

# EMMAUS



## WEST TENNESSEE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

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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

Greetings from the Emmaus Board of Directors. As most of you now know, we have begun our 25th year of Emmaus Walks in the West Tennessee Community with the completion of Walks #100 and #101. Glen Pendergrass and Debby Taylor did a truly outstanding job of leading the teams, as evidenced by the pilgrims witnessing to the question, "What did the Walk mean to me?" at Closing ceremonies. Both Walks were close to capacity, and attendance at most of the weekend activities exhibited tremendous community support and loyalty. I am certain that we made many disciples and better church members from the "efforts" of the weekend.

As one set of Walks are ending, another set is born with the selection of the Lay Directors and potential team members, prior to the end of the Women's Walk. The Team Selection Committee meets immediately after the Women's Walk Sendoff, and typically requires 3-4 hours of deliberations to identify and select potential team members for both the Men's and Women's next Walks. Watt Wallace was selected by the Board to lead Men's Walk #102, and Marilyn Ramsey was selected to lead Women's Walk #103. They have each contacted persons identified by the Team Selection committee for each position, and are in the final preparation stages to enable team meetings to begin on July 1 in Milan. Please keep both teams in your prayers in the coming months.

As this year unfolded, we were advised that two of our icons, who have been cornerstones in the West Tennessee Emmaus Community for many, many years, are retiring. Jim Chumney, a past Lay Director and our Data and Information Manager, decided it was time to step aside due to health and family reason. Jim has continued to serve in an advisory role to insure a smooth transition-as Watt Wallace takes the reins for our integration of a new data base system. Warner Turner, also a Past Lay Director, has been the Community's Treasurer and Accountant for an extended period of time. He also decided to "retire" at our fiscal year-end in June in order to devote more time to some of his other "retirement" activities and give someone else the opportunity to serve. We extend our thanks and sincere gratitude for their many, many years of devoted and selfless service to the Emmaus Community.

Use of the new database system was launched for it's initial trial by the most recent Team Selection Committee. Each member of the committee was able to access the data base and request the gender and experience level required to fill each Walk position-and then print off the list for further review. Or, a spreadsheet could be created from the information on the database (with unneeded columns hidden) in order to have all the information required at one's finger tips. The alternative was to continually thumb through 40-45 pages of names alphabetically listed and record them to a "work sheet" manually. This latter method has been used for most of our history, but there may now be an easier and less cumbersome way.

My year as community Lay Director is rapidly coming to an end, and I have truly benefited from the experience. The support of other Board members as well as the many willing community servants makes the job much easier than it appears. With all humility, I express my sincere thanks to each of you. I wish the best for Randy Chapman, your next Community Lay Director, and the new Board as they take office on July 1st.

### WELCOME NEW CHRYSALIS BUTTERFLIES - FLIGHTS #34

**BOYS:** Jameson Smith, Montez Cox, Alex Hollman, Ian culver, Tanner Boley, Hunter Casey, Marcus Ivie, Tanner Gaines, Lucas Farmer, Randall Sparks, Trae Coggon, Nicholas Dunaway, CJ Epperson, Stuart Dedmon, Will Permenter, Callon Conger, Corwin Aycock, RJ Sills, Nate Busuito, Eli Kee, Michael Birmingham, Hunter Alphin, William Lynch, Braden Duffey, Blake Hayes, Carson Turner, Will Cooper, Lane Lamon, Stone White, Seeley Jones, Garrett McNeil, Keven Beasley, Jacob Mann, Hampton Lowery, Joseph Patterson, Matthew Smith, Will Nichols, Kenau Greenhill, Jordan Hayes, and Peyton Woods.



**GIRLS:** Hannah Van den Bosch, Emily Taylor, Rachel Henderson, Mariah Johnson

### EMMAUS GATHERINGS

(All Gatherings begin at 6:00)

• May 19 •

Union City, FUMC, Union City  
Donna Hardy - 4th Day Speaker  
Lori Taylor - Music

• June 16 •

Medina FUMC, Medina  
David Lowery - 4th Day Speaker  
Lisa Webb - Music

• July 21 •

Dyersburg FUMC, Dyersburg  
Dan Brooks - 4th Day Speaker

Matthew Smith, Will Nichols, Kenau Greenhill, Jordan Hayes, and Peyton Woods.

