



Walk That Road

As some of you know, Tina and I just returned from two weeks in Israel. It was a marvelous trip, and one I would recommend to anyone. Being where Jesus was, seeing what Jesus saw – there is just nothing like it! The Spiritual insights gained there really do change your life forever.

Of course, the first thing I want to ask you to do is pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the peace of Israel! As you well know, we are "grafted into the root which is Judaism" (Romans 11). Our Savior, Yeshua, (Jesus) was Jewish, is Jewish, and will always be Jewish. His homeland and His relatives are very important to Him – and soon, *their* eyes will be opened to see Him as their Messiah!!

Our very last stop before returning to the Airport was at the ruins of a two-thousand plus year old village named . . . **Emmaus!** It was very powerful to be where Cleopas and his friend had their eyes opened while their hearts burned in the presence of the Risen Lord. As we were leaving the ruins of the village, we looked at the ancient road to Emmaus where Jesus, Cleopas, and the other disciple walked. It was a very powerful heart-warming eye-opening way to end our time in the Holy Land!

The truth is, most of us will not have the chance to travel to Israel – at least not before the Lord returns! But we *have* walked that walk! We *have* heard the Lord's voice! Our eyes *have* been opened in the breaking of the bread! When? On *our* Walk to Emmaus, of course!! And every one of us knows other *disciples* who are hurting, confused, feeling lost or abandoned, or wondering what has happened to Jesus' presence in their lives. What they need – *desperately* – is to walk on that road . . . to hear His voice . . . to have the Scriptures revealed to them . . . to feel the fire of the Lord's presence in their hearts . . . and have their eyes opened – *on the next Emmaus walk!!* Pray now about the "disciples" in your life you need to sponsor! De Colores!
Craig Green – Spiritual Director

Preparing To Serve On A Team

by Jennifer Officer, Emmaus Team Selection Chairperson

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, by keeping your 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!

Greetings from Chrysalis!! We have had a year of changes for 2012!! Over the last two years we have had to make changes to become more obedient with the Upper Room rules and guidelines. Previously we had not known about some of these but now that we do, we have made strides to follow them the best that we are able to. The changes have been good so far. With obedience and change, can also come hurt. We are sorry that this has happened but some *have* been hurt by the changes and some do not think that the Upper Room should be able to direct our actions for the flights that we have. Emmaus of the Cumberland and Chrysalis & Journey do come under the Upper Room guidelines as we were formed under their umbrella of global ministry.

The Upper Room has always supported us and they have been very nice and willing to help us all that they can. In the last two years, we have started down the correct road with Chrysalis but it will take our community four or five years to fully implement all the changes needed. We need your help and support in doing what we need to do to be the best representative we can be for all our Chrysalis and Journey Flights. Please be in prayer for us as these changes continue. The Chrysalis Board thanks you for your support and prayers. May god Bless you and your families.

Scott Franklin - Chrysalis Board Lay Director

Farewell Notes – from Larry Elliot, Emmaus Board Lay Director

I have been blessed to be the Community Lay Director of Emmaus of the Cumberlands for the past two years. The community's friendship, your commitment and desire to give when asked of your time and your financial support have all been blessings that only God could bring out. To see the love you all have for God has been the greatest blessing. I have reaped much in these blessings by your prayers and support.

Throughout my tenure as Community Lay Director, I have endeavored to seek the Lord to stir fresh wind and fresh fire into each member of the Emmaus Community.

I am grateful for the diligent efforts, prayers and support of all the Emmaus Community. We, the Emmaus Community are all about loving God, showing and sharing the love of God, and doing our best to join in His work and plans.

Our Emmaus Community is meeting the needs of what God has put before us through both challenges and opportunities. Through God's grace and mercy, each walk brings new blessings and wisdom to all team members and pilgrims. A Walk to Emmaus weekend brings a renewed relationship with God and a much clearer vision of today, tomorrow and forever for the Church.

