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# GSMEC NEWSLETTER

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May 2019

## Gatherings

We are planning to start having a rotating location for our gatherings around the community area. If you would like to suggest a location, let Stephanie Wasserman know at [gatherings@gsmec.org](mailto:gatherings@gsmec.org).

### May– 5/11/19

The May Gathering will be at Trinity United Methodist Church - 5613 Western Ave. Knoxville, TN 37921 at 6:30pm

Then the Following Saturday

**May– 5/18/19** we will have our Spring GSMEC Extravaganza at Sandy Springs Park Pavilion in Maryville TN at 4pm.

702 Best Street  
Maryville, TN, 37803

More Details below in the newsletter.

## UPCOMING WALKS/FLIGHTS

8/31-9/2 Chrysalis Flight

9/12-15 Men's Walk to Emmaus

11/7-10 Women's Walk to Emmaus

Walks/Flights are held at  
Sevierville First United Methodist  
Church

214 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN

## Emmaus Team Selection Report

Hey GSMEC Community! We were able to bless the Pilgrims and had great teams come together and serve on Walks 111 and 112 this spring. A huge THANK YOU to all those individuals who stepped forward and volunteered their time and energy to make both these Walks successful!

We are now getting ready to start recruiting men to serve on Walk 113 in September and women to serve on Walk 114 in November. It takes about 40 community member volunteers for each Walk to staff the Conference Room, Music Team, Prayer Chapel, and Agape Team.

We need some folk to step forward and volunteer to serve on these teams to make the recruiting job easier. If you would like to serve on either of these two Walks, don't wait for someone to call you. Please call, text, or email Lee Carleston at (865) 384-2602 or [carlestonl@aol.com](mailto:carlestonl@aol.com) without delay to indicate your interest and availability.

In putting a Team together, the goal of the Team Selection committee is to recruit

# Chrysalis

Hello Emmaus and Chrysalis community. This year for the first time in several years we will be having a Labor Day Flight! Sat. Aug 31- Mon. Sept 2, 2019

We need a holiday weekend to have the 3 day Chrysalis flight due to kids needing to be out of school.

Please be praying about caterpillars and serving with us.

Liza Burroughs will lead the ladies and the boy's leader is soon to be announced. In case you are unaware, we have been having difficulty filling flights so help us find those Caterpillars.

Come Lord Jesus, be wisdom, and guidance for us as we seek to do your will.

Contact Debbie Pope for info.  
[info@gsmchrysalis.org](mailto:info@gsmchrysalis.org)  
[865-254-9229](tel:865-254-9229)

Applications on [gsmecc.org](http://gsmecc.org)

Team members using a 1/3 – 1/3 – 1/3 guideline. This means 1/3 of the Team should be new community members who have not previously served on a Team or have served one time. It also means 1/3 of the Team should be persons who have previously served on 2-3 Teams. And finally, it means 1/3 of the Team should have four or more Walks experience (these are normally the persons who serve in the leadership positions). As part of recruiting for a Walk we try to get the Team members from geographical areas across the GSMEC region and we try to get a representation from the various churches and church denominations.

If you were blessed on your Walk as a Pilgrim, I know you will be even more blessed in serving on a Team and being a part of the experience of the new Pilgrims. Think about it this way. If there had not been 40 men or women who volunteered to serve on the Walk you attended as a Pilgrim, you may not have been able to attend that Walk and receive the blessings you received. Right now, there are men and women who have already signed up and there are those who are currently being invited to attend the upcoming Fall Walks. Without volunteers to serve on these Teams, that might affect the experience of those planning to attend. God will use you in a mighty way in the lives of these Pilgrims. Come serve on one of these Teams and be a special blessing.

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Lee Carleston

## **Emmaus Community Lay Director**

Walk #112 Renewing Minds and Hearts for Christ

The Woman's Emmaus Walk #112 is now history. This past weekend, 11 amazing women had a life changing experience, had their hearts changed, had God answer an important question, felt loved and the presence of the Holy Spirit, felt the presence of the Lord, heard God's voice say surrender, and heard God say to stop and be still. These were the words of the pilgrims at Closing, said through joyous laughter and tears. The tears and words of the pilgrims were infectious to those in attendance.

These women were renewed in their faith by God through His Son and His Spirit. We all need renewal from time to time. Satan's world pulls us away from God, slowly and relentlessly. He throws distractions at us to occupy our minds and our bodies. Work, family, friends, health issues, entertainment, and social media can cause us to lose focus on Jesus. They can become our idols. Do we spend more time worshipping work, golf, travel, Facebook, or our kids?

James 2: 26 says "As the body without spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead". If you are looking for "deeds" that can make a difference in someone life, consider sponsoring an adult for an Emmaus walk or a teenager for a Chrysalis Flight. Sponsorship is the "life blood" of Emmaus and Chrysalis. We had 8 men and 11 women for the spring Emmaus walks. We have room for 20. Let's fill the conference room for the fall walks! Applications are available on the GSMEC.org website. Please consider volunteering a few hours – help serve a meal

or help with set-up on Wednesday or take down on Sunday evening. If you have more time, come and work with the Agape or kitchen teams for a day or come early to Candlelight and help set up, attend the service, and then help clean-up. And of course, we always need your prayers.

