



Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

January/February 2010

Thoughts From Our Emmaus Community Lay Director:

De Colores and Happy New Year! 2010 is off to a good start in spite of the COLD weather. The GSMEC Board met Saturday 1/9/2010 at Trinity for our "board retreat". Unfortunately, the weather late last week kept us from enjoying a night in a cabin in the mountains. But I think we had a good meeting anyway. And we are a very interesting bunch as we learned when we played "How well do you know your fellow board members?" We have many wonderful people serving and hopefully you will get a chance to meet and talk with them when you attend gatherings this year.

Speaking of gatherings we moved the February Gathering to February 20th at 6:00 PM at Trinity in order for the Emmaus Community to support the Chrysalis Flights the weekend of the 13th. Come on down to Central UMC for send off the morning of the 13th, serve a meal, attend candlelight, and come to closing. You can get a schedule of the weekend on the Chrysalis web site. The Chrysalis youth are an amazing group of young people who are on fire for Christ. We, the community, will be making a concentrated effort to support them and to incorporate some of the "older" (over 18) year olds into the Emmaus Community.

If you haven't been to a gathering in a while or out to support the community during a walk, 2010 is a great time to get back in. Remember your walk? Remember how you felt when

you realized that all those people had come out to show you the love of Jesus and to help you to feel His presence? We need you, the pilgrims and caterpillars need you and Jesus needs you. Rick Warren said in one of his devotionals "faithful servants never retire. They serve faithfully as long as they're alive. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God."

The Men's Walk is less than 40 days away! The Board voted and passed the following. We must have 20 pilgrim applications with payment by 30 days out or we will not be able to have the Men's Walk. That date is February 9th. We must be responsible financially as a community. If we are prayerfully sponsoring pilgrims, this should not be a problem. We will continue to accept applications with full payment up to 2 weeks prior to the walk. After that point, any applicants will go on a waiting list for the next walk. Other communities have a 30 day deadline for a full walk. Again, if you are being a responsible sponsor, then this should not be a problem.

The members of the 2010 board look forward to a good year with full walks.

Ginger Billingsley
2010 Emmaus Community Lay Director



Important Information About the Spring Men's Walk

Greetings Great Smoky Mountain Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities. The Spring Men's Walk is quickly coming! The Board voted and passed the following at the board retreat on the January 9th. We must have 20 pilgrim applications with payment by 30 days out or we will not be able to have the Men's Walk. That date is February 9th. We must be responsible financially as a community. We need to know we are going to have at least 20 men in order to pay for the weekend. If you are prayerfully sponsoring pilgrims, having the reservation in by 2/9/2010 should not be a problem. We will continue to accept applications with full payment up to 2 weeks prior to the walk. After that point, any applicants will go on a waiting list for the next walk. Other communities have a 30 day deadline for a full walk. Again, if you are being a responsible sponsor, then this should not be a problem.

Current Sponsor and Pilgrim Application forms can be downloaded as PDF files on the community website. Also here are the links to the forms for your convenience:

Pilgrim Application - http://www.gsmecc.org/Forms/2009_Pilgrim_Application.pdf

Sponsor Application - http://www.gsmecc.org/Forms/2009_GSMECC_Sponsor_Form.pdf

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Or better yet, you can e-mail your item to:
jhensle5ut@gmail.com

*We would love to know what's happenin'
around the community!*

**The deadline for the March issue is
February 28, 2010**

Pilgrims Needed!

Have you thought about sponsoring someone on an Emmaus Walk? Now is the time to get that registration form in. The Men's Walk #81 is coming up very soon, March 11-14, but we must have 20 registered by Feb 9.

Then the Women's Walk #82 is coming April 22-25.

Prayer

One of the keys to the Walk to Emmaus is the undergirding of prayer. Please keep the teams of the upcoming Chrysalis/ Journey flight (Feb 13-15), the Men's Walk #81 (March 11-14) and the Women's Walk #82 in your prayers. Also, you may go to GSMEC website and sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil to pray from the catapillers and pilgrims.



Come and Support Chrysalis Flights #53 & #54 and Journey #12 & #13. February 13-15

Candlelight: Sunday Night 8pm

Kitchen Schedule:

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Prep</u>	<u>Serve & Clean up</u>
Breakfast	6am	8am
Lunch	10am	12:30pm
Dinner	3pm	5:30pm

Agapé Needed!

Now is the time to make agapé for Chrysalis & Journey and while you are at it make agapé for the Men's Walk #81 & Women's Walks #82.

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2010 Community Calendar

Chrysalis Flight #53 & #54

Journey #12 & #13	Feb 13-15	Central UMC
Gathering.....	Feb. 20	Trinity UMC
Men's Walk #81	March 11-14.....	Central UMC
Women's Walk #82	April 22-25.....	Central UMC



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Greetings from the Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Community

Is there anything sweeter than the sound of Chrysalis Kids singing praises? I don't think so. We were so blessed to have the Chrysalis Community join us Saturday night 2/20 at Trinity for our monthly gathering. As usual, the food was wonderful, the fellowship fun, and the worship uplifting. It is exciting to see what is happening in the life of our community.

“God's people are His preserving agents for a world that is corrupted and degenerating because of sin. Your life is designed and commissioned by God to enhance a community and to preserve what is good and right. There is deep significance today for a godly life that is involved in its community. The presence of Christ in you makes all that He is available to others. His salvation can free an addict, mend a broken home, heal the pain of the past, restore a wayward child, and comfort a grieving heart. All of this is available to those around you as Christ expresses His life through you.” (from *Experiencing God Day by Day*, Henry Blackaby and Richard Blackaby) Matthew 5:13 says “you are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its flavor,

how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

Your Emmaus Community needs you to help us season the upcoming walks this spring. Come help with set up for the Men's walk on March 10th, attend send off on the 11th, come to Candlelight on the 13th and attend closing on the 14th. Come help in the kitchen and serve a meal, then help clean up. Make agape gifts and agape food and bring to Central UMC. We need you. Christ is counting on you. The Pilgrims are counting on you. The community is counting on you. With over 3,000 members in the community, we shouldn't have to struggle to find willing servants. Helping with a walk is like a booster shot. It will renew your faith and help you remember your weekend. Hope to see you soon.

By the way, we are well on our way to a FULL MEN'S WALK! How awesome is that? And yes, we are going to have a fall Men's Walk.

DeColores,

Ginger Billingsley

2010 Emmaus Community Lay Director

Report on the February Mini-Gathering

There was a good crowd for the February Mini-Gathering in Sevierville. We missed all of you that were unable to make it. Please mark your calendars for the 4th Saturday of each month, except November and December. Hopefully, you can come on March 27th. We will meet at First United Methodist Church in Sevierville at 5:30. Bring a covered dish to share and let Brooke Blair know if child care is needed.

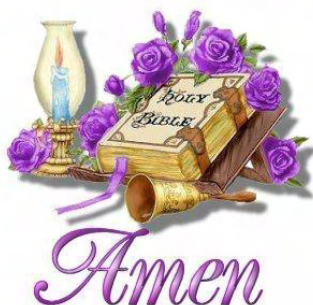
This month we were all blessed with good food, good fellowship, prayers, and good music. Bruce Adams administered Holy Communion with a very poignant and thought provoking lesson. We had previously decided at the January meeting that we would take turns resurrecting a talk given by one of us when we worked a walk. The talk tonight was on the "Body of Christ." We hope that this will remind everyone of a moment that was especially meaningful when he or she made the Walk to Emmaus.

Some special community happenings are: The Emmaus board has decided to have area churches that are willing, host the monthly GSMEC gathering. The Gathering scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in August will be in Sevierville. We are excited about the possibility of an increase in attendance at the monthly gatherings because of this change. Please make a special effort to attend in August. There will be more information in May or June.

The First United Methodist Church in Gatlinburg has always been a favorite venue for Gatherings in December. Cross your fingers that this can once again be worked out for 2010. Again, there will be more information about this as the time draws near.

Please be in prayer for the men that will be going on the Men's Walk in March as well as for the women attending the Women's Walk in April.

We hope to see everyone at the next Mini-Gathering.



DeColores,
Brooke

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Let's Gather!

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching”.

The writer of Hebrews 10:24-25 has an excellent message for our Emmaus Community, to encourage us as the Body of Christ to come together. We had an excellent turnout for February, especially with the Chrysalis kids and the new Butterflies, let's keep it up! Our meeting for March will be Saturday, March 20, at 6:30, at Trinity United Methodist on Western Avenue. Please put it on your calendar, and I challenge you to think of someone in our community that has a special place in your heart, someone that you have not seen participating lately, perhaps from your walk or flight, and call them and extend a personal invitation to come and eat, and worship, and fellowship together.

And after March we plan on moving the gathering location, to shake it up a little. Tentative schedule for now is:

April 10.....	Tuckaleechee UMC
May 8.....	West Towne Christian Church (basket auction)
June 12.....	Open
July 10 (tentative).....	Wesley Woods
August 14.....	Sevier County
September 11.....	Oakes Corn Maze
October 16.....	Open
November 13.....	Open
December 11.....	Gatlinburg First UMC

Please put these dates on your calendar, and plan on attending as many gatherings as you can. All members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are invited. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to me at tdunaway@frontiernet.net. See you there!

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Come and Support

The Men's Walk #81

March 11-14

Do you remember your walk and how special it was to see all the people who had supported the weekend? Now is the time for you to be of service to the upcoming Men's and Women's Walks. It takes a community to make a Walk to Emmaus happen Wednesday evening before the walk there is always need for people to help with set up. Come and add your as we begin the Walk at Send Off. Then there Candlelight on Saturday and Closing on Sunday afternoon. During the weekend this is need for help with agape and in the dinning room and kitchen for meals. Show your support by humbling giving your service.

Set Up: Wednesday, March 10

Send Off: Thursday, March 11 - 6:30pm

Candlelight: Saturday, March 13 - 8pm

Closing: Sunday, March 14 - 4:30pm

Kitchen Schedule: (times are aprox)

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Prep</u>	<u>Serve & Clean up</u>
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Now is the time to make agapé for the Men's Walk #81 & Women's Walks #82.

Approximate counts would be 48 for conference room only and 72 for dinning room and beds. And, if you have sponsored a Pilgrim, make sure to get your Agape Letters in.

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News and Notes from Flights 53, 54 & Journey 12, 13

For those of you who missed it, the President's Weekend Flight/Journey was outstanding. We had great lay leadership from Sam Ward (Trinity UMC) and Patti Ault (Bearden UMC). The teams assembled were focused and powerful, from the spiritual directors, prayer teams, conference room folks, music, and all the kitchen and dining room folks, all performed their roles to perfection and the butterflies were truly blessed. We again had a great group of butterflies, 46, and it was a true honor and blessing to host them for the special weekend. Since the flight, we have also had our next steps meeting, where we also had a great turnout of team and butterflies. Many of the new butterflies reported their weeks since the flight had gone well and their Chrysalis experience had an impact on their actions, attitudes and relationships since the flights. Please continue to pray for all our new brothers and sisters on their fourth days. We are so excited to have such a large and powerful new group of butterflies. Can't wait to see what God has in store for them in the days to come.

Peace. Fly with Christ,
Scooter

Prayer

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Please be in Prayer for the Pilgrims of Walk #81 (March 11-14)

Lay Director: Tom Abbott • Spiritual Director: Ken Abbott

Pilgrim name	Church
Phillip Allen	West Towne Christian
Phillip Barnette	Westminister Presbyterian
Jim Baugh	Second Presbyterian Church
Reid Beebe	Habitation
Craig Borum.....	Cokesbury UMC, Knoxville
Foster Cather	Tuckaleechee UMC, Townsend
Sammy Click.....	Shady Grove UMC, Dandridge
Martin Durand.....	Sycamore Tree UMC
Robert Frazier IV	Tuckaleechee UMC, Townsend
Gilbert Harris	Fairview UMC, Maryville
Danny Henry	Little Cove Baptist Church
Roy Hoekstra	Fellowship Evangelical Free
Richard Jones	Cokesbury UMC, Knoxville
Edward Krempleski.....	Broadway UMC, Maryville
Julis Leach	Cokesbury UMC, Knoxville
Allen Loun	Long's Chapel UMC
Andy Madson.....	Pleasant Hill UMC, Sevierville
Bob Manseill	St Andrews Episcopal
Scott Masters.....	Central UMC, Knoxville
Douglas Moore.....	Seymour UMC
Jim Murphy	Pinnacle Bible Church
Loren Payton.....	Fairview UMC, Maryville
Joe Rizzo	Broadway UMC, Maryville
Joey Ruzzene	Cokesbury UMC, Knoxville
Daniel Sarver	Bearden UMC
Keigan Troutt	St Joseph UMC
Troy Turgeau.....	RIO Restoration
Brian Walton	Apostles Anglican
Jeff Weiss	Kodak UMC
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March Gathering	March 20	Trinity UMC
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	March 27	1st UMC Sevierville
April Gathering	April	Tuckaleechee UMC
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	April 22	1st UMC Sevier
Women's Walk #82	April 22-25	Central UMC
May Gathering	May 8	West Towne Christian Church
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	May 22	1st UMC Sevier
June Gathering	June 12	TBA
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	June 26	1st UMC Sevier
July Gathering.....	July 10.....	Wesley Woods (Tentative)
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	July 24.....	1st UMC Sevier
August Gathering	August 14.....	Sevier County
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	August 28.....	1st UMC Sevier
Chrysalis/Journey Flight	Sept. 4-6	Central UMC
September Gathering	Sept. 11	Oakes Corn Maze
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	Sept. 25	1st UMC Sevier
October Gathering.....	Oct. 16	TBA
Men's Walk #83	Oct. 7-10	Central UMC
Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....	Oct. 23	1st UMC Sevier
Women's Walk #84	Nov. 4-7	Central UMC
November Gathering.....	Nov. 13.....	TBA
December Gathering	Dec. 11	Gatlinburg 1st UMC



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I grew up in the church. I have wonderful memories of Sunday School teachers and flannel board stories. My mother would make beautiful dresses and take me to church wearing white gloves and shiny shoes. I enjoyed “playing church” as a little girl. I participated in youth group when I was old enough. I attended Campus Crusade for Christ meetings and was part of the “God Squad” at my high school. I was a “good girl”. But I was just playing church. I accepted Christ as my Savior at a Billy Graham Crusade in 1972 here in Knoxville. I grew up, married, had a family, took them to church and continued to “play church”. But I did not understand what God had planned for me. It wasn’t until I was able to get a better understanding of how God wants to live in me, work through me and reach others for Him through me. You see God has a plan. God’s plan will be realized. His will will be done. I can either choose to let God work in and through me and be a part of a great adventure, or I can miss out on the adventure of leading the Christian life. It is up to me.

