



# Candlelight



*You are the the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

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Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Nashville Upper Room Emmaus Community, September 2007

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## A Note from your Lay Director

**PURPOSE!** Does our Community have a purpose? It better, because anything worth-while needs a worth-while purpose. Our Bylaws state that the Community's Purpose is "to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their home, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience." How well are we fulfilling our purpose? That's a hard question to answer. We do not have statistical evidence of how our members are advancing our purpose. Yet, each of us, in our own circle of friends, relatives, and church members can loudly proclaim how the Emmaus experience has strengthen many to become more active in their Church life. They feel that they can step out of their comfort zone and boldly witness about the love and grace of our Lord. They willingly become the hands and feet of Jesus to enable Him to continue His work in our community and throughout the world. Are you working to fulfill our Purpose????

Speaking of Bylaws, your Board has been working for over two months up-dating our Bylaws since they have not been up-dated since March 9, 1987!!! Every member will soon be able to have a copy.

Please reserve the date of Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 2PM to 6 PM. On that day at Hermitage UMC (prior to Candlelight) we will have a training program for the Community. A professional trainer from the Upper Room organization will present a program to better equip us to become more effective members of the Community. Topics covered will be servanthood, sponsorship, training needs, elections and their importance, an overview of the three day Walk and more. Please attend if you can. Since we are one of the leading Communities in the Emmaus program, it is important that we do things "by the book" and that applies to the Community as it does to the Board. Come and enhance your knowledge, skill and effectiveness in the Emmaus program.

Peace and Grace.....Ron O'Nan

## A Note from your Spiritual Director

Many things are happening in the Nashville Emmaus Community that you may or may not be aware of. The Community needs your prayers. The teams are meeting and getting ready for the fall walks. As the Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors are getting their teams together they need your prayers. As sponsors are getting their pilgrams ready they need your prayers. As the Emmaus Board is getting ready for the fall they need you prayers. As they will be asking people for permission to place their name in nomination to serve on the Board for the next three years, the Board needs your prayers. As the Board selects a new Spiritual Director for the Community, they need your prayers. I am resigning at the end of the Fall Walks due to the distance of my present ministerial appointment. I will still be in the community as much as possible but I feel that the Spiritual Director for the community needs to be closer to the center of the community. Pray for the Community as in a few months we will be electing a new class of Clergy and Lay to the Nashville Emmaus Board.

Pray, Pray, Pray.

DeColores,  
Randy



From the Chrysalis Lay Director.....

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and am looking forward to some cooler weather. The Chrysalis board members are gearing up for a new year with changes on the board. I want to say many thanks to each person that served this past year and I want to welcome our new members to the board. I have mixed feeling as I write this article. We have been blessed by and enjoyed Terry Warren as our "Community Lay Director" for two years. He always served wherever needed with a true servant's heart. He is leaving some BIG shoes to fill. We will also miss Teresa Warren and Jay Rice's commitment to the community, their dedication to the Chrysalis community is awe inspiring. I think they eat, sleep, and breath Chrysalis and they do this so selflessly. I don't want to let them go. It has been a blessing and a privilege to work with all three of them. Thanks for serving in His name.

Next I have the privilege of introducing our new and experienced Board of Directors.

Our experienced Board members are:

- a. John Arnold – Community Spiritual Director
- b. Jerry Wallace – Assistant Community Spiritual Director
- c. Julie Meyer – Community Lay Director
- d. Terry Warren – Xofficary
- e. Carla Snodgrass – Assistant Community Lay Director
- f. Margo Barlow – Secretary
- g. Greg Armbruster -- Treasurer
- h. Carol Ussery – Team Selection Coordinator
- i. Joy Barber – External Agape
- j. Jay Campbell – Set-up
- k. Connie Hudson Vaughn – Registrar
- l. Bill Snodgrass –
- m. Katerna, and Kayla Armbruster – Saturday Evening Entertainment and Hoot Coordinators

We welcome our new members

- a. Mark and Ray Dawn Poe
- b. Jordan Littrel
- c. Melia Warren
- d. Kathy Baird
- e. Jonathon Talbert
- f. Elizabeth Baggett
- g. Micah Walker

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We have some needs in the Chrysalis Community. Since this is a new year for us, I thought this would be a good time to ask for your help.

#### Spread the word about Chrysalis

- ◆ Talk to your youth directors in your local churches about Chrysalis. We will bring a flight crew with youth in to tell them what Chrysalis is all about. You don't have to have all the answers we will do the work.
- ◆ We also offer a scholarship for youth directors and their spouse if they have not been through Chrysalis or Emmaus yet.
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- ◆ Like Emmaus they hear a series of 15 talks. Five given by adults, five given by youth, and five given by Clergy. And like Emmaus, they experience awesome worship, great fellowship, and of course, food, food, and more food. Like Emmaus, they are encouraged to join a reunion group.
- ◆ As a youth director, I have seen tremendous spiritual growth and leadership development in the youth who have been through Chrysalis. If you know youth who are ready to get closer to Christ, then sponsor them on a Chrysalis flight.
- ◆ If everyone in Emmaus would tell one youth about Chrysalis we would have a waiting list instead of canceling flights. Please help us! We are not beyond begging!
- ◆ Our next flights are January 19 -21 for the girls and February 22 – 24 for the boys. Both flights are at First UMC in Lebanon. Our cut off date to receive applications is one month before the flight, so get your applications in early.

