

## Gratitude

I think "Gratitude" is a great attitude for Christians to have—especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. As an Emmaus Community, we have so much to be grateful for...

- ...thousands of transformed lives
- ...greater unity between churches, members, and pastors
- ...hundreds of local congregations on fire with renewal and revival
- ...a heightened sense of servanthood
- ...excitement over what God plans to do next
- ...joy over healed spirits, souls, and bodies
- ...restored relationships
- ...bondages broken; hearts restored; prayer lives revitalized
- ...excitement for the Pilgrims who will experience all this next year!

All 4000 plus of us have been wildly blessed by the Lord Jesus as He *opened our eyes on the road to Emmaus*. I pray our gratitude will be obvious to everyone around us—a testimony to the greatness of our God!

*Bro. Craig Green, - Spiritual Director*

## Website News

Our New Website is up and running well. Many features have been redone and we encourage everyone to check it out at: [www.emmausofthecumberlands.org](http://www.emmausofthecumberlands.org).

There's lots available on the site and we believe it is much more user friendly. We appreciate your comments and questions and look forward to incorporating even more features as things develop.

Please check out your own personal information to make sure we have your current numbers and addresses. It is a way that others can reconnect and contact you. It may have been awhile since you looked to see how you are listed, so please do and let us know if things need to be changed.

Email Newsletters are sent out regularly to announce walk and flight dates, and gathering events as well as many other things. If you are not getting the news by web, please consider signing up. It's quick

and easy and you can opt out at anytime. Just use the "Email Newsletter" tab. Please update your email address whenever needed too. It is very important to keep us informed as much of our business is done by web now.

Applications, Volunteer Forms, Prayer Vigil Charts, needs of the community and prayer and praise reports are all available on the website. You can sign up through the web for any of these activities or to see what you can help with. There is also a "Donate Now" tab for those of you who would like to make a financial donation to help with Emmaus costs and overhead.

We have a new section listing some "Areas of Service" if you want to look for ways that you can help at Emmaus. There is something that everyone can do! We need a lot of community involvement to make all the events a success. You are important to the Emmaus Community! We want to give you every opportunity we can to share your gifts and talents for the glory of God. Please let us know what you are interested in.

**We want to make an important announcement that Voting Ballots will NOT be mailed after this year.** Postal and printing costs increase each year and it just doesn't pay for the returns that we receive. The Community By-Laws will be changed to allow us to vote by internet hereafter. If you do not have internet access, we will arrange for you to get a ballot if you will just let us know you want one.

There's a lot to check out on the web and we hope that you will take a little time to do so. We could not transfer the photo's from the old website so we are also looking for Emmaus Photo's so that we can build the Photo Gallery back up. If you would like to help with this, please contact Gail at [gbroysden@yahoo.com](mailto:gbroysden@yahoo.com). I can let you know which photo's we need.

Thank you for a great year and God bless you during the holiday season!!

*Gail Roysden - Web Maintenance*

## Jesus Loves The Little Children

I think we all recall the song "Jesus Loves The Little Children." Well, He loves the teenagers too. God has called US to love the teenagers through Chrysalis. He gave us a ministry to show His love to young people who may not know anything about His love. I have watched God use this ministry to change young people's lives. They become Christ-like and begin to serve others. It is great!

You know, we sometimes get caught up in a numbers game, on how many WE can help or send. You know it's not really about the number, it is all about the Love.

I have seen us go down to as low as 2 boys on one flight, but GOD asked me before that flight, before we knew how many would come, if we would do it for just one?? I said we would! And He said, "I would!"

Having said that, the number doesn't count but there is something we need to do. God does call us to pray about who HE would have us to ask to go to Chrysalis. We all still need

to do our part as a community of believers to support our young people.

Our numbers have been low the last few years. This makes it hard to get a team together to serve. This winter's Lay Director has made many calls and gotten several no's. Several have not bothered to call back even after more than one call. We are having to use people who worked this summer just to make a team. You may say this is wrong - you are right - but when people won't call back or say no, what else can you do.

I say all this to ask you to pray and pray and pray some more for your Chrysalis Community. Call back when you are called to work a team. Say YES to service! God is big enough to take care of the rest. In the end, again, it is about Love for the young people God gives us to minister to. Send in those volunteer sheets and help us to fill these flights with Loving Christians who are willing to serve whether it be for one or a hundred.

Fly With Christ

*Scott Franklin - Chrysalis Lay Director*

**Please make copies of this ballot and ask all family members who have attended a weekend to fill one out and mail back to us in the return envelope. \*\* Ballots must be returned by December 9 \*\*.**

### Emmaus Board Ballot (Vote For 6)

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# Agape Notes

Agape takes lots of work from the whole community. We appreciate everything that is brought to each walk and are very grateful for all the volunteers who show up to help. Following are a few ideas where you can help most:

Serving on a team! Please let us know if you are

interested in serving on the Agape Teams. We welcome everyone who has a heart to help. If you have a group of people who want to make a team, let us know! We are very thankful when a group has already formed and has made a commitment to work together. God blesses those who are committed to serve in the background so that others may reap benefits from their unselfish efforts. An agape team

puts others needs before their own and pours out their energy to help and assist wherever needed.

