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# WALK TALK

Newsletter for the Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community.....July 2024

## From Jean Davis, Community Lay Director

Hello Emmaus Community,

Wow! Are we having a hot summer?! We are just beginning July, but it seems like we are in the middle of August. We need a little refreshment, don't we? I know I do. The preparations for our fall walks are beginning and that means two things for our community. First, we need to think if we would like to serve on a team. That is one way to receive a wonderful refreshment of our spirit; preparing with a delightful team of believers. Second, we need to ask ourselves if we know people who we believe the Holy Spirit is bringing to our mind to sponsor on this walk. Sponsorship is easy to do. Go on our website, [clemmaus.org](http://clemmaus.org), click on registration and forms, then Emmaus Application. There is a sponsor application as well as a pilgrim one. Complete the sponsor application and then you can ask your pilgrim to go on the website and complete their application. And you're done! 😊

There is one more thing that our community needs to ensure. We need to make sure we have enough funds to have a walk. The cost to complete a walk weekend is about \$6,500. We are fortunate that we have a very faithful community and that we have enough, with the fees for the walk, to have the walks. But there is another responsibility this community has. And that is to ensure Camp Lookout has what they need to provide the wonderful accommodations to have the walks. As you have heard before in this newsletter, the roof of the Emmaus Chapel at the camp needs replacing. The Board has voted, in faith, to give Camp Lookout \$5000 toward the cost of approximately \$30,000. We have some of this money, but we need the community to help raise the rest. With the capabilities on our website a donation of this type is easy and secure. Go on the website and click on DONATE. That will take you to a page with a link on which you can state the reason for your donation and your financial information. With your help and the leading of the Holy Spirit, I have no doubt we will be able to help the camp and have two amazing walks this fall.

You are an amazing group of people who love this community and what we are called to do.... make disciples. Can you help?

De Colores,

Jean Davis

## From Rev. Mark Davis, Community Spiritual Director

### Mark's Remarks

Do you ever find while doing your Bible readings that the Lord gives you verses from around the Scriptures that seem to be connected? Often I seem to receive things in "bunches"!

My latest bunch of connected verses are these:

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Numbers 17:6 And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7 And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. 8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

Now what is that all about!?

We hear this message all the time ... "Follow your heart." But there is a caution related to this. In the movie "Fireproof," a firefighter is sharing with a Christian firefighter brother that he is just going to "follow his heart" in a certain matter. To which the believer replies, "Don't follow your heart, LEAD your heart." That is an amazing insight!

In the Numbers passage above, Moses is directed by God to test the 12 tribes about their intentions and their ability to hear and follow the voice of God. The tribe that is chosen will be the priestly tribe. They all bring a bare branch of wood, a stick, a "rod." The next day they come back to find that, lo and behold, Aaron's dead stick has budded!

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## Upcoming Walk Information

### WALKS

### DATES

**Women's Walk #75**

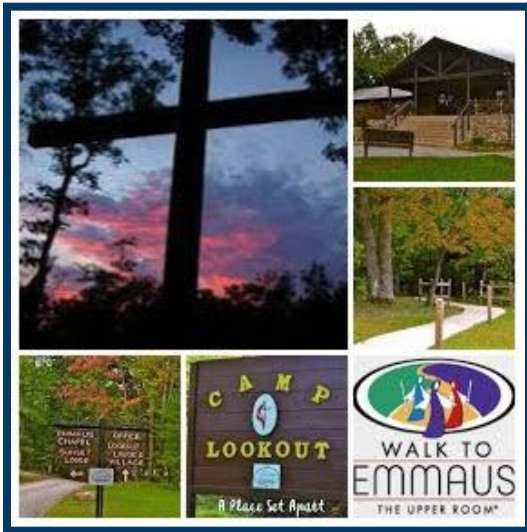
Sept. 26th - 29th

Walk Lay Director, Trudi Burner

**Men's Walk #62**

Oct. 3rd - 6th

Walk Lay Director, Rick Hamill



(for applications, click [here](#))

## Meal times, Sendoff, Candlelight, Closing & Agape

(for details, click [here](#))

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Before we give our lives to Christ, we have a “deceitful” and selfish heart. After our salvation, we have within us the Spirit of Christ, by which we are supposed to follow the Spirit, rather than our own hearts. But our old ways like to intrude and steer us the wrong way. In Christ, our heart of “stone” has been replaced with a heart of “flesh.” It’s alive in a spiritual sense.

It’s OK to practice following your heart if you’re talking about a transformed heart full of the Spirit. But the people of the world do not understand or see it this way. The bottom line is that our decisions, speech, and behaviors need to be tested against the Spirit and the Word of God.

I confess that often I don’t slow down or stop and think about what I am doing or saying. That’s not easy. But by getting in this habit, the stick we carry can bud and bloom.

I guess you recall that one of the items carried around in the Ark of the Covenant was Aaron’s stick that budded! When God does things like that in our lives, it is a remembrance and witness that we carry with us. It gives us strength and encouragement to remember the amazing things God has done through us.

Our Emmaus walks were such a time. Let us gather, support, and serve as a community. There are people who need us to carry on this work. Someone you know needs to be on the next walk.

## Sponsorship FAQ

- How much is a pilgrim’s fee?
  - **\$150**
- What if I can’t pay all \$150?
  - **We have full and partial scholarships available—just ask!**
- What if I can’t fulfill all the duties? (Bring to sendoff- stay for sponsor’s hour- Candlelight- Closing- Follow up)
  - **Consider teaming up with someone else to co-sponsor. You can split the cost and/or the duties. Several have done this and it’s worked well.**
- Any other questions?
  - **Reach out to registrar - [cecetillman@gmail.com](mailto:cecetillman@gmail.com), or anyone else on the board. You can also ask the person who sponsored you.**

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