That is the first paragraph in the talk I gave on Christian Action on one of the Emmaus Weekends. As the community prepares to start planning for the fall walks, I would like to issue a challenge to the Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Community. I would like for you to prayerfully consider working a weekend. I know that you have a busy life. We all have busy lives. But you know what, God still expects you to serve Him. The GSMEC still needs you. Working a weekend is a great way to renew and rejuvenate your Emmaus experience. Every weekend I have worked has been a blessing to me. It has taken time and sacrifice, I have had to “prioritize”. But it has all been worth it.

The goal is to have 1/3 (eight) with experience on 4 or more walks, 1/3 (eight) with experience on 2 or 3 walks, and 1/3 (eight) with no or 1 walk experience. The conference room team members should represent the Community geographically and denominationally. Preference should be given to persons who participate in an Emmaus reunion group. Pilgrims should not be considered for a Conference Room team position until they have had an opportunity to serve in behind-the-scenes Walk activities (i.e.- Sponsor’s Hour, Candlelight, Closing, dining room and kitchen, outside Agape Team). This means that a person should not be considered for the next team named after completion of their walk. Team positions require progressive experience/service in other positions. This applies to GSMEC pilgrims, Chrysalis youth and adults, and to new Community members transferring from another community, regardless of their service there.

There is a team selection standing rule guideline that we are striving to follow. Please help us by serving in behind the scenes Walk activities, by prayerfully considering a request to serve in the conference room if you are asked, and by making Agape gifts and food and by praying.

Take time to contact Mike and Suzy Ooten or Marcia Malin. They are all part of the team selection committee. Or contact any board member. Let us know what you feel led to do. Don’t miss out on the adventure God has in store for you.

DeColores,

Ginger Billingsley

2010 Emmaus Community Lay Director

4th Day Gathering in Sevierville

What an awesome Gathering we had on Saturday! We had great food. We really have some awesome cooks in our group. Afterwards we had our praise and worship time followed by Amanda Galbraith giving her “Prodigal” talk so that we could have an example of what happens during a Chrysalis Flight. It was very moving and inspirational. I hope more of you will be able to come to the next Sevierville Gathering on the 26th of June.

The month of May is going to be difficult with so many conflicts for our regular attending members. Those of you who would like to ride together to West Towne Christian in Knoxville on Saturday, 8 May for the wonderful, exciting, AND hilarious Gathering and yearly Basket Auction plan to meet at the Sevierville FUMC at 5:00. I will drive my van and if we need other vehicles we can pile into them also. Bring a finger food covered dish and if you would like, a basket to be auctioned. I assure you from past experience, that this will be a fun night to remember. The money raised will be used to buy *much needed* items for the Emmaus cooks to use in the kitchen. We will not have a meeting at Sevierville FUMC in May.

The next Cocke, Jefferson, Sevier Counties area Emmaus mini-gathering will be 26 June at First United Methodist Church, Sevierville.

Please mark your calendars for the Gathering in July. On Saturday, 24 July Linda and Gary Rideout have invited us all to their house for a cookout for our Gathering. We will leave FUMC Sevierville in the church van to go to their house in the mountains at 5:00. The Rideouts will grill the burgers, and we will bring everything else. What fun!!

For those of you who have been unable to join us yet, we are focusing on the 15 talks given on all Emmaus walks, as well as some talks given on Chrysalis flights. So far we have had an overview and Body of Christ talk for our Emmaus offerings and Prodigal Son for the Chrysalis talk. These serve as our 4th Day talks. Anyone willing to share one of the talks they have given please let me know. We need more volunteers for this.

To recap dates:

8 May – meet to carpool to West Towne Christian for Gathering/auction

26 June – gathering at Sevierville FUMC

24 July – gathering at Linda and Gary’s house

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Walk Support

The Women's Walk #82

April 22-25

As part of the Emmaus Community you are called to be a servant, showing agape love to the pilgrims. Think back to all the love you were shown by God's servants during your walk. With that firmly in your mind, respond by supporting other Walks. There are many opportunities, come and be part of any of them. Wednesday evening before the walk there is always need for people to help with set up. Come be part of Send Off on Thursday evening. Then there Candlelight on Saturday and Closing on Sunday afternoon. During the weekend this is need for help with agape and in the dinning room and kitchen for meals. Show your support by humbling giving your service.

Set Up: Wednesday, April 21

Send Off: Thursday, April 22 - 6:30pm

Candlelight: Saturday, April 24 - 8pm

Closing: Sunday, April 25 - 4:30pm

Kitchen Schedule: (times are aprox)

<u>Meal</u>	<u>Prep</u>	<u>Serve & Clean up</u>
Breakfast	6am	8am
Lunch	10am	12:30pm
Dinner	3pm	5:30pm

Agapé Needed!

There is always need for Agape food and drinks, drop them off on Wednesday at Set up, or Thursday before Send Off...or anytime during the weekend. Plus, now is the time to make agapé gifts for the Women's Walks #82.

Approximate counts would be 48 for conference room only and 72 for dinning room and beds. And, if you have sponsored a Pilgrim, make sure to get your Agape Letters in.

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News and Notes

Do you have youth at your church who would benefit from the experience of Chrysalis and Journey? Talk with them and prayerfully consider sponsoring them on the next Flight.

Have you ever wondered what goes happens on a Chrysalis & Journey Flight? Why not let the Chrysalis Board know that you would be interested in working on a Flight. You've never seen energy like of youth on fire for God.

Prayer

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is Hatred, let me sow Love.
Where there is Injury, Pardon.
Where there is Doubt, Faith.
Where there is Despair, Hope.
Where there is Darkness, Light, and
Where there is Sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Remember to be in prayer for the Women's Walk #82 (April 21-25) in your prayers. Also, you may go to GSMEC website and sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil to pray from the pilgrims.



Report from Walk #81

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the continued prayer before and during the walk. We felt your prayers during the entire weekend. Thanks to all who served during the weekend. You all helped everything come into play. Thanks to a great conference-room team that was willing to do anything to better serve the Lord and to make my job easier and fun. Thanks to all the pilgrims for not anticipating but participating and for spending a special weekend with God. Thanks to all the sponsors for sponsoring pilgrims. Sponsorship is what keeps the Walk to Emmaus the great thing that it is. Thanks to my father, Ken Abbott, for serving as spiritual director. Most of all thank you, God, for Your continued blessings on us.

Preparing for Walk 81 was definitely a job. The hardest thing was recruiting the team, but I could not have asked for a better one. Everyone was willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. While recruiting the team I became nervous because as our first meeting drew near, we still didn't have everybody that we needed. Even after our meetings had started, we had to make some adjustments on the team.

When our first team meeting started, I was so much at ease because I could feel the presence of a great team God provided for Walk 81. In that first meeting we previewed five talks; I have never seen that happen before with other teams that I have served on. I want to make a note that all the other teams I served on were great and that I am not putting any of the others down at all. The team meetings were a lot of fun with a fun-loving bunch of men praising the Lord. That first meeting set the tone for a lot of fun with a fairly fast pace. I think we barely made the required hours for team preparation. One thing I know for sure is everyone who did a talk got the one best suited for him. Unfortunately one of our team members had to drop off of the team because of health issues, but he is now doing better.

Now how do I talk about the Walk itself in a paragraph or two? It looked as if we were going to have a full walk at first, but we had about five or six drop out, three of them at the last minute. One of our pilgrims, Foster Cather, was 94 years old at the time of the walk. When we got started Thursday night everything seemed to go according to plan. Everyone was already laughing a lot during "My New Friend." It was great to see everyone having a good time. The

"script" says for the lay director and spiritual director to introduce each other, but that felt a little awkward since the spiritual director is my dad. Because of that we thought we would surprise each other for the interesting fact we knew of each other. I believe everyone got a kick out of that.

In our usual fashion we took off at a fast pace on Friday. We were ahead of schedule quite a bit. Everyone was having a blast. When we were singing, great harmony filled the conference room. I don't mean to sound cruel, but it's a good thing they could sing because they sure couldn't draw. Each table had a different interpretation of the talks that were still right on the money. There were more skits than usual. That night Dad had to stay longer than usual in the sanctuary because pilgrims were really feeling what God was doing for them. Dad told me he had never seen so many people open up so early on any walk. He didn't make it to our team meeting that night.

Our team meeting for Friday night is a subject in itself. As we were preparing for Saturday, one of our table leaders collapsed suddenly. His blood pressure dropped, causing his blood sugar to rise. He was rushed to the hospital by ambulance. Four of our team members went to the hospital to make sure everything would be all right. The two table leaders who went to the hospital were witnessing to people in the ER waiting room. If that is not Christian action, I don't know what is.

On Saturday for our morning prayers we laid hands on the men of the table and prayed that their table leader would have a quick recovery and be back. He returned later that afternoon and was welcomed back with open arms. The enemy tried to get us down, but he only made us stronger. I'm glad we have two ALD2's because one was definitely needed to fill in as a table leader for a while on Saturday. Dying moments was extremely powerful. These men died to many things they had been living with for much too long. After dying moments whatever deer-in-the-headlight look was there was now completely gone. It was smooth sailing the rest of the way. We had a lot of fun with "poster review" or "quality control." We were all laughing and having our fun, but our eyes were also opening to how much we are all loved by our savior Jesus Christ. Candlelight was a totally blessed surprise for everyone, especially when they had found out how far people had driven for that.

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BLESSINGS, BLESSINGS, BLESSINGS!!!

Welcome to your forth day! Forth day is an intricate part of your walk as a pilgrim. You have spent 72 hours experiencing the “love of God in Christ” through His servants, then as most good things do those 72 hours came to an end and you found yourself in the midst of hours 73, 74, 75 and so on. I’m sure if you stop to think about it just a little you will come to the realization that living in this world is not a thing to be done ALONE. God did not intend for His children to go through this life alone. That is one reason I feel so strongly about what I call FORTH DAY PARTICIPATION. As you know if you read March’s newsletter one reference to scripture was Hebrews 10:24,25. Check it out and let it speak to you. Let me share a few more scriptures with you that encourage the idea that we need ONE ANOTHER.

Romans 12: 9 - “Let love be without hypocrisy...”
Romans 12:10A - Be devoted to ONE ANOTHER.
Romans 12:10B -...give preference to ONE ANOTHER in honor.

John 13:34,35 - “A new commandment I give to you, that you love ONE ANOTHER even as I have loved you, that you also love ONE ANOTHER. For those of you who prefer the “Red letter Edition”

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9 - Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love ONE ANOTHER.

I think you are getting the idea. In fact there are 58 “ONE ANOTHER COMMANDS” in scripture that tell how we should love and treat ONE ANOTHER . So for us to be the people of God that we should be we really do need to work shoulder to shoulder doing our Fathers business. As you embark on you ‘FORTH DAY” don’t go back to the world and try to fight the fight of faith alone, get busy in the kingdom along side of some brothers and sisters and be blessed! You community is, as you have already seen, here for you. The question is, are you here for your community ????

I do truly hope to see you all at West Towne Christian Church for the May 8,2010 Gathering. It

will be a blast. Bring a covered dish to share and we will have a great time of fellowship, fun, food, and worship to our King Jesus and Holy Communion in the Remembrance of His sacrifice for us! Also if you can, remember to bring a Basket for the Basket Auction to be held that night. Blessings be yours!

