



# WALK TALK

Chattanooga-LaFayette Emmaus Community

MAY 2020

My wife's grandfather, a man of great faith, used to preface a lot of his statements with, "Lord willing. . ."

Having lived through two world wars and a Great Depression, he knew life was uncertain, but his God was sovereign. Your Emmaus board, despite shelter-in-place restrictions has carried on with business as usual albeit not face-to-face. However, with every plan we make comes the preface, "Lord willing. . ."

This much we know for sure. The May Gathering is cancelled, and decisions are being made on future Gatherings on a month by month basis. It grieves us to make this decision, but we feel we must for the safety of the community.

Camp Lookout has given us a number of alternate dates in the late summer and fall for the recently postponed men's walk, but we were saddened to learn that lay director Fritz Duncan is unable to serve on any of those dates. Once the board sets a new date, the team selection committee will be asked to replace Fritz and any team members who must drop off due to the date change.

Lord willing, the board plans to continue with the Chrysalis walk, and the men's and women's walks. We are continuing to work and plan, yet we know that all those plans are contingent upon the grip of the pandemic. However, if the Lord wills it, it will be done.

Now more than ever, the board covets your prayers. Seldom have board members had to grapple with such hard decisions. We feel their weight and yet. . . "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39)

Blessings,

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an email. -- Phil



## FOURTH DAYS TESTIMONIES

I WAS BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND WALK #63 IN THE SPRING OF 2015. MY SISTER AND I ATTENDED THE WALK TOGETHER. SINCE THEN, MY HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN ON WALKS, AND MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER HAS ATTENDED A CHRYSALIS WALK. I LOVE THAT WE CAN NOW SERVE THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. ALTHOUGH MY WALK WAS MEMORABLE AND SPECIAL, SERVING ON WALKS IS EVEN MORE SPECIAL TO ME. IT TRULY EXEMPLIFIES THAT IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE. (ACTS 20:35)

FOR OUR FAMILY, WE ENJOY COMING TO THE CAMP ON SUNDAY MORNING TO SERVE BREAKFAST. WE LOVE CANDLELIGHT AND ATTEND IT EACH WALK, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT SEEING THE PILGRIMS ON SUNDAY MORNING. IT REMINDS ME OF MY OWN WALK, AND HOW I WAS JUST OVERWHELMED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST. THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SO WELCOMING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING MORE WAYS TO BE INVOLVED AS I WILL RETIRE FROM TEACHING THIS MONTH. GOD HAS PROVIDED WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP THROUGH THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY. IT IS A SMALL GLIMPSE INTO WHAT HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE!

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I'm currently sitting in a hotel room in New York City. I'm miles away from home and missing my husband. I think about how easy it would be to catch a plane and go home. But right now, that's not a realistic option. God sent me to this place to help his children. To use my skills as an ICU nurse and try everything in my power to save a life. I can't turn my back on Gods people.

I've been in New York for 16 days. Not once have I been anxious or afraid. I have peace and comfort surrounding me every time I step foot in this New York hospital. My husband and I prayed for days for God to show us his plan and we were not expecting this. I keep reflecting on the story of Jonah and how he tried to run from Gods plans for him but it was unsuccessful. I am here to shine Gods light in one of the darkest places right now. When this whole area is surrounded by death and sorrow, us nurses are here trying to make it better. I pray God continues using me and my fellow healthcare providers wherever he may need us.

“Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created” Esther 4:14

Kelsey Johnson Alvarado

*(received via email, walk # and table not given)*

Susan Crocker, Women's Walk No. 28, Table of Mary. Sandy Jenkins was my weekend Lay Director, Brenda McKinney was my table leader and Kim Brown was my assistant table leader. Ed Snow was the Spiritual Director, and that is the extent of my memory of names that weekend so many years ago.

