

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

“Are you on the Team this time?” The question echoes in our conversations throughout West Tennessee year after year. I have heard responses given in such low, dejected tones that they almost bring tears to your eyes. “No....I never get to serve....” I have pondered the validity of this response for some time. First, I agree that with over 3,000 community members and a total of approximately 160 “team” members for Emmaus and around 60 for Chrystalis per year, the chance of serving on a “conference room” team is limited.

However, if I may digress, I think back to Walk # 17. Sure I remember my lay director, and the team members giving some of the talks which had a great impact on me. But I was truly fascinated by other things during the walk. I was humbled by those who carried my luggage and served my meals. I was humbled by those who took the time to prepare the agape items that always seemed to be there. Some simple, some elaborate such as the crosses that were cut and welded from square nails. I was surprised to find that I had a prayer partner that had prayed for me diligently over the past weeks. I came to closing looking for that person. When they put the prayer poster up showing the names of the individuals who had prayed for us... especially at 3 and 4 a.m. ... we were floored. And then when we saw the community gathered for us, we could hardly breath. Then, there they were again at closing....for us.

My point is this. As crucial as the “Conference Room Team” is, an active community serving in all of the support roles is vital to the success of the walk experience. If you want to serve, here comes your chance! You don't have to be a table leader to make an impact on the pilgrims.

Look for the service posters at the Picnic and let God lead you to where you are needed. And when you are asked if you will be serving God and the pilgrims this fall, you can hold your head high and say, “**Yes I Will!**”

Decolores,
Mark Emison

Emmaus Gathering Calendar

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

September Gathering— Saturday, 15th

It's Picnic Time!!!

The September Gathering will be held at the Brown's UMC; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Marty Marshall will be the 4th Day Speaker. Please remember to bring your favorite dish and a 2 liter drink.

July Newsletter Corrections

We apologize for the errors and omissions on the July newsletter that was mailed. Please pull up the corrected newsletter on our web site at www.emmaus.tn.org.

West Tennessee Emmaus Fall Walks

Men's' Walk: October 4th - October 7th

Send-Off - Thursday, 4th- 1st Cumberland Presbyterian -Jackson on By-Pass - 5:30 p.m.

Candlelight: - Saturday, 6th- 1st UMC– Huntington– 8:00 p.m.

Closing- Sunday, 7th– 1st Cumberland Presbyterian– 6:00 p.m.

Ladies' Walk: October 18th - October 21st

Send-Off- Thursday, 18th- 1st Cumberland Presbyterian -Jackson on By-Pass - 5:30 p.m.

Candlelight:- Saturday, 20th- 1st UMC– Huntington– 8:00 p.m.

Closing- Sunday, 21st– 1st Cumberland Presbyterian– 6:00 p.m.

Fall Walk Emmaus Teams are Reporting Successful Team Meetings

On Saturday, July 28th. the Emmaus Teams “kicked-off” their organizational meetings with success and enthusiasm. One person on the men's team said, “It seems like we have all known each other forever.” And every meeting since the first has been better than the last.....

Both teams ask for your continued prayers.

Community Spiritual Director to lead Group to Emmaus

Can you remember how you felt as you encountered the presence of Christ on your walk to Emmaus? Can you imagine how it may feel to travel the road to Emmaus and visit the village where Jesus sat at the table with those disciples, broke the bread, and His presence became known to them?



On January 21, 2008, our Community Spiritual Director, **Rev. Glenn Elliott**, will have the privilege of leading a group of pilgrims along that road to the village of Emmaus. In that place, we will break the bread and lift the cup, as we too, will be made aware of His presence.

This journey will be 11 days in duration and the price is \$2,098.00 from New York. While there, we will visit such places as Nazareth, Megiddo, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Mt. Nebo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho, Qumran, Masada, go to the River Jordan, sail across the Sea of Galilee, and visit the Dead Sea.

You will also spend a day and evening in Petra, Jordan. Finally, we will visit and worship in the Garden Tomb, possibly the site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and experience the reality of the Resurrection.

If you would like to be one of the pilgrims making this journey, contact Rev. Glenn Elliott at 731-784-6336 or 731-336-0180.

Email Addresses Needed!*

If you have an email address, please send it to Tom O'Neal at: TROBAMA@CHARTER.NET
(Note this email address was incorrect in the printed version you received in the mail. If you sent it to the wrong address and it bounced back—please re-send it to this corrected address)

*For those who have already sent me your email address, do not send it again. Also, know that it will take a month or so for us to get in a position to start emailing your newsletter. Please bear with us.

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Looking for Pilgrims

Remember when you went on your first walk??? Remember how close you got to the pilgrims on that walk and especially the pilgrims at your table. Remember how close you were to God?

Someone that you know would enjoy experiencing that same closeness...If you know someone who would treasure the same experience you had, then please talk to him/her about "Taking a Walk" that they will never forget. It's not too late to ask! **If you have applications, PLEASE get them in as soon as possible.**