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# GSMEC NEWSLETTER

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June 2019

## Gatherings

**June– 6/8/19**

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

## Agape

Anyone who can help with  
Agape for any other Fall Walks  
please contact

Sylvia Creswell

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Would you like to be an important part of an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight?

The community now has a new Laptop for use in the conference room for Lyrics and Talk Presentations, among other possible uses. We have MediaShout 6.0, which is a great fairly easy to learn and use platform for this purpose. We need trained volunteers to be the technical person in the conference room for the teams.

GSMEC is asking for volunteers to learn MediaShout so that you can say “Yes, God has led me to serve”, when called to serve. I would like to have several Men, Women, Guys, and Gals to train. If you are interested in learning MediaShout 6.0 so you can add your name to the volunteer list, please contact me at [mike.ooten@gmail.com](mailto:mike.ooten@gmail.com) and let me know. When we have a few people interested in learning, I will set up a session.

DeColores/Fly with Christ

Mike Ooten - Great Smoky Mountain Community Trainer.

## 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

## Chrysalis

As many of you are aware, in recent years we have been rebuilding our Emmaus and Chrysalis programs. God has provided a new and wonderful home at Sevierville First UMC. For some reason, we have been in a season of low pilgrim and caterpillar numbers. This tends to have a domino effect especially with the boys. We have had to cancel the last two boy's flights due to lack of caterpillars. In spite of this, we carry on and prepare for our next flight because we believe that Chrysalis is an extremely effective tool in a young person's spiritual life. Do you?

I would like to ask you to help us with getting the word out. We have a power point presentation and a team ready to come share with your youth group.

Another thing that you might not be aware of is that we have not been able to find a pastor who will serve as our Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director. I know that pastors have a full plate too. This leadership is vital to our success spiritually.

Our next flight is Labor Day, Aug.31 - Sept.2. Please pray for our teams, forming now and preparing for meetings. Our girl's LD will be Liza Burroughs, the boy's is AJ Pawel. Please contact me if you are interested in more information, or inclined to come be a part of us...a team or board member. I am counting on God to multiply our efforts. God bless you.

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## **Emmaus Community Lay Director**

### GSMEC Board Restructuring Update

In our March 2019 Newsletter Layne Jennings explained the Upper Room recommended board restructuring for Emmaus communities that have multiple ministries. You can review that article in the March Newsletter by clicking this link <http://www.gsmecc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/GSMEC-March-2019-Newsletter.pdf>, or go to GSMEC.org and click on the Newsletter tab at the top of the page, then click on the March Newsletter.

The Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus Board of Directors did approve the new structure. That started a 60 day window where the Emmaus Community could halt the process with 25 signatures on a petition. We did receive a valid petition with the required number of signatures on the last day. We believe the concern centers around the issue that the new structure may make it more difficult to find board and committee leaders each year.

The board will now listen to the concerns and recommendations of the petitioners and see if it is possible to modify the structure to alleviate the issue. That discussion may

occur at this month's board meeting on June 8th.

We will keep you informed of our progress as discussions take place.

Todd Fisher

Community Lay Director

## **Emmaus Registration**

### **REMINDER: NEW APPLICATIONS AND FEES**

Please use new applications when registering your pilgrims. Tshirts 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!

Here are updates from last month:

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	6:30am/Tues	ATC Center, Rt 321N	Open
Lenoir City, TN		F	Sandy Hagan	865-621-8999	6:30 pm first Monday	Central UMC, Lenoir City	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

#### 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](http://GSMEC.org/leadership)