5031.

Don't forget to fill out your sponsor's application. We need the information to send your sponsor letter. Don't let fees stop you from sponsoring. We have scholarships available for fees. Our community is generous and loves to provide a way for pilgrims to experience the love of Emmaus.

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Cece Tillman (<a href="mailto:registrar@clemmaus.org">registrar@clemmaus.org</a>)

### Jean Davis

Community Lay Director laydirector@clemmaus.org

#### **Contact Us**

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus PO Box 21024 Chattanooga TN 37424

Visit us on the web at: <u>www.clemmaus.org</u> or at the Emmaus

### Community Facebook

Group

for news, prayer concerns, praises and other communications

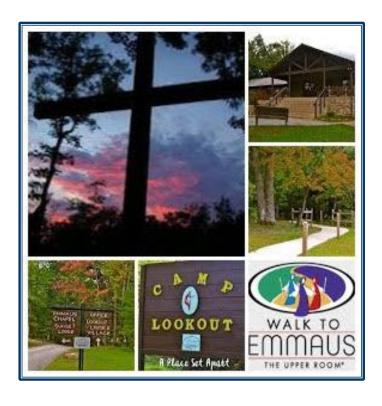
Lent begins February 14th -Click the image for Lent resources from Upper Room



This Month's Gathering: FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Location: St. John United Methodist Church -Chattanooga, TN

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



# SPRING WALKS SCHEDULED!!

### **WALK DATES:**

Women's Walk: March 7-10

<u>Candidate Form</u>

<u>Sponsor Form</u>

Men's Walk: April 11-14

<u>Candidate Form</u>

Sponsor Form

\*Click links above to complete Google Form for each candidate and walk. Links and printable PDF's are also on our website: <a href="clemmaus.org">clemmaus.org</a>.

### Ways to Serve

### 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

### PRAYER VIGIL:

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

- Women's Walk #74
- Men's Walk #61

(or email Kathy Snow)

Thank you for your acts of agape love! Your gifts are appreciated!

\*\*Drop-off items at Gathering, or in Chapel at Sendoff

### A Lenten Challenge

Bryan Young (Texas, USA)

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Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

- Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)

During Lent our pastor challenged the congregation to step out of our comfort zone by faithfully tithing 10 percent, sharing the gospel with others, and helping our community through acts of service. I accepted the challenge. My first payday during Lent was the biggest paycheck I had ever received. Although it was just a few mouse clicks on my computer, sending 10 percent of that paycheck to the church was tough. Next, I posted on social media about my faith and included an open invitation for questions and for anyone to join me at church. The positive outpouring of Christian love was amazing.

Finally I asked around until I discovered that a group from church served a meal at a homeless shelter once a month. Now I look forward to the fourth Saturday of every month and make every effort to participate.

I used to think that money was too tight and that I was too busy for any of these ministries. Now I know through faith that we are all capable of doing what God's word calls us to do. I remain busy with family and work obligations, but I try my best to fit into my schedule the opportunities that arise for me to show God's love through works of faith.

#### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all you have done for us and all you allow us to do in your name. Keep showing us the joys of serving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

Philemon 1:4-7



#### Prayers for:

- Walk applicants
- Sponsors
- Walk Team
- Servants

### Prayer Requests

Please send any prayer requests to <u>laydirector@clemmaus.org</u> or <u>newsletter@clemmaus.org</u>. Requests can also be posted on the <u>Emmaus Community Facebook page</u> to allow the body of Christ to be praying.



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.

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

Location: St. John United Methodist Church 3921 Murray Hills Dr - Chattanooga 37416

MARCH 11, 2024

Location: TBD

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

### Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community Reunion Groups



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

Check <u>here</u> for current groups listed in Ministry Manager (login required)

Check <u>here</u> 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

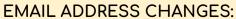
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-The Walk Talk can be downloaded from here.

#### DONATE:

Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 21024 Chattanooga TN 37424; or in person at Gatherings. Your gifts are tax deductible under section 501(C)3. Please talk to the Community Lay Director regarding bequests.



Send email subscriptions or changes to: webmaster@clemmaus.ora

#### **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.



### We Need YOU!! 2024 Board Openings



We still have board positions to be filled for 2024.

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve as a member of the board or in a non-board support capacity.

Contact Jean Davis (at <u>jeanrdavis913@gmail.com</u> or <u>laydirector@clemmaus.org</u>) 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.