Saved to Serve,

Brother Terry Borger

Romans 12:6 - 8

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## Walk #81 Report Continued

On Sunday we were all tired but still having a lot of fun. Some of you may know that Dad carries a bucket to hold his Bible and whatever else he might need to fulfill his duties as a preacher. Well, some thought his bucket was not big enough, so he was presented a big five-gallon bucket with everyone’s name signed on the lid. I think it is really nice for the spiritual director to get something to remember to remember the walk. At closing the pilgrims blessed the community with their singing. No one seemed hesitant to answer what the walk meant to them and what they were going to do about it. Everyone seemed very touched to see Dad hand me the cross that was handled by so many great people over the weekend.

It was definitely a huge honor to be lay director for Walk 81 and to have Dad with me as spiritual director. When I was a pilgrim on Walk 40 in September of 2000, I would have never dreamed I would get to do any thing like that. Even a couple of years ago I would have never thought that would happen.. I’m just a regular bricklayer at work, but I got to do something extraordinary for the Lord. The cool thing about Emmaus is that ordinary people get to do extraordinary things, and extraordinary people get to do ordinary things. I believe both of these groups of people are honored to do that.

Please pray for Walk 82, the women’s walk on April 22-25. On Saturday night at supper 24 women and 4 men served. Now it was an absolute blessing to have that many women serving us, but we men need to offer that same love on Walk 82 for the women. Also be in prayer for the fall walks and fall Chrysalis Flights. They are a long way off, but they’ll be here before we know it.

*DeColores*

*Tom Abbott*



# Please be in Prayer for the Pilgrims of Walk #82 (April 22-25)

Lay Director: Janie Hensley • Spiritual Director: Don Thomas

| <u>Pilgrim Name</u> .....    | <u>Church</u>               |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Loren Abbott.....            | Tuckaleechee UMC            |
| Cindy Anders.....            | RIO Restoration             |
| Katalin Blalock.....         | First UMC, Sevierville      |
| Rebecca Bower.....           | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville     |
| Beth Brown.....              | Fellowship Evangelical Free |
| Holly Burns .....            | Tuckaleechee UMC            |
| Norma Carpenter .....        | Old Path Baptist            |
| Sandra Chandler .....        | Temple Baptist              |
| Misty Chitwood.....          | Christ Community Church     |
| Jewell Coleman .....         | Bradbury UMC                |
| Terry Depp.....              | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville     |
| Joy Gaertner .....           | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville     |
| Kristin Godsey.....          | Chilhowee Hills Baptist     |
| Barbara Hale.....            | Alcoa First UMC             |
| Jessica Hannah .....         | Alcoa First UMC             |
| Deidre Hayes .....           | RIO Restoration             |
| Janie Jackson .....          | St. Mark UMC                |
| Janet Johnson.....           | RIO Restoration             |
| Jodi Jolly.....              | Bradbury UMC                |
| Jean Koski .....             | Christ UMC, Halls           |
| Patricia Levin .....         | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville     |
| Lorelei Loper.....           | Bradbury UMC                |
| Amy Katherine Manseill ..... | St Andrews Episcopal        |
| Robin Parris.....            | Christ UMC, Halls           |
| Kay Sampson.....             | Ridge Community Church      |
| Ramona Shaw.....             | Alcoa First UMC             |
| Claudette Soreano.....       | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville     |
| Amy Tallent .....            | Habitation                  |
| Lisa Teffeteller.....        | Broadway UMC, Knoxville     |
| Rachael Webster .....        | Trinity UMC, Knoxville      |
| Volinda Wolfe .....          | Old Path Baptist            |
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| April Gathering .....                | April 10 @ 6:30 .....   | Tuckaleechee UMC            |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....      | April 22.....           | 1st UMC Sevier              |
| <b>Women's Walk #82.....</b>         | <b>April 22-25.....</b> | <b>Central UMC</b>          |
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| July Gathering.....                  | July 10 @ 6:30.....     | Wesley Woods (Tentative)    |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....      | July 24.....            | 1st UMC Sevier              |
| August Gathering .....               | August 14 @ 6:30.....   | Sevier County               |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....      | August 28.....          | 1st UMC Sevier              |
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| September Gathering .....            | Sept. 11 @ 6:30.....    | Oakes Corn Maze             |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....      | Sept. 25 .....          | 1st UMC Sevier              |
| October Gathering.....               | Oct. 16 @ 6:30.....     | TBA                         |
| <b>Men's Walk #83.....</b>           | <b>Oct.. 7-10.....</b>  | <b>Central UMC</b>          |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....      | Oct. 23 .....           | 1st UMC Sevier              |
| <b>Women's Walk #84.....</b>         | <b>Nov. 4-7 .....</b>   | <b>Central UMC</b>          |
| November Gathering.....              | Nov. 13 @ 6:30.....     | TBA                         |
| December Gathering .....             | Dec. 11 @ 6:30 .....    | Gatlinburg 1st UMC          |



# Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

May 2010

## Welcome to the Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Community

The Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Community would like to welcome the newest Pilgrims from Women's Walk 82! With two successful spring walks, we are soon going to be preparing for the fall walks. Both the Men's and Women's Walks for this fall already have Pilgrims registered so don't wait too long or if you want to sponsor someone they may have to wait till spring of 2011! Thank you to the community for the amazing support shown on both the walks this spring. Please continue to support your community by attending gatherings, making Agape, working future teams and by sponsoring a Pilgrim this fall. Watch your news letter for information on the gatherings as we move them around our community. It will be fun to see where others worship as we gather together «usually» the second Saturday of each month.

As we approach the summer season, continue to remember and pray for those in middle Tennessee who have been

affected by the terrible storms this past weekend. Pray for our soldiers as they serve to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this wonderful country. Pray for our leaders who are in charge of our country. Pray for our churches as we try to reach others for Christ. And pray for each other, that we may continue to grow in our walk with Christ as we serve him daily.

*DeColores,*  
*Ginger Billingsley*

2010 Emmaus Community Lay



*Chrysalis*

## Updates From Sevierville Mini-Gatherings

The month of May is going to be difficult with so many conflicts for our regular attending members. Those of you who would like to ride together to West Towne Christian in Knoxville on Saturday, 8 May for the wonderful, exciting, AND hilarious Gathering and yearly Basket Auction plan to meet at the Sevierville FUMC at 5:00. We will not have a meeting at Sevierville FUMC in May.

The next Cocke, Jefferson, Sevier Counties area Emmaus mini-gathering will be 26 June at First United Methodist Church, Sevierville.

Please mark your calendars for the Gathering in July. On Saturday, 24 July Linda and Gary Rideout have invited us all to their house for a cookout for our Gathering. We will leave FUMC Sevierville in the church van to go to their house in the mountains at 5:00. The Rideouts will grill the burgers, and we will bring everything else. What fun!!

For those of you who have been unable to join us yet, we are focusing on the 15 talks given on all Emmaus walks, as well as some talks given on Chrysalis flights. So far we have had an overview and Body of Christ talk for our Emmaus offerings and Prodigal Son for the Chrysalis talk. These serve as our 4<sup>th</sup> Day talks. Anyone willing to share one of the talks they have given please let me know. We need more volunteers for this.

### To recap dates:

8 May – meet to carpool to West Towne Christian for Gathering/auction

26 June – gathering at Sevierville FUMC

24 July – gathering at Linda and Gary's house

*DeColores,*  
Brooke



## Deadline

for the June Newsletter is

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## Keep Working on Agapé!

Do you remember back to your Walk, all those great Agape gifts? Well, there is always need for those wonderful Agapé gifts. Now that you have some time during this summer, think up some really fun stuff to make for agapé gifts and get started on them. It won't be long til the Chrysalis Flights on Labor Day Weekend--then it's just a short time before the Men's and Women's Fall Walks.

Those little fun and inspring gifts mean so much to those who receive them

## Do You Know Where Your Sponsor Is?

Each one of us had someone who introduced us the Emmaus community. Someone we know sponsored us, encouraged us to attend and get involved in this community of believers. But, do you know where your sponsor is today? Are they still involved in the community? If not, why not give them a call and tell them how much we have missed seeing them at Gatherings, and other 4th Day events.

AND, if you sponsored someone.....do you know where they are? Are they still involved?

We need to continue to sponsor new Pilgrims and Butterflies, but we also need to maintain contact with all those who have been a apart of this community. Some may feel that they are not needed, so remind them that they are needed and missed.

Also, if you know of any grown-up Chrysalis Butterflies encourage them to become involved in the Emmaus community.

SO.....find your sponsor, or those you have sponsored and invited them to attend the next Gathering.

## What's Happenin'?

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## Chrysalis Update

Hey all. Has been a bit quiet on the Chrysalis front, but we are in process of preparing for the Labor Day flight as we speak. Ken Oakes has agreed to lead the boys side of things for the next flight. Our lay director for the girls is still to be announced. We will be contacting our newest butterflies soon about upcoming opportunities to serve, and hope our past servants are in prayer now about Labor Day. It is not too early to be speaking with prospective caterpillars about the Labor Day flights/journey before folks get scattered for summer. Hope all our youth and young adults are safe and well, have a great summer and will see you soon. Love and Peace.

*Scooter*

## EMMAUS/CHRYsalis JULY GATHERING AT THE WOODS

Hope all will mark their calendars for our annual gathering in July at Wesley Woods. We look forward to seeing you on July 10 for our gathering. Camp will open about 2 pm, will have swimming, canoes, climbing and hiking. Will have meal about 5 or so and speaker and worship afterwards. We always look forward to gathering at the Woods. Hope to see you there. More info to come.

*Scooter*

## Online Community Database

GSMEC has an online database for our entire community. You have access to the entire roster, member experience, volunteers, online registration, online prayer vigil, walk histories, and much more.

You can log into the database from our website at [gsmec.org](http://gsmec.org). Then click the IMS button at the top of the Emmaus page. The default password is: rainbow.

Please log into the site and update your information and change your password.

## Words from Walk #82

After the months of preparation, the worry, the fatigue and the blessings, the GSMEC Women's Walk #82 began. By the time the 72-hours was over I had this overwhelming desire to thank everyone in sight for all the hard work. For all the newer Pilgrims, and even for those who have been around for awhile, it's hard to grasp just how many people it takes to make a Walk happen. Although it's the conference room team that is visible, there are so many more who worked very hard behind the scenes. There is the tireless Agape team (who put out agape food and gifts, cleaned everything in sight and made sure we had everything we needed), the kitchen crew who cooked our meals and those from the community who came in to serve those meals and stayed to help clean up. Then there are all the people who came to Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing. But besides all that, there were those who prayed for this walk even before the team was chosen and during team formation. And over the course of the weekend, Walk 82 was bathed in prayer by the community in the 72-hour prayer vigil. And then there was Walk 82's fantastic prayer chapel persons who prayed for our speakers and our pilgrims during the weekend. To all of these people visible and not, I extend a great "thank you." For it is truly you who made this weekend happen.

The pilgrims of Walk 82 came in on Thursday night and it didn't take long to discover we had some very interesting ladies. One of the questions from "my new friend" was: What is the farthest you have lived from Knoxville? We had some that had lived in Cali-

fornia, Chicago, and as far away as Korea, Germany and Russia. And we had plenty of laughs from pilgrims, team and especially our clergy in attendance.

As each of the talks were presented the tables became families rather than groups of strangers. We laughed ...a lot, and we cried ....a lot and sang and praised God (a lot). By the time we got to Saturday, with Dying Moments and then Candlelight, there wasn't a dry eye in the place. (And for those who don't know this already - women cry when they are happy and when they are sad).

The most fantastic thing for me about this Walk was to see the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of everyone there. I had begun my first team meeting with a different perspective on the story of Mary and Martha. The idea being that the team was Martha so that the pilgrims could be Mary and sit at the feet of the Master. But no matter whether you were a Mary or a Martha on Walk 82, the Holy Spirit touched each one of us in some way. I know that I received blessing from getting to know those of the team I had not known before, but especially from getting to know the Pilgrims of Walk 82.

I look forward to see everyone at Gatherings and other 4th Day events. And if you really want to be of service.....come and help serve a meal for the Chrysalis Flight Labor Day weekend or the Men's or Women's Fall walks! AND make sure to sign up for the prayer vigil. Remember, we are the hands and feet of Jesus.

*DeColores*

*Janie Hensley*

## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is an important part of the life of an Emmaus community.

**What is Sponsorship?** Each person who attends The Walk to Emmaus® has a sponsor. A sponsor is a person who has been through an Emmaus experience and is willing to share that experience with another new Emmaus participant.

**The aim of Sponsorship.** The aim of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others.

**The Sponsor's responsibility.** Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love.

**How to become a Sponsor.** In order to sponsor someone on Walk to Emmaus, a person must first have been on The Walk itself. A sponsor should also be active in Fourth Day.

To learn more go to: <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/invitation/> (the above information is from the Upper Room Emmaus website).



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# Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

June 2010

## June Gathering!

*“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching”,* Heb. 10:24-25. I still like that verse as a description of what our gatherings are meant to be. Let us encourage one another, indeed!

At our gathering in May at West Town Christian Church the community raised over \$1,000 for help with kitchen supplies through our Basket Auction. Thanks again to Mr. Robbie Franklin, who brought his humor and expertise to the selling of some beautiful baskets. We had everything from Movie Nights, to Emergency Mother’s Day Gifts. Thanks again to all who made the baskets, and to Terry and Beth Borger, for opening up their church to our community!

