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# GSMEC NEWSLETTER

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October 2019

## Gatherings

October – 10/12/19

The October Gathering will be at  
Andersonville UMC –

3944 Andersonville Hwy,  
Andersonville, TN 37705

at 6:30pm

We will have our usual pot luck  
dinner followed by some  
fellowship and worship

## HELP!!!

The upcoming Women's  
Walk #114 needs help on the  
Conference Room music  
team. Nov 7-10th

Ladies, if you would be  
interested in stepping up to  
serve on the Music Team,  
please call  
Paula Sarver (865-437-  
9982) or  
Lee Carleston (865-384-  
2602) as soon as possible!!!

## UPCOMING WALKS/FLIGHTS

*11/7-10* Women's Walk to Emmaus

*2020*

*3/5-8* Men's Walk to Emmaus

*4/ 23-26* Women's Walk to Emmaus

**Walks/Flights are held at  
Sevierville First United Methodist  
Church**

214 Cedar Street, Sevierville, TN

We will also need our usual  
help for Agape, Serving  
Meals, Set Up and Take  
down. If you would like to  
help contact  
[communications@gsmec.org](mailto:communications@gsmec.org)

## Chrysalis

I would like to thank everyone who had a part in our recent Labor Day flight. I praise God for your service! Mostly, I am thankful to God for pulling off the coed flight. We have had to cancel the last two boys flights due to low turn out of caterpillars. We had 5 boys and 8 girls and because of the relationship with Sevierville First, we can have a small flight. We are currently looking for our next boy's Lay Director on President's Day weekend.

I sense God moving in our community in a mighty way. The men had a full walk with much praise to God! I believe that the women will as well. I am thankful for our spiritual leadership in Preachee and now Robin Kyek. She feels God called her to come be a part of Chrysalis, as Community Spiritual Director. Praise God and again I say Praise God.

God did not say that our work would be easy. He said that He would equip us. Sometimes you get a glimpse of how He has blessed the youth that we minister to. This time, we have a written testimony of one who feels loved and no longer alone. Another one expressed his desire to work for Chrysalis. This is why we work hard to have our flights...fruit is born!! God be praised!!

Debbie Pope

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

# Community Lay Director

The Emmaus community needs leaders to replace those whose terms are ending. We need board members and team leaders starting in 2020 as current members rotate off:

- Community Lay Director for 2020
- Community Lay Director in training for 2021
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Walk Support team leader
- Agape team leader
- Communications
- Gatherings team leader
- Reunion Groups team leader
- Candlelight team leader
- Music team leader
- Prayer team leader
- Candlelight team leader

This Emmaus Community cannot function without these Servant Leaders. Most of these positions are team leaders. They do not have to do all the work, they put a team together for each walk and make sure they have the resources and knowledge to be successful.

If you are able to serve, please contact any of the current board members through the GSMEC.org website or call/email me, Todd Fisher at 865-228-4853, tafisher15@comcast.net.

## Prayer Vigils

Go the following link to sign up for the Women's Fall Walk  
[https://signup.com/group/974390496046?utm\\_source=group-badge-volunteer-green](https://signup.com/group/974390496046?utm_source=group-badge-volunteer-green)

We need your help to fill all these prayer times

There is also a link on the website so send your friends there to sign up.

# Spiritual Director

In my last factory turn around adventure before entering pastoral ministry, I was blessed to work with a kind, and capable production supervisor that was absolutely loved and respected by all, and a Veteran of Desert Storm. In the war, he ran a camp kitchen for a large group of soldiers. His eyes gleamed as he recalled how his heart broke to see the soldiers fighting the brutal desert heat. He said " I wanted to go with them, but they said I couldn't because of my age...But I had to help those men and women. So I asked the Lord to show me how to do what I could do". The Army Kitchen Servant Leader "procured" some excess water purification units, freezer trucks and hundreds of extra canteens from other camps. Beyond their normal rigorous kitchen duties, he led his kitchen staff men and women to work late each night cleaning , filling, freezing and praying over canteens...enough that each day, each soldier had two frozen canteens to refresh them in the desert. Agape Canteens! He teared up as he recalled seeing the eyes of men and women light up when they got their frozen canteens each day.

Those who initially experience the Agape of an Emmaus/Chrysalis Event, are overwhelmed even more serving on a team or as volunteers to support a weekend. Holy Spirit releases individual Spiritual Gifts, and pours out Agape refreshment to Spiritually thirsty Christians, even as the Lord soaks and refreshes the team and community workers. Living waters continue to well up and flow to the churches long after the 72 hours.

Perhaps one of the greatest Agape gifts we can offer is in recruiting and sponsoring Pilgrims and Caterpillars.....sharing the refreshment we have received and are receiving in Community! Let's fill some Agape Canteens!

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Preachee

## 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)