#### New Banners

- ◆ Some of our banners are beginning to look pretty bad, I would like to request that reunion groups or individuals consider making some new banners for Chrysalis. They can be small and very simple banners. We will appreciate just having some new banners.

#### We could use a few more people willing to clown around

- ◆ We are blessed with a "Clown Communion" that will bring even the toughest person to tears. If you are interested in clowning for our clown communion, please give me a call, we are in the process of setting up a training session. You will truly be blessed through your service to this ministry.

#### Adult table leaders

- ◆ Do you enjoy laughing and crying with young people? Do you enjoy hanging out with youth that have too much energy? Do you enjoy sharing Christ with others? Do you enjoy serving Christ? Than we need YOU on a team. Please call me or talk to one of our board members. You will truly be blessed through your service to this ministry. I can't tell you that enough.

If you want to know more about Chrysalis, come and work in the kitchen or in the agape room. Come to our Candle light service and closing ceremony. Or come to a Hoot (similar to Emmaus gatherings) and join the fun! Our next Hoot is scheduled for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are not sure about the location yet but it will be posted on our web page.

I am looking forward to serving in this new position. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 615-478-1311 or you can email me at [julliemeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:julliemeyer@yahoo.com).

Fly With Christ  
Jullie Meyer



## Kairos Korner

Many of you have heard of Kairos but don't know what it is. Very simply, it is an Emmaus *type* of weekend inside a correctional institution, and includes follow up "reunions" on a monthly basis. Kairos Prison Ministry is a lay led Christian community which conducts a highly structured program in male and female correctional institutions.

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry International is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families, and those who work with them, and to assist the incarcerated in the transition to becoming a productive citizen.

At the present time, there is a small group of persons that has been working for about a year and a half to bring Kairos to Riverbend Correctional Institution in Nashville.

After a lot of prayer and perseverance, we have begun holding the reunion meetings on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Riverbend currently has eight men that have attended a Kairos weekend in other institutions and have been asking for outside assistance with reunions. At our first meeting, all eight came, along with nineteen other men that are interested in a deeper walk with Jesus. We know that some came out of curiosity and may not return, but most said that they would come to the next meeting.

This is a very exciting time for Kairos and we would like to share this excitement and joy in God's work in a very dark and sometimes lonely place.

If this is a ministry that interests you, or you would like for someone to speak to a group at your church please contact: Dan Preston 615-754-6148 [danpreston@comcast.net](mailto:danpreston@comcast.net).

## Care Corner

Our sympathy goes out to **Liselotte Terrell** whose father passed away in Sweden on August 10th.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Lowell Rakestraw**, Walk 142, who passed away August 8th. His wife **Nancy** is a member of the Emmaus Community.

Our sympathy goes out to **Marty Williams** in the death of her father Jimmy Edwards. Marty is best known as the cleaning lady Delores on Emmaus weekends. Her father was 99. Mr. Edwards passed away on August 8th.

Our sympathy goes out to **Terry Pearson** in the death of his father James Moore. Mr. Moore passed away on August 7th.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Bill Reynolds** who passed away August 3rd. Bill was the husband of **Karen Reynolds**.

## Calendar of Events - 2007

Sept	8	Gathering 6:30 PM place Trinity UMC
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
Oct	6	Men's # 152 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
	15	Team Dinner Walk #153/Board Meeting
	20	Women's #153 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
Nov	3	Women's #154 Candlelight 8:30 PM HUMC
	8	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Upper Room
Dec	8	Gathering 6:30 PM Upper Room
	13	Board Meeting 7:00 PM

## Sponsoring a Gathering

Would your church be interested in hosting an Emmaus Monthly Gathering? If so, please contact Alan Griggs @Comcast.net or by phone @ 615-665-0217.

## September Gathering

The August gathering will be at Trinity UMC in Murfreesboro. The address is 2303 Jones Blvd. The church's Web site is <http://tntrinityumc.tripod.com>. You can get a map with directions there.

## Prayer Request from the Board of Directors:

There are 2 specific areas that you can be praying for in the next few weeks and months.

1. It is getting close to time to elect new members to the Nashville Emmaus Board. Each year 1/3 of our members rotate off the board, allowing for new service opportunities, and fresh insights. Please pray that the right people are nominated, and that if called upon will allow their names to be placed on the ballot. You will receive a ballot in the November Candlelight. When you do, please be prayerful when you vote, and please do vote.
2. We are praying about the possibility of holding Spanish-speaking weekends in the Nashville Community. The first Spanish-speaking walks in TN were held in Livingston/Jamestown June 2006 with great success. There are a large number of Spanish-speaking people in Nashville and surrounding areas. We want to be in prayer about meeting a need in this area.

## Calling all Clergy!

It has come to our attention that there are clergy members of the community that may very well be interested in serving on an Emmaus weekend, but we do not know about you because you have either become a clergy after your Walk to Emmaus, or you have moved to this area from another Emmaus Community.

We encourage any of you to let us know of your interest by contacting us @ [emmausnashville@aol.com](mailto:emmausnashville@aol.com).

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## **New Members to the Nashville Emmaus Community/Address Corrections**

If you know someone new who has moved into our Emmaus community from another Emmaus community, or you need to make a change to your address, please send your change to the address at the top of this page or submit your change at <http://www.nashvilleemmaus.org>.

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