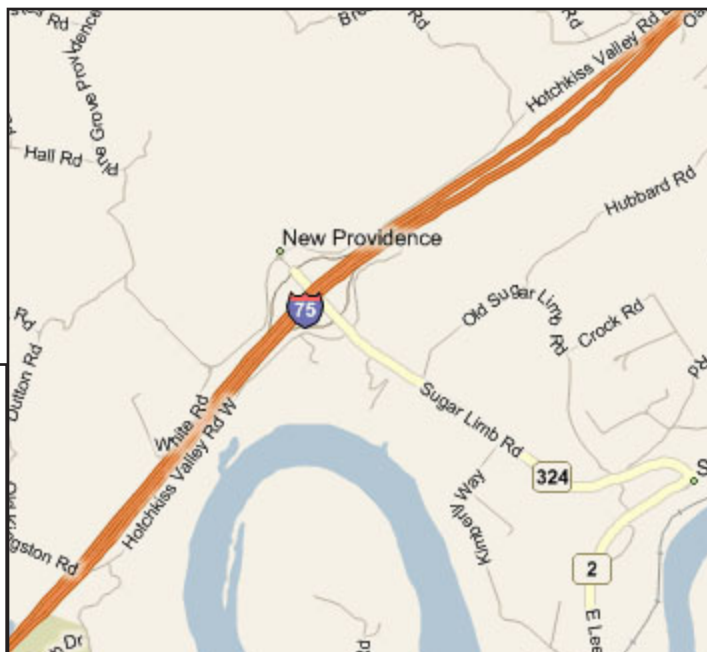
For June we will be meeting at Loudon UMC, 509 Mulberry St., Loudon, see the map and directions below. Please make plans on attending, and if you know or can reach any Chrysalis kids, please get the word that they are welcome, too. So put June 12 at 6:30 on your calendar, and grab a bag of Krystals or some drinks and chips, and come on down to Loudon! And again I would challenge you to think of someone in our community that has a special place in your heart, someone that you have not seen participating lately, perhaps from your walk or flight, and call them and extend a personal invitation to come and eat, and worship, and fellowship together. Maybe even offer them a ride to Loudon UMC!

After the June gathering we plan on heading to the Woods for the July gathering, and you can see the rest of the year’s schedule below:

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From Knoxville/Oak Ridge/Morristown: West on I-40, South on I-75 to the Sugar Limb Road exit, turn left and go a couple of miles to Highway 11. Turn right and proceed another couple of miles into Loudon, church is on your left, 509 Mulberry Street.

From Maryville: West on Highway 95 into Lenoir City, turn left on Highway 11, proceed south 6-8 miles into Loudon, church is on the left, 509 Mulberry Street.



Hey all,

We are underway preparing for the Labor Day 2010 Chrysalis/Journey weekend. Ken Oakes (kenoakes@aol.com ; 865-556-3771) and Becky Piercy (hhprwp@comcast.net ; 865-688-5300) are our lay directors for the fall. They should be contacting you shortly about team positions, especially our new butterflies. You may contact them as well. We have selected our team meeting dates as well: Sat. July 10, at Wesley Woods; Sat. July 31, at Trinity UMC in Knoxville; and Fri. and Sat, Aug. 20-21, at Wesley Woods. These meeting dates are important if you want to serve. Please be in prayer now for our leaders, their team formation, and our yet unknown caterpillars. Not to soon to be talking to youth about attending the flight.

Also, on Sat. July 10, at Camp Wesley Woods, we will have our annual gathering of our Emmaus/Chrysalis community. We will have camp activities from 2 - 5 pm, including pool, climbing, hiking (hopefully Bob Hayes will be there) and canoeing. Covered dish supper to follow, then speaker and worship. Should conclude around 7 pm. Bring family, Emmaus/Chrysalis prospects, and enjoy good fun and fellowship.

Peace and love.

*Scooter*



**Deadline**

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# Words from the Community Lay Director

A team comprises a group of people linked in a common purpose. Teams are especially appropriate for conducting tasks that are high in complexity and have many interdependent subtasks. A group in itself does not necessarily constitute a team. Teams normally have members with complementary skills and generate synergy through a coordinated effort which allows each member to maximize his or her strengths and minimize his or her weaknesses. Are you interested in leading a Walk to Emmaus and feel called to do so?

Every Emmaus Weekend is made up of a team. The process of getting a team together is not a simple one I have learned! We have a team selection committee and a team selection board member who oversees the process. There are guidelines that must be followed. It is not as simple as saying "I think so and so would be good at..." Team selection for every walk begins at least 6 months prior to the walk. A Lay Director and a Lay Director 1 (in training) must be in place before the team selection committee will meet to pray and discuss who will be asked to serve in the various positions for the upcoming walk. Prayerful discernment of God's plan for each team down to each and every individual member He wants to serve and the exact position He wants them to be asked to serve in is the goal of the team selection committee.

Each team is made up of many positions. Those positions include 8 table leaders, 8 assistant table leaders, 2 to serve as an ALD 2, an Agape Team leader and 6 to 8 team members, two to three prayer chapel people, and the music leader and team. The GSMEC follows a model of progressive servanthood. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular

assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience gained by working other Walk related positions. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles (agape, kitchen, set-up, outside team) and then moves into the conference room.

Please give prayerful consideration to being on a team even if you don't meet all of the requirements at the moment. The GSMEC Board can help you receive the proper training and gain the right experience through progressive servanthood until the one day you are selected to lead a Walk. Listen to God's voice and know that He will call you to lead a Walk at the right time for you and according to His plan. It's a big job, with lots of responsibility, but remember you'll have more Christians than you can count ready to help at a moment's notice. As always, "it's a God thing" and it always works out because as it states in Matthew 19:26 "with God all things are possible."

*DeColores,*

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## July Gathering! Bring the Family

I wanted to find a scripture about **Joy**, to lead into this article about our upcoming July Gathering. There were literally hundreds of scriptures to choose from in my search (I recommend it as a good Bible study), but I ran across this definition in the search results also: “**Joy** - happiness over an unanticipated or present good. “ I truly think that is a great description of what Christian **Joy** is also, and I challenge you to find that surprise-**joy**, and the everyday-**joy**, in your life, and bring it with you to Wesley Woods on July 10<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks to Lorraine France for opening up her beautiful church for our June Gathering, and sharing their praise band with us for some excellent worship and fellowship, and thanks to their pastor, Tony Collins, for leading our communion. Now for July we will be heading to the Woods!

We will be gathering at any time from 2:00 on, so plan on coming early to enjoy the pool, walking trails (escorted by the wonderful trail boss - Bob Hays), and general fellowship together. We should begin eating by around 5:30 or so, followed by music, worship, and even more **Joy** and fellowship. Directions to the woods are:

From Maryville, proceed south on 321 towards Townsend. From Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville it is approximately 9 miles to the left turn onto Old Walland Highway, toward Wesley Woods. Proceed 3.7 miles along Old Walland Highway to the Wesley Woods entrance on your left, and from there it's about a mile up the gravel road, the pavillion where we will be eating will be on your right.

From Sevierville, you can come from from 441 in Pigeon Forge, via Wears Valley Road, to where it intersects with 321 in Townsend. Make a right turn, and proceed north toward Maryville about 8 miles, and you will make a right turn onto Old Walland Highway, then follow the directions as above.

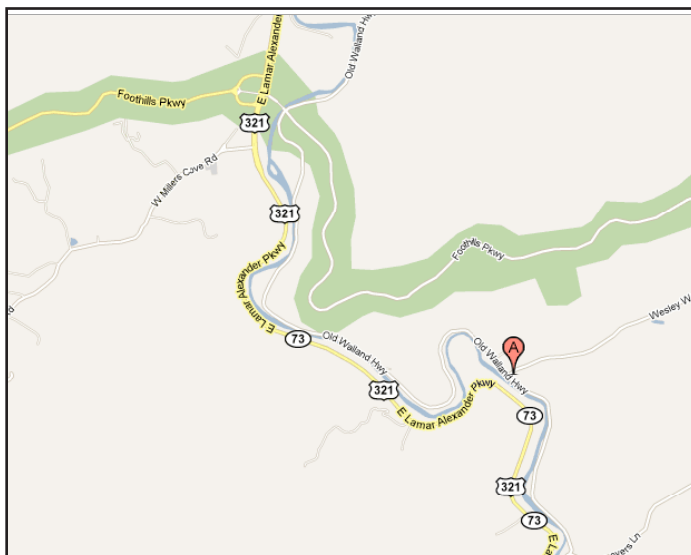
Plan on bringing a covered dish, dessert, or drinks, and maybe a camp chair or two, and sharing in the Joy of being in the body of Christ, a “present good” type of **Joy** if I ever heard one!

After the July gathering we plan on heading to Sevierville for the August gathering, and you can see the rest of the year's schedule below:

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## TREASURER'S DUE'S & DON'TS

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WE AS A COMMUNITY ARE BILLED FOR THESE ITEMS FROM A LOCAL CHRISTIAN BOOK-STORE AND I AS THE TREASURER AM TO SUBMIT PAYMENT FOR THE ITEMS SOLD IN A TIMELY MANNER, HOWEVER I CANNOT DO SO IF BILLS GO LEFT UNPAID. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A BILL THAT MAY HAVE GOTTEN OVERLOOKED, PLEASE FORWARD PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF **YOUR** - GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY.

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# Good News, Bad News, Who's To Say?

Good news, bad news, who's to say? This a line from an old Chinese proverb used in a sermon I heard lately. (Yes the bible was used too) The punch line, or moral of the story, is that sometimes when we hear «news» we say «that's bad news.» But who is to say if it is good news or bad news? Sometimes something that appears to be bad news turns out to be good news and vice versa. Perhaps that is how we need to think about change. There is a lot of talk about what we used to do in Emmaus and what we do now. Change happens. Whether we like it or not, whether we want it or not, change happens.

On June 12th, several members of the GSMEC Board attended the Leadership Training Class in Chattanooga. There we learned just how well Mike Ooten had educated us on why we do what we do and why some things we do need(ed) to change. I guess the one thing I want to say is that I recognize that there is the way we used to do it and the way we need to do it now. I have been on walks that were run the old way and more in line with the «right way». I did not notice a huge difference as a team member and I am betting that the pilgrims on the walks certainly did not know that «that's not the way we used to do it». We have a model that has guidelines we need to follow if we are to call ourselves an Emmaus Community. There is a reason things are done a certain or particular way and we must always remember that. Our jobs require guidelines, our churches have guidelines, our families have guidelines, our lives have guidelines. Most guidelines are not stagnant, but change. We need to follow the guidelines, even when we don't like something about them. If we don't every weekend will take on a life of it's own that reflects the team's personality and not the purpose it was designed for. «The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through

the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being «a servant of all.» from The Upper Room Website.

The Walk to Emmaus calls forth and renews us in Christian discipleship. On an Emmause weekend we take a look at New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle. This highly structured weekend is designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and, through them, their families, congregations, and the world in which they live. The focus of Walk to Emmaus is God, as known in Jesus Christ, and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Walk to Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. So let's stop worrying about how we used to do it. Let's accept the changes and move on with furthering the kingdom of God and Jesus Christ in our world. «Good news, bad news; who's to say?»

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# Encouragement for your Fourth Day!

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

Blessings to you all. I have a heavy heart and want to share it with you requesting your prayers on my behalf that I may be given wisdom to know how I can do my part to help fix this problem that I see. With that said, I guess I need to identify the problem. Here it is. Our last Gathering for the Emmaus community was Saturday, June 12, 2010. Out of a Community of about 4,000 members we had 28 members present. Don't get me wrong, even though we were few in number the fellowship was great, the food (as always) was awesome and we had a great time of Worship & Praise...BUT! It seems to me that in a Community of about 4000 members, WE CAN DO BETTER! AMEN????

I am reminded of a marquee in front of a church that read "Jesus adds & multiplies, Satan subtracts and divides. The more I thought about it the more I found that to be a very profound statement. You see it is very Biblical. There is in the Bible 58 "one another commands," not suggestions, of Scripture that tells us how God our Father wants His children to live in relationship to "ONE ANOTHER" Here are a few of them for your encouragement. Hebrews 10:25 "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds all the more as we see the day drawing near", Romans 12: 10 Be Devoted to one another in brotherly love" same verse, Honor one another above yourselves. Galatians 6:2 "Carry one another's burdens". Galatians 5:13 "Serve one another in love." Just to name a few. Jesus said in John, ". . . they will know that you are mine by the way you have love for one another" At the last Gathering I had the privilege of sharing a 4th day talk with the family and I would like to share a condensed version of that talk to hopefully encourage you.