**GIRLS:** Hannah Van den Bosch, Emily Taylor, Rachel Henderson, Mariah Johnson, Hannah Russell, Anna Couch, Bailey Newbill, Audrey Barth, Jayne Evans, Chelsea Sumerlin, Carah Beth Maddux, Bailee Stewart, Hayley Brinkley, Marie Cauley, Alix McLemore, Hannah Piercey, Chesney Coffman, Brandy Thomas, Celeste Miller, Shelby Stanfield, Julia Bagley, Hannah Roberts, JoBeth Porter, and Amy Brasfield.

• July 21 •

Dyersburg FUMC, Dyersburg  
Dan Brooks - 4th Day Speaker  
Charlotte Ammons - Music

• August 18 •

Malesus UMC, Jackson



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**Peggy Beasley**

**Donna Hardy**

**Tina Martin**

**Walter Smith**

**Cynthia Glenn**

**Tommy Hayes**

**Dwight Mitchell**

**Karen Utley**



**WELCOME PILGRIMS OF WALK #100 AND WALK #101**

**Walk #100** Lane Lewis, Darren Dedmon, Jacob Garland, Buddy Gresham, Tommy Smith, Charles Cowen, Robby Einerson, Jimmy Edwards, Steve Douglas, Keith Davis, John Warner, Scott Rich, Joe Bost, Patrick Wayne, Mike Calfee, Andy Ray, Brad Patterson, Les MacDiarmid, Matt Morris, Barry Eubanks, Jerry Phillips, Scott Robinson, Mark Glover, Dave McCuiston, Bob Collins, Claude Cochran, Ray Trignon, and Dan Williams.

**Walk #101** Alice Scott, Renee Stewart, Anne Marie Moore, Lelia Warner, Mandy Bell, Colleen Hurt, Amy Cowen, Diana Dedmon, Sheila Porter, Candis Lee Van Sickle, Susan Hutchens, Carla Cruitt, Adrian Glover, Debbie Williams, Dorothy Freeman, Terry Meeks, Julie Einerson, Cindy Shirley, Brenda Walls, Grace Hudgins, Diana Hart, Karen Smith, Denise Lytle, Linda Bynum, Bonnie Smith, Janet Calfee, Diane Cochran, Mary Gresham, Tracy Patterson, Sandra Robinson, Anita Gilliland, Linda Edwards, Teresa McCuiston, Tammy Douglas, and Maury Rich.

**Men's Walk #100**

Thoughts on Walk #100

What a privilege and honor to serve on Men's Emmaus Walk #100! From the beginning of team selection, Walk #100 was destined to be a very special walk. This walk marked 25 years of service for the West Tennessee Emmaus Community. God worked in a powerful and mighty way through so many dedicated men and women that served on the team and behind the scenes. His grace and mercy was poured out on the team and pilgrims through the speakers that so generously gave of their time and talents to provide us with spiritual food and water that we all so desperately need. I feel so blessed to have participated in Walk #100, and to be a part of such a loving and caring community of believers.

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**Glen Pendergrass, Lay Director, Men's Walk #100**

**Women's Walk #101**

Walk 101 was blessed with God's beauty, beginning with the peaceful sound of steady rain during Friday morning worship and ending Sunday evening with the bright rays of sun streaming through the clouds guiding us back to Jackson. We saw pilgrims crying and laughing together early in the weekend. God's spirit surely filled the Huntingdon church Saturday night. The seemingly endless line of candles coming into the sanctuary and the glowing faces of the pilgrims was incredible. Song after song was softly sung as one person after another went to the altar to cry, to pray, and to speak with spiritual leaders. We truly glimpsed the face of God. I pray that each person involved in the weekend gained strength for their spiritual walk.

**Debby Taylor, Lay Director, Women's Walk #101**

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