Come be the empowered leaders that are the hands and feet of Christ!

De Colores,

Todd Fisher

Community Lay Director

## **Emmaus Registration**

**IMPORTANT: NEW APPLICATIONS AND FEES**

Please use new applications when registering your pilgrims. T-shirts are now included in the team fees and we need to know the shirt size and color your pilgrim wants.

Also, please get your applications in before the last week as last minute shirts are hard to get.

Pilgrim fees are now \$99 while sponsor fees remain at \$40.

## Reunion Groups

Calling all Reunion Groups!

We are updating the list of reunion groups. Here is what we have so far:

Location	Name	Gender	Contact	Phone	Meet Time/Day	Meet Location	Open/Close
Maryville, TN	Brothers of the Carpenter	M	Steve Larrabee	865-567-1950	6:30-8:30pm/Wed	1806 Southcliff Dr. Maryville, TN 37803	Open
Lenoir City, TN		M	Chuck Lammi	865-323-0804	6:30:00am/Tues	ATC Center, Rt 321N	Open
Lenoir City, TN		F	Sandy Hagan	865-621-8999	6:30 pm third Monday	Central UMC	Open
Knoxville, TN	Joyful Gathering	F	Suzy Ooten	865-805-8822	6:00pm Tuesday	Trinity UMC, Knox	Open
West Knoxville, TN	Thurs Lunch Bunch	M	Lee Carleston	865-384-2602	11:30am-12:30pm/Thurs	Looking for new loc.	Open
Townsend, TN	Tuckaleechee R. G.	Both	Joe & Brenda Wilson	865-981-1032	6pm/Sun	Tuckaleechee UMC	Open
Clinton, TN		M	Jim Hayes	865-494-7502	9:00am/Fri	Golden Girls Restaurant Exit 122 I75N	Open
Oak Ridge, TN		M	Richard Schulman	865-680-9429	12:00pm - 12:30pm prayer 2:30pm - 1:30pm reunion	Robertsville Baptist Church	Open
Oak Ridge, TN		W	Wanda Schulman	865-680-9429	12:00pm - 12:30pm prayer 2:30pm - 1:30pm reunion	Robertsville Baptist Church	Open
Oak Ridge National Labs		M	Dale Hensley	865-661-2988	12 noon/Wed	ORNL	By Invite

If you have an active reunion group that is not listed here, please send your information to [treasurer@gsmec.org](mailto:treasurer@gsmec.org). Also, please consider doing agape gifts for the upcoming fall walks. A total quantity of 40 items will cover everyone at the walk. Thank you! Joy Fisher

## Prayer

Do you remember your walk? I mean, do you remember every little detail? Why am I here....where's the door, I'll sneak out and go home. I don't belong! The "new best friend", the movie, singing, and the silence on the first night? Yes, I'm purposely leaving out some tiny details. And what about Friday? Skip to after lunch, do you remember being told that several people were praying for you. And a board with 144 half hour slots was lifted up and hung on the wall. Some from Knoxville, Oak Ridge, and as far away as Australia, Germany, etc. You got a chance to look at all those names and places. How did that make you feel? I felt amazed and in awe.

Now I have to say I am amazed and in awe of why we have been unable to fill the vigils for the last 3 walks. I've asked several people about this. One reason given was that we had to change the signup website. It was confusing, at first, but the link and instructions went out in a blast email that everyone should have gotten (provided you are helping us keep your information up to date). However, three out of four people said that they had been in prayer for the weekend but they didn't feel like they needed to sign up. I know these people and I know they were sincere in their prayers, but the pilgrims didn't know these people were praying for them. The prayer vigil chart is an outward sign that people in this and other communities that the pilgrims don't even know care enough about them to promise to set aside time to pray.

I am getting ready to set up the vigils for the fall walks. Just as soon as it's ready, there will be a link on GSMEC.org. If you sign up with your email address, you will get a reminder about two days before your time slot/s. So, can I count on each of you to sign up for prayer time? More importantly can Christ count on YOU?

-Deb Glenn

*Date: May 18, 2019*

*Time: 4:00*

*Spring*



*Extravaganza!*



*Join us for worship,  
fellowship, games,  
and more!!*

*Bring a friend—  
everyone is welcome*

*Sandy Springs Park  
Maryville, TN*

**Hamburgers, hot dogs, and  
drinks will be provided.  
Please bring a side or  
dessert to share.**

## CONTACT US-

AS ALWAYS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR YOUR GSMEC BOARD, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU CAN SEND EMAILS TO

[COMMUNICATIONS@GSMEC.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@GSMEC.ORG)

Also our new board positions and contact info are at [GSMEC.org/leadership](https://GSMEC.org/leadership)