Let me ask you to go back in your mind to the Thursday evening you showed up with your sponsor for your walk. You came into the dining room and saw a bunch of people you did not know from Adam or Eve. Got a plate of food and went with your sponsor and found a place to sit among a bunch of people you did not know from Adam or Eve. And there you sat with about 31 other pilgrims and you all had that "deer in the headlights" look on your faces. Then after a short time, you were herded off, up to the Sanctuary where they called you out by name and had you come

down and stand in front of all of these people that you didn't know from Adam or Eve, then you were escorted out of the building and walked around the block and back into a small conference room. The next thing you know, your standing in front of all these people that you don't know from Adam or Eve introducing you "NEW BEST FRIEND" that you didn't know from \_ \_ \_ \_ or \_ \_ \_ and somehow, it wasn't so bad. I mean, you started to realize that everyone in the room was in the same boat that you were in. And your weekend began. Remember? The messages about the Grace of our Lord, working out your thoughts as a team on posters or in song or maybe a skit. The times of silent meditation. Bonding with the people at your table, establishing friendships that will last down through the years and possibly even into eternity. Meeting separately together around the Lord table as you took Holy Communion and the weekend just kept getting better and better. The food, fellowship, your letters etc... Then, as all good things do, Sunday evening came and that cocoon of God's love that you found yourself wrapped in burst. It was time to come out of your cocoon and spread your wings and go back into the world or as we affectionately call it in the Emmaus Community start your 4th day. Are you with me? How did that work for you?

Next was my personal testimony which for the sake of this letter I will spare you the details but here's the short version. My walk was March of 2009, it was incredible, it totally blew me away. What was the culmination of 5 years of prodding to get me to go on this walk finally bore fruit. As much as I hated to see the weekend come to an end, I couldn't wait to get home to encourage my wife to go on the next walk in April which she did. As I had hoped, she came away from her walk with the same conviction as I did. We both wanted to be very involved in the Emmaus Community. So we could help as many people experience the quality of a walk that we did. So we made a commitment to serve in the Community as much as we can. You have to know that when you make a commitment to do something to bring honor and/or glory to God, the evil one is going to be right there to do what he can to stop you.

As I said, my walk was in March, my wife was in April, we committed to serve. On May 30, 2009 I was playing golf with a group of brothers from the Church where I worship. I leaned out of the golf cart to pick up a golf ball as we passed by. I felt a pull, heard a snap like my bone in my arm broke and sat up only to



## Fourth Day - Continued

realize that I had detached my left bicep muscle. That resulted in a reattachment surgery on June 11, 2009 and took me out of work for the following 14 weeks. It healed but not properly. I couldn't rotate my arm because in the healing process I deposited too much calcium. The cure, another surgery to scrape away the excess bone that had formed. That happened on Dec. 28, 2009. The good news, I would be out of work only one week which was the week between Christmas and New Years and the company that I worked for closed that week anyway. So I came back to work on Jan. 2, 2010 worked three weeks only to find out on Wednesday the 27th that the company was closing their doors on the 29th. I have been unemployed since. But I am still here, Praise the Lord!

I shared that testimony to encourage you all. We all go through stuff because the evil one does not want God to receive Glory by or through any of us. So if you're not getting heckled by the evil one . . . ? and if you are, hear the words to this song by the Crabb Family, they are powerful. The song is called "Through the Fire" the lyric says, "He never promised that the cross would not be heavy or the hill would not be hard to climb, He never offered victories without fighting, but He said help would always come in time. Just remember when your standing in the valley of decision and the adversary says GIVE IN, JUST HOLD ON! OUR LORD WILL SHOW UP, AND HE WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE FIRE AGAIN."

And so I say brothers and sisters, don't give up, just hold on, stay close to the Lord and to the family and together we will make it through. I will sum it up by sharing this. What has pulled Beth and I through is God, by His Grace and Mercy and You, His family, my family. In short I will sum up by saying this. Follow the Lord by obeying the greatest and 2nd commands. Love God, love each other. In John 15 :13 it says, "No greater love has any man than this, that one would lay down his life for a friend. You are my friends, if you do what I command you." And in 1 John 3 :16 it says, "Because He laid down His life for us we ought to lay down our life for our brothers." Truly, we are family, lets act like it!

Saved to Serve,  
Brother Terry Borger

## **SPONSORSHIP -** **"THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF ALL"**

New "pilgrims" and old, we all are excited to share our Emmaus experience, and with this sharing comes a responsibility to Christ. Referring to Chapter 8 in **Day Four: The Pilgrim's Journey**, we read that we are looking to share Emmaus with those already on a spiritual journey of faith and ready to "move forward". They know Christ has "made a difference" in their lives. They are at a point in their lives where they are ready to "give full attention" to the holy experience spending "72 hours" with God and be open to participation in the follow-up activities.

We all have someone we know who fit this description!! When we find this person, as Mike Ooten said in the introduction to the last newsletter, the first thing we do is "**PRAY**" ("without ceasing", I might add) with a focus on that person, follow with a personal invitation to a "more vitally alive relationship with Jesus Christ" (by sharing your own experience of Emmaus) and have a registration blank with you (available at the GSMEC website). Go over it with them, answering questions as they arise.

Realize that this is only the beginning of your commitment. Keep on praying and prepare to be a good sponsor for the weekend (if the person has family) and after (make sure their "Day Four" experience includes a reunion group and invitations to gatherings.

In this opening article, I've just hit the highlights of Chapter 8, **The Next Generation: Being a Good Sponsor**. I invite you to read it and if you have questions, we'll answer them in upcoming newsletters. Reflect on your weekend, talk to your sponsor and share tips with us so we can all become good at this most important responsibility!! I look forward to your input!!!

And *DeColores!*

Marcia Malin

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August 2010

## Come Join Us! August Gathering!

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended our gathering in July at Wesley Woods. This month we are heading to Sevierville, to gather at the Sevierville City Park on August 14!

We will be gathering at 6:30 at the pavilion. Feel free to come early and enjoy the park amenities: huge pool with lifeguards and mini water park, playground, and tennis and basketball courts.

Directions to the park are: Coming from I-40, take the Sevierville exit and take Highway 66 into Sevierville. Take the overflow bypass (448), go across Highway 441, go a couple of blocks and turn left on Park Road (next to Rick's Auto Repair), continue on Park Road and bear right at the next split, go about 2 blocks and pass the City Park Market on your left, then make your next right into the park. Bear left and go past the pool, pavilion should be on your right.

In case of bad weather, we will convene at First UMC Sevierville, 214 Cedar Street, Sevierville. It's 1 block past the first light after you cross 441, on the left.

Plan on bringing a covered dish, dessert, or drinks, and maybe a camp chair or two.

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Please put these dates on your calendar, and plan on attending as many gatherings as you can. All members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are invited. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to me at [tdunaway@frontier.net](mailto:tdunaway@frontier.net). Wear your name buttons, and see you there!



Hey all,

We are underway preparing for the Labor Day 2010 Chrysalis/Journey weekend. Ken Oakes ( [kenoakes@aol.com](mailto:kenoakes@aol.com) ; 865-556-3771) and Becky Piercy ( [hhprwp@comcast.net](mailto:hhprwp@comcast.net) ; 865-688-5300) are our lay directors for the fall. Please be in prayer now for our leaders, their team formation, and our yet unknown caterpillars. Not to soon to be talking to youth about attending the flight.

Peace and love.  
*Scooter*



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### TREASURER'S DUE'S & DON'TS

THIS IS JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER OF **YOUR** SMOKY MOUNTAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY. AND YES THIS COMMUNITY IS YOURS- WHEN YOU ATTEND A WEEK-END WHETHER IT BE AS A PILGRIM OR A RETURNING COMMUNITY MEMBER, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM THE BOOK-TABLE.

WE AS A COMMUNITY ARE BILLED FOR THESE ITEMS FROM A LOCAL CHRISTIAN BOOK-STORE AND I AS THE TREASURER AM TO SUBMIT PAYMENT FOR THE ITEMS SOLD IN A TIMELY MANNER, HOWEVER I CANNOT DO SO IF BILLS GO LEFT UNPAID. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE A BILL THAT MAY HAVE GOTTEN OVERLOOKED, PLEASE FORWARD PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF **YOUR** - GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY.

**DeColores**  
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## What's Going On Around The Community

Do you have something you want to share with the community. Is something happening at your church you want to share with community members? Do you have a joy, a concern, a prayer request, or just want to communicate with your Christian brothers and sisters, please email the article to: [jhensle5ut@gmail.com](mailto:jhensle5ut@gmail.com)

Send as a word document attached to the email, or include it in the body of the email.

*We would love to know what's happenin' around the community!*

**The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 20th.**

## Prayer

### Jesus, gentle Shepherd

Jesus, gentle Shepherd,  
Bless Thy lamb to-day;  
Keep me in Thy footsteps,  
Never let me stray.  
Guard me through the daytime.  
Every hour, I pray;  
Keep my feet from straying  
From the narrow way.  
Amen.

There are those in our community who need our prayers. Among the needs are illness, jobs, need for direction, spiritual renewal. If you know of anyone who needs the prayers of the community please send their names to be included in the next newsletter. (email address: [jhensle5ut@gmail.com](mailto:jhensle5ut@gmail.com).)

## Flight Support Chrysalis & Journey Flight September 4-6

As part of the Emmaus Community you are called to be a servant, showing agape love. Think back to all the love you were shown by God's servants during your walk or flight. With that firmly in your mind, respond by supporting the upcoming flight. During the weekend this is need for help with agape and in the dining room and kitchen for meals. Show your support by humbling giving your service.

**Set Up:** Friday Sept. 3

**Send Off:** Saturday morning Sept 4

**Candlelight:** Sunday Sept 5 - 8pm

**Closing:** Monday Sept 6 - 4:30pm

**Kitchen Schedule:** (times are aprox)

| <u>Meal</u> | <u>Prep</u> | <u>Serve &amp; Clean up</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Breakfast   | 6am         | 8am                         |
| Lunch       | 10am        | 12:30pm                     |
| Dinner      | 3pm         | 5:30pm                      |

## Agapé Needed!

There is always need for Agape food and drinks, drop them off during setup or send off or anytime during the weekend. Plus, now is the time to make agapé gifts ready for the Chrysalis flights, the Men's Walk in October and the Women's Walk in November.

If you have sponsored a caterer, make sure to get your Agape Letters in.



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## A word to the Community from the Lay Directors

I go to church with a woman who hasn't attended a Walk yet (hopefully soon), whose daughter is a part of the Chrysalis community. Last fall, I believe it was, the Chrysalis and Emmaus communities joined together for a time of worship out at Trinity UMC, and my friend attended with her daughter. She was blown away! She went on and on about how enthusiastic and worshipful and the Spirit in the place. I know how she feels, I get that every time I get to be with our communities, and maybe especially with the Chrysalis community.

If you haven't had a chance to be around our Chrysalis young people, you're missing out. What a great group - I'm constantly inspired by their enthusiastic commitment to our Lord and to living a life in His will. For your own encouragement, and to support this great group, I hope that you will come and be a part of the upcoming Flight. Come to send-off, candlelight and closing. And beyond that - have you thought about who you could sponsor? By the time you read this, the flight will be almost here (Sep 4-6), but it's (probably) not too late. What a gift to give someone! But regardless of what else you can do, please pray for the Flight, for the caterpillars and the team.

God bless,  
*Ken Oakes*



I would like for both communities to know what a privilege it is to be the Lay Director for Chrysalis Flight 56, Journey 14 Girl's Team.

I know a lot of adults through the years have said to me about working with young adults, "Better you than me."

I was amazed and still am to know that it still the case. Then, I remembered a very important biblical truth...The Body of Christ has many members... What in fact would we do if we did not have the MANY members! Youth are special. It is no news to most. However, I believe the vibrant spirits are a refreshment to me let alone the world. When I look at our worship service on Sundays at Trinity UMC, Knoxville, I see so many youth that are leaders in our church. The youth over the years ( I have been there since 1979. Moreover, a part of Emmaus since Walk 10 and Chrysalis since the inception) I have seen one after the other go into ministry. I have seen a revelation in my church with youth taking a vital role in the church. The youth enjoy serving in many capacities. They keep alive by studying together and worshiping together. They sit at the front of the church for worship on Sundays. Without Chrysalis, many perhaps would not be in the place they are now with their KING. I have shared many a time with many people in our church...the YOUTH are going to take us on home! They know the TRUE meaning of worship and praise...they know at such a young age! Hallelujah! (Do I hear an AMEN?) I share it because I did not have a clue at that age like they do about Jesus now. I am so inspired by the youth that it keeps me excited to work with them and share with them. I am fortunate to count my blessings as I reflect on the youth of today. The "Chrysalis kids" as I call them...they are a great group of worshipers---free to worship, praise God and enjoy the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God and ALL glory and honor to the Lord above for great things He does for us.

In Christ's most precious name! I count it a joy and a privilege!

*Becky Piercy*

Walk # 10, Lay Director Walk 37, Lay Director Flight 32 and upcoming Flight and Journey

# September Gathering!

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended our gathering in August at Sevierville City Park. Special thanks to Brooke Blair, who secured the pavilion at that park and arranged for the board to meet at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. Also thanks to Pastor Charlie Harrison from First, who served us communion, and all the good folks from First that attended. This month the Community is heading to Oakes Corn Maze, in Corryton. Community member Ken Oakes and family own and run this wonderful place. Check it out at [www.oakesfarm.com](http://www.oakesfarm.com).

Directions: Take the Knoxville Center exit (Exit 8) off I-640. Go north on Washington Pike 10 miles. Turn left onto Corryton Road, go 2.3 miles, and the farm is on the right.