Bring in those Agape Gifts! Every walk needs plenty of those special little gifts that are left on beds, in the dining area and in the conference room. Some of the messages in just one of those gifts can speak volumes to a pilgrim. They are always a blessing to someone. Bring lots and lots of food!! Until you work Agape - you just don't realize how much a group eats in one weekend! We need lots of help with food and drinks. Fruits and vegetables are always a big need as well as bottled water. Dips go well with the snacks too. Homemade items are always a treat for everyone including team members!

Come help with the Saturday night meal and candlelight. We need bodies to move all that stuff - - and for repacking too on Sunday after 12 noon. A lot of effort is needed to get all the agape boxes upstairs and then back downstairs again when the weekend is done. The Agape Team is wearing down by Sunday so help is so much appreciated around 12 to repack everything.

Community involvement with Agape is the only way we can succeed with our duties and responsibilities. We thank you for everything that you do to help us. Great or small. God bless you for your willing heart!

*Molly Talent - Emmaus Agape Board Rep.*

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## Preparing to serve on an Emmaus Team

1. Pray and serve before you are called by a Lay Director. Bring snacks, agape, be part of meals, come to candlelight and closing – these are just a few of the ways you can be a part of an Emmaus team without being called into the conference room. Even more important, serve in your local church body. The purpose of Emmaus is to build up the church, not build up Emmaus. If you are not serving in your church, why not?

2. When you are called by a Lay Director, make it your goal to return their call within three to five days. Filling an Emmaus team is time-consuming. Make sure that you check your schedule and get back to the Lay Director promptly. This will keep the process flowing smoothly.

3. Once you agree to serve on a team, do so with your whole heart. You can do this

by being faithful to attend meetings, keeping the focus on the pilgrims, not yourself, and by preparing your heart and mind for the weekend. Read your team manual. Allow God to deal with anything out of order in your personal life. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is not a replacement for our best preparation.

4. On the weekend of the walk, remember that you are there as a servant. Of course, God blesses the team as well as the pilgrims, but it is important for you to remember that you had your Emmaus weekend before. Remain under the authority of the Holy Spirit and the leadership team.

5. After the walk, thank God for the opportunity to serve and go back to #1!

*Jennifer Officer -*

*Emmaus Team Selection / Serving*

## Financial Report

During 2011 approximately 200 pilgrims were blessed in a walk through Emmaus of the Cumberlands. Your generous giving of time and sponsorships provided their experience. Final numbers are not available until year-end, however we anticipate that expenses will exceed revenue for the fourth year in a row. To avoid raising pilgrim fees we must continue to rely on the Emmaus Community. Please consider supporting the Emmaus experience through a tax-deductible donation. You can make your donation using our website or mailing to Emmaus of the Cumberlands, 104 Roberts Street, Livingston, TN 38570.

*David Netherton - Emmaus Treasurer*

## 2012 Emmaus Schedule of Events

Date	Location	Contact Person	Phone No.
January 15, 2012	Cookeville First United Methodist Church Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Gathering - Journey Candlelight @ 8:00 pm	Cathy Randolph Email: <a href="mailto:cathy@cookevillefumc.org">cathy@cookevillefumc.org</a>	931-526-2177
February 18, 2012	Cookeville First United Methodist Church Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm	Cathy Randolph Email: <a href="mailto:cathy@cookevillefumc.org">cathy@cookevillefumc.org</a>	931-526-2177
March 8-11, 2012 Men's Walk March 22-25, 2012 Women's Walk	Livingston First United Methodist Church Board Meeting - March 24th @ 6:30 pm Gathering - March 24th @ 8:30 pm at Women's Candlelight Service	Amy Fletcher Email: <a href="mailto:afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com">afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com</a>	931-823-6445
April 21, 2012	Elizabeth Chapel - Smithville, TN Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm	Lisa & Jerald Cripps	615-536-5777
May 19, 2012	Crossville First United Methodist Church Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm		931-484-3537
June	Gathering at Chrysalis Candlelight Board Meeting Date, Time & Location to be determined		

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July 26-29, 2012	Livingston First United Methodist Church Board Meeting July 28th @ 6:30 pm Gathering - July 28th @ 8:30 pm at Women's Candlelight Service	Amy Fletcher Email: <a href="mailto:afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com">afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com</a>	931-823-6445
August 18, 2012	Cookeville First United Methodist Church Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm	Cathy Randolph Email: <a href="mailto:cathy@cookevillefumc.org">cathy@cookevillefumc.org</a>	931-526-2177
Sept. 6-9, 2012 Men's Walk Sept. 20-23, 2012 Women's Walk	Livingston First United Methodist Church Board Meeting - Sept. 22nd @ 6:30 pm Gathering - Sept. 22nd @ 8:30 pm at Women's Candlelight Service	Amy Fletcher Email: <a href="mailto:afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com">afletcher@livingstonfirstchurch.com</a>	931-823-6445
October 20, 2012	Elizabeth Chapel - Smithville, TN Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm (Nominate new Board Members)	Lisa & Jerald Cripps	615-536-5777
November 17, 2012	Crossville First United Methodist Church Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm Gathering @ 6:00 pm		931-484-3537
December	Gathering at Chrysalis Candlelight Board Meeting Date, Time & Location to be determined		

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- Leisa Franklin
- Matt Atkinson
- Grant Thurman
- Amanda Peavyhouse
- Gary Johnson
- Bud Kidd
- Jerry Graham
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- Matt Culver
- Perk Thornton
- Mike Officer

### Chrysalis Youth (Vote For 3)

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- Michael Roberts
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