I announced at our September Women's Walk that this is my final year as Lay Director of Emmaus of the Cumberlands. I leave the position of Community Lay Director with a great sense of appreciation for having the opportunity to serve in this position. While it has been an unforgettable two years, the time has arrived for a new Lay Director to come forth and continue the work of the Emmaus Community along with the Emmaus Board and your support.

May God's blessings be overflowing to each of you and the future pilgrims that will be coming to the Walk to Emmaus. Be prayed up and ready to say "yes" when called to do God's work! Decolores!

The Gift of Agape

The gift of agape weaves throughout all aspects of the Emmaus weekend. We need your support and help to continue to do all that needs to be done by the Agape Team. Listed below are a few ways that you can help make every walk a success!!

Bring in those agape gifts! Every walk needs lots of those little gifts that can mean so much. You never know how one of those little messages is going to impact a pilgrim. Making agape gifts is a great way for a Reunion Group or even individuals to help the Agape Team.

Bring in agape snacks and drinks! Until you work Agape you just don't realize how much food and drink is needed for one walk! Fruits & vegetables are always a big hit when combined with dips & sauces; bottled water, soda and homemade snacks are also a great way to support the agape team.

Come help with the decorating on Saturday AND come back on Sunday to help with packing everything back up!

Serve on an Agape Team! Please let us know if you would like to be a team member for agape. It's a great place to serve and very rewarding too. Just fill out a volunteer sheet or let one of your Agape Board Members know that you would like to help and we will do our best to get you on a team.

Community support is the only way Agape can fulfill its responsibilities and duties for each walk. Thank you for everything you do to help us. We could not do it without you! God Bless You for supporting us.

Molly Talent – Agape Board Member

Web Site News – We want to encourage everyone to check out our new website! If you haven't been there yet – please take a look to see what it offers. It's been up for a bit now but we are always adding new features in looking for ways to serve the community better. Just log on at: www.emmausofthecumberlands.org.

The site is loaded with forms & applications, flight & walk information, and news and other items that we hope will be of great use to the community. It is the best way to keep informed of what is going on at Emmaus and we hope that you will use it as a tool to stay on top of everything at Emmaus of the Cumberlands! It is user friendly and very easy to navigate.

You can find things like prayer & praise reports; the latest information on community members; dates for walks, flights & gatherings; information about your current board members and a whole lot more! There are also helpful links to download volunteer forms & pilgrim applications; the latest newsletter and much more.

We also have posted a link to "The Upper Room" that will take you to our sister site where you can see what a broad scope Emmaus has. You can find information there about our sister communities and their walks & flights; suggestions about books & devotionals; and training guides for further growth in your Emmaus experience. "Emmaus of the Cumberlands" is part of a far reaching body of believers that unite under the same heart to love Christ, others and the world.

We encourage everyone to stay connected by signing up for our email newsletters. It is easy to do just by using the "Email Newsletter" tab on the home page of our site. We are also on facebook now so become a "friend" by liking our page and you can also receive news that way.

We are blessed to be a community that continues to grow. I am blessed to be your Web Site Manager for another year and I hope to continue to serve Emmaus of the Cumberlands in a way that will help you individually as you look for ways to serve Emmaus. We need each other and working together is how we succeed.

We urge you to stay connected!! We also welcome comments and suggestions to help us in our service to you. God bless you as we come to a close in this year that has been full of triumphs, challenges and new experiences. May He bless the next year with an every greater outpouring of love and service through His people at Emmaus of the Cumberlands. Decolores! Gail Roysden

WELCOME – TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED EMMAUS BOARD MEMBERS!!! Susan Asberry, Wanda Tramel, Debbi Tuggle, Katherine Pack, Donna Smith, and Brad Lockhart. Thank you to everyone who participated in the election.

Please always pray for your Emmaus and Chrysalis Board Members. We desire to serve the Emmaus Community with wisdom and understanding as God leads and guides our way. Thank you all – and God Bless!