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We will be gathering outside on the grounds, under one of the big tents, so dress cool, plan on bringing

a covered dish, dessert, or drinks, and maybe a camp chair or two. We will gather starting at 6:30, and this will also be the Chrysalis Flight Next Steps meeting (Brother Ken is also the Lay Leader for the boys on this flight), so be sure and invite all the Chrysalis kids you know for some food, worship, witness, and fellowship!

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## A Word from the Community Lay Director

De Colores and Greetings to the Great Smoky Mountain and Chrysalis communities. It's hard to believe that summer 2010 is "over" and school has started again! For those of you lucky enough to have a vacation this summer I hope you are well rested and refreshed and ready to jump back into the crazy schedule that is your life! At least that is how my life feels sometimes - CRAZY! When I think back to my Walk, #46 Table of Rachel in 2001, I remember the talk on priorities. That is a loaded word isn't it? What is a priority? If you "google" the word there is 177,000,000 "hits". No wonder it is confusing, right? For me a priority is something of importance, something I don't want to forget, something that comes first when I am planning my money, my time, my gifts. God certainly should be my first priority. I often forget that and I am sorry to admit that He does not take first priority in my life in any of the areas of money, time or gifts. But my goal is to make Him first in all these areas.

How to do that; well that is another loaded question! And then there are responsibilities. As a wife, mother, friend, employee, sister, daughter in law, volunteer, community lay director, I have a lot of responsibilities and sometimes the priority of one of these roles conflicts with the priority of another. Are you overwhelmed or confused yet? Frequently I have to weigh a responsibility against a priority. God should always come first. Sometimes the responsibility of a role makes doing one Christian thing more of a priority than another Christian thing.

As we get back into the swing of our busy fall schedules we will each be faced with making decisions. I hope that we can remember to keep the upcoming Emmaus Walks and the Chrysalis Flight a priority in our schedules. Remember that Agape gifts and food are needed. Remember that attending send off is important to attend. Remember that Candlelight is such a special time for those attending their weekends. And remember closing. This is perhaps one of the hardest things to make a priority, but I promise you if you attend a closing you will be blessed when you hear what the weekend has meant to the new members of our community. Remember your walk, remember to make God your first priority. Remember to support the community this fall. See you at Central!

*Ginger Billingsley*  
Emmaus Community Lay Director

## Would you like to be a team member on an upcoming walk?

Emmaus highly suggests working behind the scenes on a we go on our walks, we tend to forget a lot of what happened during the weekend. I did not remember the flowers on table at all for the weekend... let alone that they changed at each meal!

We have a sign in sheet for the Dining Room and Kitchen. Agape keeps track of who comes in and helps them as well. To work a walk according to Emmaus, you need to have substantial experience behind the scenes on a weekend. You don't have to spend the weekend, but you do need to be there for most of the time.

Did you know that a team is made up of 1/3 with no conference room experience, 1/3 with one walk experience and 1/3 with more than 1 or 2 walk experience? Due to the makeup of the conference room, there are times that we have to overlook the experience rule a bit so be sure your name goes on the sign in sheets if you want to work in the conference room.

If you have behind the scenes experience and haven't been called and would like to be considered for an upcoming team, please contact the Team Selection Board Reps, Mike Ooten (865-250-1991) or Suzy Ooten (865-805-8822).

### Agapé Needed!

There is always need for Agape food and drinks, drop them off during setup or send off or anytime during the weekend. Plus, now is the time to make agapé gifts ready for the Men's Walk in October and the Women's Walk in November.

If you have sponsored a pilgrim, make sure to get your Agape Letters together and turned in.

## SPONSORSHIP

“Creating purposeful, dedicated disciples and effective church leaders, the function of the Emmaus movement, relies completely on prayer and effective sponsorship.” - Stephen Bryant, Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus

### WHO SHOULD GO ON A WALK?

- 1- Church leaders, both clergy and laity, who would and could bring new vision to their local communities.
- 2- Dependable church members - the quiet backbone of the Church.
- 3- Less active members who may be tired or who have had their fervor quenched and need this weekend of renewal.
- 4- Christians who are hungry for “something more.”
- 5- Christians who want to grow both spiritually and in ministry.
- 6- Members/leaders who represent a cross section of the Church and who will help Emmaus remain sound theologically, centered on the essentials of our common faith, and open to different perspectives.
- 7- Respected laypersons/clergypersons whose participation, support and leadership will encourage others to take the Walk and build a sound, balanced leadership base for the movement in the community.

(suggestions taken from Sponsorship handout provided by the Upper Room)

PLEASE SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS OF GOOD SPONSORSHIP EXPERIENCES WITH US!

Marcia Malin  
marcia\_malin1953@yahoo.com



## A Moment of Prayer

Do you remember seeing the 72-hour Prayer Vigil on your walk? All those people took 30 minute times blocks out of their day to pray for you. Prayer is what undergirds the Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights. Not just the 72-hour Vigil, but constant prayer. We need to keep not only the community in our prayers, but those members of the teams and the pilgrims who will be on those walks. Prayfully consider someone you might sponsor for a walk.

There are also many prayer concerns throughout the community. Those who are sick, those facing surgeries, those who are experiencing financial difficulties, those who have worries they may not verbalize to anyone, and many others. We need to keep all those in our prayers.

We are a community of many hands and feet, and voices.....we are also a community of prayer. Listen for God's still small voice, He will often prompt you to pray for someone. Listen and follow His promptings.

*Father God, give us ears to hear Your promptings to intercede and the will to obey. Amen.*

## What's Going On Around The Community

Do you have something you want to share with the community. Is something happening at your church you want to share with community members? Do you have a joy, a concern, a prayer request, or just want to communicate with your Christian brothers and sisters, please email the article to: [jhensle5ut@gmail.com](mailto:jhensle5ut@gmail.com)

Send as a word document attached to the email, or include it in the body of the email.

*We would love to know what's happenin' around the community!*

**The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 20th.**

## Notes from the Sevier County Area

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was so hot in Sevier County tonight. Whew! The Gathering was small but lovely. It is always great to fellowship with Christian friends. If you were not there you were missed. We met at the Sevierville City Park and had good food, prayer and praise requests, a great 4th Day talk by Lorraine France, and communion, served by Charlie Harrison.

Please plan to attend the next GSMEC Gathering September 11th. This will be with the Chrysalis Kids and many will have just come from their Labor Day Flight. You will receive more information about this in the Emmaus newsletter.

Well folks, this is what I get for trying to get ahead of the game for a change. Our Sevier County Gather was scheduled for September 25 at at FUMC Sevierville, but one of our committees at church did not notice that our name was on the calendar and scheduled a weekend long family event called "HOME IMPROVEMENT". If any of you are interested, let me know....however, that is another story. Quickly checking the calendar we are now clear to have the Gathering on the 18th of September which is the third Saturday. I hope that I have given everyone enough notice so that you can get this on your personal calendars and please plan to attend.

Please remember the Oct. 23rd Gathering. We will be blessed with a special guest from the board of Emmaus International. Again, we meet at FUMC Sevierville. We need a good turn-out for this special time. There will be no Sevier County gathering in November or December. However, we want a large local crowd to attend and support the GSMEC Gathering at FUMC Gatlinburg on 11 December. I will be sending you a reminder about the upcoming Gatherings. Janie Hensley and Tim Dunaway will also keep us updated. If you are not getting your newsletters or blasts please let Mike Ooten know. His email address is [mike@ooten.com](mailto:mike@ooten.com).

**Remember, the September Gathering for Sevier County Folks is Saturday, 18 September 2010 at 5:30 at FUMC Sevierville**

DeColores,  
*Brooke Blair*



# Agapé

When asked about my Emmaus experience I often describe it as a “love fest.” I had never experienced the love of the Body as I did during my Walk. I was overwhelmed by the visible and the invisible, the deeds performed by strangers as statements of love for me. From the prayer vigil to poems taped to the bathroom mirrors, to the gifts placed on my pillow, or at my dinner plate. We refer to these tokens as “agape,” but in truth all efforts were acts of agape. Every hour given to setting rooms, preparing meals, cleaning sinks and toilets—every minute was selflessly offered to serve my fellow pilgrims and me in love. That’s Agape Love.

Agape is an active love. It is unconditional giving—nothing is expected in return. It involves a sacrifice of something personal and precious—talent, time, and resources. It is the living expression of God’s love for us. Because He first loved us, we love in return. How could we not?

While agape is expressed in countless ways, the table/pillow agape serves as a tangible reminder of God’s continuing love long after the pilgrim returns home. The power of His love reaches out through the broken, flawed world in the form of a small trinket—by itself, inadequate, but when offered by faithful believers, it becomes a statement of His Mighty Love. The reverence must be respected, but giving table/pillow agape also offers the opportunity for frivolous fun. A gift that demonstrates wit, practicality, or foresight clearly states that message of unconditional love.

**So how can you express your love for the Pilgrims through agape?**

First, follow the KISS method – Keep It Simple, uh, Sister (or brother!) It’s best not to get bogged down turning out elaborate knick-knacks because so many pieces are needed (a minimum of 40 items is needed for each batch). And a batch must contain identical items. But simplifying the process does not detract from the purpose. Attaching a magnet to an object or a scripture verse to a piece of candy will convey your message of affection. Writing a poem or devotional will communicate your personalized love offering. Ideas may come from your own walk: was there a talk that inspired you? Tie an agape gift to the theme or the scripture of that talk. Your reminder gift may help someone *Grow Through Study* or live the life of *Christian Action*. Is there something that would be helpful to the pilgrims? Gifts for the conference room, such as pencils or bottles of water, may actually serve a functional purpose. I laughed when I found earplugs on my pillow that first night—but what a blessing they turned out to be! Were you impressed with a table setting during one of the meals? Coordinate a gift to fit the colors or meal theme. Inspiration for agape can also strike while walking the aisles of craft departments or discount stores. What scripture comes to mind when you see a book of matches? Look around your own home—what’s in that junk drawer? How many verses can be tied to nail or a battery or a rubber band?

Finally, if you are truly stuck for an idea we have loaded pictures of some Agape gifts used on previous walks on the GSMEC website. There you will also find a list of ideas to spark your creativity. Another great resource is fellowship with long time community members. Over the years, we have had some really beautiful gifts and some of the “older” members will be happy to share ideas with you.



Once you've assembled the pieces, attached the verses, offered your personal blessings, the final fitting for your agape gift is your prayer over it. Ask God for open hearts and receptive minds so that your gift is accepted as love. Pray for peace among the men and women, for unity among the tables. Pray that the blessings you received on your Walk be increased with each successive Walk to Emmaus.

### Agape Tips

1. In order to provide the same gift to everyone the following quantities are requested: 60 for the conference room/dining room.  
40 for the pillow (pilgrims only)  
Remember that if you don't send enough – even by one gift (for example 39 instead of 40) we will not be able to use any of your gifts. All gifts must be identical.
2. Please bring gifts to the Agape room no later than noon on Friday so all gifts can be counted, sorted, and scheduled for delivery at the most appropriate time of the walk.
3. If you would like your gift delivered at a certain time during the walk (for example, after a certain talk) please place the gifts in some container (bag, box, etc.) and clearly mark those instructions on the container. In a perfect world, the Agape team would remember that you told them what time to deliver the gift but, if you have ever worked Agape for a weekend you KNOW that won't happen!
4. If you just don't feel creative or don't have time to make a gift, please

remember we also need snacks for the Pilgrims – this is Agape too! Please follow the same “by Friday at noon schedule” for the snacks as well. This helps the team to plan what snacks for what time and really eliminates stress of not enough as well as waste.

5. Please keep in mind the gender of the pilgrims on the walk. On women's weekends, pink razors or pens with flowers glued to them will be well received, but on the men's weekend – not so much. Most men just don't appreciate the beauty of a rose taped to a bookmark while most of us women don't understand anything with a fishing lure on it. Just keep in mind what would be Agape love to whatever particular gender is walking that weekend.





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## 2010 Community Calendar

**Chrysalis/Journey Flight.....Sept. 4-6 .....Central UMC**  
 September Gathering .....Sept. 11 @ 6:30..... Oakes Corn Maze  
 Sevier Area Mini-Gathering.....Sept. 18 ..... 1st UMC Sevier  
 October Gathering.....Oct. 16 @ 6:30.....Cokesbury UMC  
**Men’s Walk #83 .....Oct.. 7-10.....Central UMC**  
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# Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

October 2010



## October Gathering is Moved! (Chili Cookoff....)

First off, THANKS to Ken Oakes and Rutherford Memorial UMC, for offering us shelter from the storm this past month! We tried to come together at the Oakes' Corn Maze for the September Gathering, but we had a storm brew up, so we relocated to Rutherford's family life center. The Chrysalis Next Steps meeting was well-attended, and thanks to all: the community who helped and attended, Grady and Alex and friends for the worship music, and special thanks to Pastor Joe Black, who served communion. This month the Community was scheduled to head to Cokesbury UMC, but due to a scheduling snafu we are re-directing to Trinity UMC, 5613 Western Avenue, Knoxville, 37921.

**Directions:** Take Interstate 40 to I-640, to the Western Avenue exit. Go west on Western Avenue approximately 2 miles, and Trinity UMC is on the right.

