

January 2017

Emmaus

Newsletter

Hello everyone, this is Layne Jennings (Walk#97, table of Matthew). I am your new Board Member in charge of Communications (Newsletter, Website, Email, and Facebook). Please bear with me these first few months, as I get used to things, and hopefully I can help us all know what is going on and when. I will also be making a few upgrades on the digital side of things so if you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to let me know. I look forward to keeping us all in the know.

DeColores,
Layne Jennings
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Greetings Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities!

My name is Mike Ooten, I was on Walk # 53 and sat at the table of "Matthew". *(CLAP)*

Now that the introductions are over. I am the 2017 Emmaus Community Lay Director.

Where did 2016 go? Seems like it just flew by! Kinda like I didn't see a lot of you. Oh, wait we did have to cancel some walks and flights ☹. Well not this Year! With these two communities support and dedication to the, "Walk to Emmaus" and "Chrysalis/Journey", movements that help grow local church members and leaders, we will revitalize the GSMEC and GSMCC communities and be able to continue having Walks and Flights, which will keep growing local church members and leaders. It will just keep going and going and going. Or is it growing and growing and growing?

I know the Emmaus and Chrysalis Board of Directors are dedicated to supporting and growing these communities. But, we do need your help! Without the support of the current community members we will struggle to make it happen. The most important way to help is to please pray for the community and this ministry. The second way and possibly even more important is to "Prayerfully" sponsor a friend, teenager, parent, sibling, co-worker even your Pastor on a Walk or Flight. Third, get back involved in the community, come to the gatherings, help serve on the walks and flights, volunteer to work on a team either behind the scenes or in the conference room.

Remember the “WOW” “AWESOME” “UNDESCRIBABLE” feeling when it hit you either on or after your walk? Let’s work together and get more of that this year and in the future by filling those walks, flights/journeys and teams so that we can see Jesus and the Holy Spirit in each and every one of us!

DeColores
Fly With Christ

Mike Ooten
Emmaus Community Lay Director



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY WANTS YOUR HELP!

The 2017 Board of Directors held their annual Board Retreat this weekend and are excited about the year ahead. We want to get the community back on track and our first order of business is to have a Men’s Walk.

The men’s walk is fast approaching and is March 16-19, 2017. Here is where we want your help. **WE WANT PILGRIM’S!** We need 12 Pilgrim’s by February 17, 2017 to hold the walk. This is a mandatory date because our new agreement with Central United Methodist Church states that to avoid paying for the weekend in the event of cancellation; we have to cancel no later than 30 days prior to the date. **WE DO NOT WANT TO CANCEL!**

As of today, **we have zero pilgrim’s.** If you have applications and have not mailed them, please put them in the mail today. If you have someone you want to ask to go on a walk, ask them today! If there is no one on your radar, please pray that God will help find the right person. We will be checking the mailbox weekly and will have pilgrim numbers updated on the gsmec.org website on a pilgrim by pilgrim basis.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone today. **WE WANT YOUR TODAY!**

2017 Walk Weekends

Mens Walk – March 16-19, 2017

Womens Walk – April 27-30, 2017

Chrysalis – September 1-4, 2017

Mens Walk – September 28- October 1, 2017

Womens Walk – November 2-5, 2017

Deadline – Feb 17th we need 12 Pilgrims

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