Like a large number of us, I went on my Walk with an open mind and open heart. Which translated to the real meaning of a worn-out brain and worn out emotions from living with and being a full time caregiver for my mother with Alzheimer. Thursday night quiet time was a blessing as I did not have to use my brain or heart to make small talk with people I did not know. I spent the rest of the weekend participating in all the activities but not really absorbing the true meaning of the weekend. A year later my husband, Jim Crocker (a/k/a Papa Smurf to many) attended his Walk weekend. He came off the mountain so fired up and full of love and energy to serve God in any way he could. It made me worry that I had missed something on my weekend. At the first invitation to work on a weekend as an assistant table leader, I jumped at the chance and found out what I had missed on my original weekend.

Jim and I started asking our Pastor what we could do for the Church beyond being a pew sitter and helping dust the pews with our backsides as we slid in and out of the pew each Sunday morning. We started being a part of the yard crew and mowed grass and trimmed bushes. I was elected to serve on the Church Council. Then, an Awana program was started by a very Godly woman from our church (Karen Songer, also a Community member) and we were asked to be volunteers for the Cubby Class, which translated into being surrounded by a room full of seven year olds (consisting mainly of boys with tons of energy). Later we were asked if we would be interested in facilitating a college age Sunday School Class. ....Going from seven year olds that could not sit still, to a room of young adults who were eager for serious conversations of God in today's values.... That was going to take some serious prayer on our part! A day or two later I was asked to be a Lay Director for a Chrysalis / Crossroads weekend with more young adults seeking a closer relationship with their heavenly Father. Think God was trying to tell us something? (We should have been more careful in praying Jabez's prayer (1 Chronicles 4:9!).

Of course, like all of us, these many years of Fourth Days have not all been rosy. Jim had several heart attacks and two triple bypass surgeries, we experienced loss of jobs, loss of parents and siblings. Our six children all had their own battles which brought heart aches as well as many praises. We thank God and this Community each and every day for always being there with us and for us.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you beyond your wildest expectations.

DeColores and Love to All

Susan Crocker, Chrysalis / Journey Registrar



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## *Sponsorship in a Pandemic*

*"I have someone I want to sponsor, but I want to be sure there will be a walk."*

*If you have thought or spoken these words, please – don't put the cart before the horse. As a community, we often say that everything happens according to God's timing. His will is what we pray for and strive to understand and follow.*

*While we are in quarantine, this would be a good time to pray about someone to sponsor. Perhaps it is someone you have already talked with or someone whom God brings to mind. Then, go ahead and submit their registration and let God bring them to the mountain in His time. He will put the desire in their heart and provide their enthusiasm.*

*Here's the key. You don't have to tell your pilgrim when the walk is specifically. Tell them we generally have two walks a year, and they will get an invitation in plenty of time to clear their schedule. Tell them if they miss the first invitation, they will have other opportunities. Then relax. You don't have to worry about walk cancellations. The application is in, and your pilgrim will get a call in God's time.*

*As the Emmaus Board, we never want to postpone any walk. After much prayer, dates for walks are set, lay directors are chosen, and teams are assembled. Then weeks of training and previews are held in anticipation of the walk. The disappointment is enormous when a walk must be postponed for a lack of pilgrims.*

*You have time. You can think and pray and remember what your walk meant to you. Send in the registrations for your pilgrims. Then let God decide and provide.*

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**CANCELLED**

May's Gathering (May 11, 2020)

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## 2020 Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis

<del>March 26-29</del>	Men's Walk # 59	<del>Fritz Dunear</del>
September 4-7	Chrysalis: Girls # 48 Boys # 42	
October 1-4	Women's Walk # 71	Lori Bailey

### Meal Times for Emmaus Walks

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:00	12:30	5:30
SATURDAY	8:00	12:30	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

### Meal Times for Chrysalis

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
FRIDAY	8:30	12:00	5:30
SATURDAY	8:15	11:55	6:30
SUNDAY	8:00	12:00	

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-60 Meal Agape  
-36 Conference Room Agape

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