This October gathering will be our annual **Chili Cookoff**, so bring your best chili recipe and fixings, and we will vote for our favorites and see who comes out on top! Don't forget to also bring desserts and drinks. Please be sure and invite everyone you know in our Emmaus and Chrysalis communities for food, worship, witness, and fellowship.

After the October gathering we will be visiting Fairview UMC, and you can see the remaining year's schedule below:

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| October 16  | Trinity UMC - Chili Cookoff |
| November 13 | Fairview UMC                |
| December 11 | Gatlinburg First UMC        |

We are still needing Fourth Day speakers for our Gatherings. If you feel lead to share with us how your walk with Christ is continuing, we encourage you to answer that call. We all need to hear that good

word of witness from our brothers and sisters.

Please put these dates on your calendar, and plan on attending as many gatherings as you can. All members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are invited. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to me at [tdunaway@frontiernet.net](mailto:tdunaway@frontiernet.net). Wear your name buttons, and see you there!

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Men's Walk # 83**  
**October 7-10**

**Women's Walk #84**  
**November 4-7**

Put these on your calendar and make plans to show your support for these pilgrims and your Emmaus Community.



### Deadline

for November Newsletter  
**October 25th**

# News from Sevier Area Gathering

Our gathering was small but filled with the Holy Spirit. We had 4 new folks who were there for the first time. Diana and June Spence from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Sevierville and Annie and Paul Waddell from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Seymour came tonight with their delicious offerings. The 7 of us had a spirit filled time of sharing, singing (led by Joella), and praying.

Amanda Galbraith had emergency surgery to put a tube in her ear on Thursday. We missed her and hope she has a speedy recovery. Louise Moffett is still awaiting progress on her eye. The doctor is actually amazed that the eye seems to be getting better (prayer works). She has a new problem, though. Louise's blood counts are not up to where they should be and her rheumatologist is concerned. She is trying to rest more and eat better. Continue to remember Linda Rideout in your prayers as she deals with her knee problems.

Another prayer request is for the upcoming Men's Walk and Kairos Outside. These are on the same weekend which begins 7 October. Mike Lee is on the Men's team and Ed O'Brien will be a pilgrim. Annie and Paul Waddell will be on the team for Kairos Outside. Annie will be giving a talk and Paul will be working the kitchen.

Mark your calendars for 22 October and our Sevier County Gathering at FUMC Sevierville at 5:30. Also, make a note that Sevier County will again be hosting the GSMEC community gathering on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at FUMC Gatlinburg. Please try to attend this last gathering of 2010. I will be reminding you again.

Love and Peace to all,  
DeColores,

*Brooke*

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## 2010 Chrysalis Board of Directors

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**Music & Entertainment** - David Leach 448-3327

**72 hr Prayer Vigil** - David Ault 675-9604

**Registration** - Andy and Paulette Milligan 693-4990

**Set-Up & Take-down** - Colleen Hauser 219-0190

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## Day Four The Pilgrim's Continued Journey

Your Emmaus experience was three days long. The rest of your life will be a succession of Fourth days. You are asked to live Day Four as intentionally as the three days of the Emmaus Walk, accompanied by a growing desire to become a willing and joyful servant of God.

The Walk to Emmaus was not the beginning of your Christian pilgrimage. Rather, the Walk is like coming into a movie that is already in progress. There were and are and will be many important factors in your faithful living. Family, friends, congregations, special events and ministry--all these have been a part of your Christian development. God has worked through a multitude of channels to share grace and love with you.

The call to serve God and to serve with enthusiasm comes in the midst of many other demands and priorities. Any relationship that is not given priority soon becomes meaningless if not lost altogether. Our yes to God is not a once-and-for-all event. The sole purpose of the Emmaus movement is to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations. Emmaus is a partnership with the church to inspire its leaders to become more effective and intentional in their ministry. The unique role of the Walk to Emmaus is spiritual renewal.

The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of that community's recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. The Emmaus community needs to be about providing authentic spiritual renewal.

We need to remember Day Four. After a pilgrim attends the Walk, we should not forget about them. Spend some time together. Help your Pilgrim digest the experience. Give the person direction to his or her new found

enthusiasm about being a disciple. Help the Pilgrim take those first steps of discipleship in the right direction so that no one become alienated from the person of from the Walk to Emmaus. Make sure your friend gets in a reunion group. **If you are not in a reunion group, go along. Bring the Pilgrim to the first Emmaus community gathering following the Walk.**

Help the Pilgrim understand Emmaus. **Help the person to understand how he or she can serve the Emmaus community.** Talk about signing up for the prayer vigil, serving in the kitchen, volunteering agape for the tables and for snacks, and serving on teams. Entry into serving on the Emmaus teams is through the servant's entrance.

The ultimate reason you should want to recruit a person is Christ's love for you wanting that same love for the prospective Pilgrim. This is serious work, building the kingdom of God, and building a strong Emmaus community is part of this task.

*The above is from the Upper Room book entitled Day Four The Pilgrim's Continued Journey by James Wood and Marie Livingston Wood. Copyright 1986.*

***De Colores!***

***Ginger Billingsley***  
Community Lay Director



## Fourth Day

*The king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the one of these of who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40).*

We return home from Weekends glowing in the light of love found there. All too soon, the world is not cooperating. We want everyone to feel as exhilarated and exhausted as we do. This dynamic happens whether we are a new pilgrim or a team member. We want the Emmaus atmosphere to be present always. But it's not going to happen.

How do we keep the “high”? Surely, Peter, James, and John wanted to keep the powerful Transfiguration event alive. Peter suggested they build three booths: one for Jesus, one for Elijah, and one for Moses. They would stay on the mountaintop forever. We know that Jesus' transfiguration was the revealing event that proved the Law and the Prophets were complete in him. God sealed this vision by saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” (Mark9:7).

Christ is re-presented to us on Weekends. We are told that whatever we do in love, even if it the least task, we have done it to and for him. Think about the living tasks you do each day. Are you a parent? A custodian? A teacher? A nurse or doctor? A truck driver? A secretary? You may feel that your position in life is not as important as someone else's. But that's not true. All things done in love count for good.

What about Weekends? Do you sign up for the Prayer Vigil? Do you work to prepare meals for the pilgrims and team members? Do you write agape letters to all the pilgrims first? Make writing pilgrim agape letters a priority. (Remember what a living impact they made on you.) Persevere in doing, what some may consider, the least jobs. Setting up for a Weekend and taking down after the closing are just

as important as the lay director's servanthood. Without your work and willingness to serve, the lay director would have nowhere to lead the pilgrims. So work where you can. If done in love, it will glorify God and edify the Body of Christ.

Emmaus has three priorities: to deepen the spiritual growth of pilgrims, to deepen the spiritual growth of those in our congregations, and to let the light of Christ shine brightly in our families, neighborhoods, and work places. On a Weekend, the first priority has hopefully taken place in us. Now, it is up to us to help deepen the spiritual growth of our brothers and sisters in our homes and churches. As we do that, we reach out to our communities to work where we can to bring the light of Christ to our environments. No matter what least job you do, if done in love, you have done it for and to our Lord.

***Question for Reflection: Are you envious because you feel your tasks are less important than the tasks of others?***



# Pilgrims For GSMEC Men's Walk #83

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Name .....              | Church                             |
| Ray Baldwin.....        | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville            |
| James Bleidorn.....     | First UMC Maryville                |
| William Brickey.....    | Tuckaleechee UMC                   |
| Mike Cagle.....         | Beaverdale Baptist                 |
| Larry Davis .....       | Bradbury UMC                       |
| Dennis Depp.....        | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville            |
| Louis Dreinhoefer ..... | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville            |
| Tracey Flatford.....    | Christ UMC, Halls                  |
| Ron Jamieson .....      | Long's Chapel UMC                  |
| Charles Lindsey .....   | Trinity UMC, Knoxville             |
| Roy Markley .....       | Bradbury UMC                       |
| Javin Matthews .....    | Covenant Life International Church |
| Don Merrell.....        | Alcoa First UMC                    |
| Douglas Moore.....      | Seymour UMC                        |
| Glenn Myers.....        | Tuckaleechee UMC                   |
| Edward O'Brien .....    | Sevierville First UMC              |
| Joe Rizzo.....          | Broadway UMC, Maryville            |
| Don Roberts .....       | Kodak UMC                          |
| Fred Russell .....      | Christ UMC, Halls                  |
| Mark Staten.....        | Kodak UMC                          |
| Dave Stillwagon.....    | Tuckaleechee UMC                   |
| Jasper Talford.....     | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville            |
| Victor Trobaugh .....   | First UMC                          |
| Brian Walton .....      | Apostles Anglican                  |
| Luther Wilhelm .....    | St. John's UMC, Maryville          |

## **Come support the walk:**

**Meals** (all times are approx):

Breakfast Preparation 8:30am

Lunch 12 noon

Dinner 5:30pm

**Send Off** Thursday at 6:30pm

**Candlelight** Saturday at 8pm

**Closing** Sunday at 4pm

## **Agapé**

**Remember there is always need for Agapé gifts. But also there is need for Agapé food and drinks. Salty, sweet, and lots of drinks are needed for the walk.**

**Your help and service is always needed and appreciated.**



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## 2010 Community Calendar

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| Set Up for Men's Walk.....      | Oct. 6 .....            | Central UMC        |
| <b>Men's Walk #83 .....</b>     | <b>Oct.. 7-10 .....</b> | <b>Central UMC</b> |
| Candlelight .....               | Oct 9 .....             | Central UMC        |
| October Gathering.....          | Oct. 16 @ 6:30.....     | Trinity UMC        |
| Sevier Area Mini-Gathering..... | Oct. 23 .....           | 1st UMC Sevier     |
| Set Up for Women's Walk.....    | Nov 3 .....             | Central UMC        |
| <b>Women's Walk #84.....</b>    | <b>Nov. 4-7 .....</b>   | <b>Central UMC</b> |
| Candlelight .....               | Nov 6 .....             | Central UMC        |
| November Gathering.....         | Nov. 13 @ 6:30 .....    | Fairview UMC       |
| December Gathering .....        | Dec. 11 @ 6:30 .....    | Gatlinburg 1st UMC |





# Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

November 2010



## Come join us at the November Gathering

Well, has everybody's stomach settled down yet? That was a LOT of good chili! Thanks to all who brought their recipes, we had some pretty diverse entries, and congratulations to Bill Shinn for his second win, and to all who competed at the October Gathering at Trinity, it was an excellent turnout.

The November Gathering will be Saturday, November 13 at Fairview UMC, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville. You can see a map and more at [www.fairview-umc.org](http://www.fairview-umc.org). The church is about 1 mile southwest of downtown Maryville, and Old Niles Ferry Road is parallel and to the south of Highway 411.

After this November gathering we will be visiting Gatlinburg First UMC on December 11, and we will be making out the new schedule for 2011 (can that be right?) and we will post it in the next month or so.

We can still always use Fourth Day speakers for our Gatherings. If you feel lead to share with us how your walk with Christ is continuing, we encourage you to answer that call. We all need to

hear that good word of witness from our brothers and sisters.

Please put these remaining dates on your calendar, and plan on attending as many gatherings as you can, and be sure and invite all the Chrysalis kids you can also. And don't forget to check out the dates for the women's walk and attend all the events you can, and certainly lift those ladies up in prayer! If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to me at [tdunaway@frontiernet.net](mailto:tdunaway@frontiernet.net). Wear your name buttons, and see you there!

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### **The 72 Hour Prayer Vigil needs YOU!!!**

Attention GSMEC & GSMCC Community Members!! There are opening on the Prayer Vigil for Women's Walk # 84 starting on Thursday.

Prayer Vigil Link:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=4609&commid=696>



**Deadline**

for December Newsletter

**November 22nd**

## News from Sevier Area Gathering

What a wonderful time we had tonight. I am sorry that some of you missed it. The food and fellowship was good (as usual). The music was especially good thanks to the combined efforts of Dale Phelps and Joella Carr. Charlie Harrison blessed us with a testimony and administered Holy Communion. We actually took our time eating, singing, sharing concerns and joys, etc. and were leaving the church in time to see the UT/ALA game. Well, we did miss seeing the first touchdown but I daresay most of us were home by 7:30.

Please make plans to come to the next gathering December 11th at FUMC Gatlinburg. We are going to take the church bus as parking and traffic will most likely be a problem. We want to have a grand turn-out since the gathering is so close to all of us. Mark your calendars.

Continue to keep Linda Rideout and Louise Moffett in your prayers. Also, prayerfully lift up the pilgrims on the upcoming Women's Walk.

If you know of anyone who is not getting this newsletter, please e-mail and let me know.

I do not have Doc Roberts' e-mail nor do I have Jamie and Dana Parish's e-mail address. There are probably more so please tell me who to add.

