

Emmaus



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...to inspire, challenge, and equip local church leaders for Christian action in their homes, churches and places of work

Words from the Community Lay Director

Most all of us have experienced one or more of those pinnacle moments during our tenure in Emmaus. It may have been on “the hill” or at a gathering or during a candlelight or a closing. Each of these events has something in common. During each event, God has called and empowered singers and speakers to bring YOU a message..... BUT, you can’t hear it if you are not there. I know. “Summer is busy !”...; “I’ve been so active in the past that I’m burnt out !”.....; “Out of 3,000 plus members, there will be enough members there that I will not be missed !”

I’VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU.....DON’T BE TOO BUSY FOR GOD.....QUENCH THE BURN AND GET BACK HERE 3,000 MEMBERS OR NOT, **YOU HAVE BEEN MISSED!**

As important as “The Walk” has been to all of us, it is only a part of the Emmaus experience. My walk was incredible. However, what has sustained me through the years since Walk #17 is the association that I have had with so many of you at our monthly gatherings. Your smiles and your stories of tribulation and victory have encouraged and fortified me to carry on. If you think back, you have had those special individuals with whom you related in a miraculous way. They are waiting to see you and you never know, you may be the one that experiences that tingle once again that lets you know that God is near and smiling back at you. Let’s make a mid-year resolution to attend all of the monthly gatherings, candlelights and closings. God will be waiting with me and your other friends to see you there.

Decolores,
Mark Emison



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Emmaus Gathering Calendar

Gathering • July 21
Jackson, East Trinity UMC
Fourth Day Speaker: Johnny Carson

Gathering • August 18
Brownsville, Union Grove UMC
Fourth Day Speaker: Karen Grace

Picnic • September 15
Brown’s UMC
Fourth Day Speaker: Marty Marshall

Men’s Walk # 82 • October 4-7
Ladies’ Walk • October 18-21
No October Gathering

Gathering • November 17
Humboldt, First UMC
Fourth Day Speaker: Hubert Barcroft

Gathering • December 15
Jackson, First Baptist Church
Fourth Day Speaker: Eddie Ruth Ricks

July Gathering—Saturday, July 21

July Gathering will be held at the East Trinity UMC in Jackson; beginning at 6:00p.m. Johnny Carson will be the 4th Day Speaker. Please remember to bring your favorite dish and a 2 liter drink. DIRECTIONS: **From I-40** take Exit 85 South on F.E. Wright Drive(2 mi). Turn left onto North Parkway at Jackson State and go until it ends (2.1 mi). Take a left at “T” and go until you see the church is on right. **From Hwy 45 S.**, turn right at 45 bypass (civic ctr) and go right on Chester Street (Hwy 70). When road forks, go right onto Hwy 198. At the intersection of Hwy 198 and Paul Coffman Dr. turn left and see church on left.

Have You??????

Have you turned in the name of the pilgrim you will be sponsoring on this fall walks? If you have not talked to that special person about going...It’s not Too Late.

Remember, there’s always someone, who wants to be closer to God, or who wants to serve God more, or someone who wants to return to God.



Email Addresses Needed!

If you have an email address, please send it to Tom O’Neal at:
TROBAMA@CHARTER.NET

New Board Members Elected

On Thursday, June 14th, the Emmaus Board and their spouses met at Jackson Northside UMC for a “pot-luck” dinner.....and talk about “Luck!” Everyone who attended considered themselves “Lucky” to be there.... Everything was Delicious!! After the dinner, the outgoing members of the board were recognized and Ceci Walker was presented a beautiful framed picture for her service as the Community Lay Director this past year. The outgoing Emmaus board members are David Johnson, Rev. Walter Lockhart, Sondra Marbury, Kay Hutchison, Tony Burriss and Becky Overton. Warner Turner will be returning as Board Treasurer. Rev. Glenn Elliott will be serving as the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. Shelia Johnson will serve as the new Emmaus Registrar. After Ceci was presented her gift, the newly elected board members were recognized. They are Julie Riley, Tommy Buntin, Tom Beasley, Tom O’Neal and Rev. Jim Cooper. Elizabeth Johnson is the new Chrysalis Lay Director and the newly elected Chrysalis Board Members are Chris Emison, Elizabeth Aldrich, Pam McCarty, Lisa Phillips, Tina Martin and Brent Porter.

**If You Are Interested In Sponsoring Someone And
You Don't Know What Is Involved..... Read This!!!
It's Not Hard!!!!.....and It Has Wonderful Rewards!!!!**



1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a Walk.
2. Having understood the purpose of Emmaus, invite them to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives.
3. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners because an equal commitment by both spouses is necessary.
4. Continue to pray, prepare agape letters, enlist the support of their pastor. Collect eight to twelve personal agape letters. Do not give personal gifts during the weekend.
5. Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72-hour Prayer Vigil and your presence at Send-Off and Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing. Support the pilgrim's family by house sitting, baby sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help is needed. (Other than the activates listed above, a sponsor should not have any contact with the person they are sponsoring during the walk. This includes serving meals during the walk.)
6. Encourage the pilgrim in his/her "fourth day" involvement. Allow them to talk through and appropriate the experience. Help them find a group. Take them to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
7. Help the pilgrim re-enter their church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
8. The aim of a sponsor SHOULD NOT be (1) to get friends to go, (2) to fill up a weekend, (3) to fix people's problems, or (4) to reproduce one's own religious experience in others.

● **Application Information** ●

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If you would like to make a donation to the West Tennessee Emmaus/Chrysalis/Crossroads in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out the following form. **You may place this form with your donation in a collection plate at a gathering or you may mail it to the address on the form.** An acknowledgement will be sent. Thank you for your support.

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