Love and Peace to all,  
DeColores,

*Brooke*

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Glenn Cross     Evan Houser

Rebecca Barr    Becca Proctor

Suzy Ooten       Karen Katcham

## Parting Thoughts...

We are only fully alive when we're helping others. Jesus said, "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live." (Mark 8:35 (LB); see also Matthew 10:39; 16:25; Luke 9:24; 17:33)

As 2010 comes to a close, I am approaching the end of my three year assignment on the Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Board. This past year I have had the opportunity/responsibility of serving as the Community Lay Director. I consider myself much more of an Indian than a Chief, so it has not been an easy role for me. But God didn't say life would be easy when I choose to follow Him. Emmaus has been such an important part of my "mature" Christian development. It was at my walk that I began to recognize that the Jesus of the Bible was alive and living in others around me and could live in me if I would only surrender to Him. That was in 2001. I know in my studies and my service that I am constantly learning. I think that is important as when one stops learning, one stops growing and perhaps stops really living. I think I have grown these last three years. I certainly have had to learn some things! God is so good, the people of the Great Smoky Emmaus community are seeking a greater relationship with Him. We get out of things what we put into them. This truth is so important that

it is repeated five times in the Gospels. If you aren't serving, you're just existing, because life is meant for ministry. God wants you to learn to love and serve others unselfishly. Participating in Emmaus provides us with that opportunity. When attending closing and listening to the new members of our community speak of "what this weekend meant to me" it makes the time and effort expended so sweet. Service is our obligation, but it is also our privilege. You think about that.

*De Colores!*

*Ginger Billingsley*  
Community Lay Director



# Bios for Proposed New 2011 Board Members



## Ole and Carole Olson

Ole and Carole Olson walked on Walks #59 and #60, respectively. They reside in Maryville, Tennessee and worship at River Oaks Community Church. Ole accepted Christ in 1973 and has served on a couple of Emmaus Walks, coordinates the Sunday afternoon take-down for Walks and has served on the kitchen staff for Kairos Outside. Carole also accepted Christ in 1973. She has served on the Agape Team, will serve as an Assistant Table Leader for Walk #84, helps with Sunday take-down and has served on the kitchen staff for Kairos Outside. They are excited about serving God through our Emmaus Community.

## Tommy and Kathy Enos

Tommy and Kathy Enos walked on Walks #77 and #80, respectively. They reside in Maryville, Tennessee and worship at Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church in Townsend. Tommy and Kathy moved to the area in 1992 from Memphis and are now enjoying retirement after closing his construction company earlier this year. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Tommy and Kathy have both been very active in GSMEC since their walks. They have both helped in the kitchen, in the dining room, with set up and take down for multiple walks. Tommy has also served in the prayer chapel on Walk #79, as an assistant table leader on Walk #81, and on the Agape Team on Walk #83.

## CHRYSALIS UPDATE

Hello all. Seems like we just get off the Labor Day Flight, and yet we are busy getting ready for February already. The Labor Day Flight was another huge success, with 50 new butterflies floating around and living for the Lord. Thanks again to Becky Piercy and Ken Oakes for their great leadership.

The lay directors for the President's Day Flight are Debbie Pope, email accentonhometn@aol.com phones 865-984-9229; 865-254-9229 and on the boys side Scott Brewer, email scott.brewer1031@yahoo.com phones 865-925-0018; 865-384-9710. Interested adults and youth should contact Debbie and Scott about serving on the next flight. We have selected team meeting dates as follows: Sat., Dec. 4 at Bearden UMC, 9 - 3; Sat. Jan. 8 Trinity UMC, 9 - 3; and Fri - Sat, Feb 4, 5 at Wesley Woods, for our overnight meeting. Please begin to be in prayer for leaders, team selection, and those yet unknown caterpillars that you will be sponsoring.

We hope to have a get together before Christmas one evening for food, music and worship, Chrysalis style. More info to come. Peace.

Fly with Christ.  
Scooter



# Pilgrims For GSMEC Women's Walk #84

| NAME.....               | CHURCH                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Carolyn Allen .....     | Middlebrook Pike UMC         |
| Melissa Anderson .....  | First Baptist, Concord       |
| Becky Bird .....        | Middlebrook Pike UMC         |
| Susan Borum .....       | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville      |
| Carol Burrell.....      | Long's Chapel UMC            |
| Rebecca Clay.....       | Middlebrook Pike UMC         |
| Kathy Cobb .....        | Antioch Baptist              |
| Cathy Crawford.....     | Monte Vista Baptist          |
| Patsy Dalton .....      | Kodak UMC                    |
| Mary Freyre.....        | St. Mark UMC                 |
| Kristin Godsey .....    | Chilhowee Hills Baptist      |
| Jane Haney .....        | Antioch Baptist              |
| Beth Heatherly .....    | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville      |
| Rita Hill.....          | Central UMC Lenoir City      |
| Cindy Leach .....       | Cokesbury UMC Knoxville      |
| Katie Lee .....         | Fairview UMC, Maryville      |
| Carol McClusky .....    | Alcoa First UMC              |
| Patricia McCumber ..... | First UMC, Sevierville       |
| Mary Jon Morgan.....    | Tuckaleechee UMC             |
| Barbara O'Brien .....   | Sevierville First UMC        |
| Karen Orrison.....      | Trinity UMC                  |
| Paula Payton.....       | Fairview UMC, Maryville      |
| Averice Russell.....    | Freedom Baptist              |
| Laverne Sharp .....     | Beaverdale Baptist           |
| Lonnita Shaw .....      | Calvary Baptist, Lenoir City |
| Farrah Stooksbury ..... | Andersonville UMC            |
| Charlene Tarvin .....   | Middlebrook Pike UMC         |
| Chasidy Wardlaw .....   | First Church of the Nazarene |
| Renee Weiss .....       | Kodak UMC                    |
| Jan Willis.....         | Middlesettlements UMC        |
| Vera Winebarger.....    | Two Rivers Evangelical Free  |
| Nancy Winslow .....     | Long's Chapel UMC            |
| Patty Wright .....      | Blairland Baptist            |

## **Come support the walk:**

**Meals** (all times are approx):

Breakfast Preparation 8:30am

Lunch 12 noon

Dinner 5:30pm

**Candlelight** Saturday at 8pm

**Closing** Sunday at 4pm

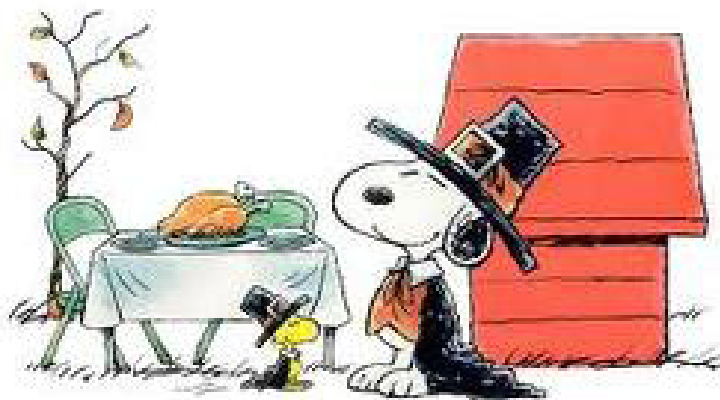
## **Agapé**

**Remember there is always need for Agapé gifts. But also there is need for Agapé food and drinks. Salty, sweet, and lots of drinks are needed for the walk. Your help and service is always needed and appreciated.**



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## 2010 Community Calendar

|                              |                       |                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Set Up for Women’s Walk..... | Nov 3 .....           | Central UMC        |
| <b>Women’s Walk #84.....</b> | <b>Nov. 4-7 .....</b> | <b>Central UMC</b> |
| Candlelight.....             | Nov 6 .....           | Central UMC        |
| November Gathering.....      | Nov. 13 @ 6:30 .....  | Fairview UMC       |
| December Gathering .....     | Dec. 11 @ 6:30 .....  | Gatlinburg 1st UMC |



# Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus, Chrysalis & Journey Community

December 2010

## Christmas is Grace



The appearance of the baby Jesus so long ago in Bethlehem is God's word of love, grace, and salvation. We will soon celebrate Jesus' lowly birth in a stable, remember Joseph and Mary and their faithfulness, but most importantly hear again what God is saying to us through that birth in Bethlehem so long ago.

A passage from Titus summarizes the whole gospel, and points us to the heart and center of Christmas: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all" (2: 11). It is God's word of grace at the heart and center of Christmas. It is God's word of grace that is the thread that runs throughout Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." God is jumping right into our world with the ultimate goal of saving us. God, in Jesus, is coming to us in a way we cannot miss.

Early in my career as a chaplain in the Navy Reserves, I was privileged to attend an awards ceremony at the Coast Guard Air Station in Cape Cod, Mass. Recognitions and medals were presented to personnel stationed there for bravery in sea and mountain rescues. Risking their own lives, these helicopter pilots and crewmen attacked danger in saving the lives of others. Some of those rescued were present, to again express, "thank you for saving my life."

There are situations so serious that the rescue of the drowning person cannot be accomplished with a rope, a life preserver, or simply the presence of a boat or helicopter. Nothing else works but for a rescuer to jump into the water, swim to the person in distress, and risk going

down with her or him in the effort to save. This is just what God does for each one of us in Jesus Christ. God knows that nothing else will do. It won't work to talk to us from some safe, heavenly vantage point. It won't work to give us a set of written instructions about how to swim. The waters are too deep and the current too strong. So God jumps into the rough water and comes beside us through Jesus.

There is nothing comfortable or easy about the events on that first Christmas. Mary and Joseph have only a stable in which to birth the baby. Absent from family and friends, the only visitors they have are some shepherds. There is no special treatment for Jesus that night or any other night of his life. When he's about two years old, King Herod will try to kill him and the whole family will have to flee to Egypt for safety. The water is rough. God knows it and is willing to share it with us through Jesus. This is love. This is grace. This is Christmas.



## Walk #84

Walk 84 was amazing! It was a blessing that I could not have ever anticipated! All of the team and each one of the Pilgrims had a grace-filled, wonderful weekend. I want to send out a big thank you to this community, who supported us, not only in prayer but also with their presence during send off, sponsor's hour, meal times, candlelight and closing. It was so awesome to see such a large crowd during candlelight! The Pilgrims felt the love of God's people not only during that special time, but all weekend long. I simply cannot say "thank you" enough to everyone who is a part of the Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Community! God bless each of you!

Kim Cerny, Lay Director Walk 84

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Merry Christmas





## Sponsorship

### “TEN COMMANDMENTS” of Good Sponsorship:

*(adapted from Central Alabama Emmaus Community by Mike Ooten)*

- I. Thou shalt not distribute applications indiscriminately, nor to heal trauma, nor to “fix” non Christians.
- II. Thou shalt not make the Pilgrim uncomfortable by hounding them into attending the Walk.
- III. Thou shalt not fail to invite spouse also if thy Pilgrim is married.
- IV. Thou shalt not allow thy pilgrim to go to Camp alone.
- V. Thou shalt thoroughly prepare thy Pilgrim for the Journey – clothing, bedding , and toiletries, etc.
- VI. Thou shalt not have special gifts before thy Pilgrim in the presence of the other Pilgrims.
- VII. Thou shalt not grab thy Pilgrim at Candlelight.
- VIII. Thou shalt not neglect thy Pilgrim’s family during the Journey.
- IX. Thou shalt bring thy Pilgrim home from Camp, and to Follow up, and shalt help thy Pilgrim to find a Reunion Group.
- X. Thou shalt not allow thy Pilgrim to sponsor their first Pilgrim alone, but will assist in every way.

Questions about “sponsorship”, direct emails to [marcia\\_malin1953@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia_malin1953@yahoo.com)



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## December Gathering

First, let me say THANKS to Fairview UMC, and to Mary and Gary Humphrey, for welcoming us all to their church for the November Gathering. Mary apparently called every Emmaus alumni from Fairview, and invited them to come and represent, and I have to say it was one of the biggest gatherings I have seen. I lost count at about 175! I would challenge you all to dig up all the Emmaus folks from your own churches, and get the word out! You can go to the IMS database from the link at the [www.gsmecc.org](http://www.gsmecc.org) website, get registered, and use the Experience Filter under Team Selection, Manage Upcoming Teams, and then go to the experience filter and pull down your church, to generate a list of your Emmaus church members, with convenient links to the contact info of each. Get some help from your church, split up the list and give it a try!

For December, we will be going down to Gatlinburg and the beautiful Christmas lights, for our gathering at First UMC in Gatlinburg. The church is located at 742 Parkway, right in the middle of town. The phone number is 436-4691. Just come in on 441 from Pigeon Forge and the church will be on your left as you go south through town. If you get to Reagan Drive you’ve gone about a half block too far. The gathering will start at 6:30.

Check the newsletter and your email for notification of the January gathering, and all the subsequent gatherings in 2011.

We can still always use Fourth Day speakers for our Gatherings. If you feel lead to share with us how your walk with Christ is continuing, we encourage you to answer that call. We all need to hear that good word of witness from our brothers and sisters.

Come on and enjoy the fellowship, food, worship and prayer with your fellow Emmaus brothers and sisters. And be sure and invite all the Chrysalis kids you can also. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to me at [tdunaway@frontiernet.net](mailto:tdunaway@frontiernet.net). Wear your name buttons, and see you there!



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*When the Holy Child is born into our hearts  
there is a rain of stars  
a rushing of angels  
a blaze of candles  
this God burst into our lives.  
Love is running through the streets*

*Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems*

