

# WALK TALK

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Summer 2009

## PEWTE TEAM FEES

### What are Team Fees and how are they used?

To answer this question, let's start with the goal of Emmaus... "to renew the church as the body of Christ through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Christ." And, our hospitality goal to "welcome another as we would welcome Christ."

Now, we move to the financial cost of achieving these goals:

The average cost for the last seven sets of PEWTE Walks is \$13,500. Even with 72 Pilgrims for a set of Walks, the Pilgrim fees provide less than half that amount.

The largest single expense is rental of Camp Westminster which is currently \$5,880 for a set of Walks. Some of the other larger average expenses over the last seven sets of Walks are: food at \$3,650, literature at \$875 and Victory Dinner at \$600.

In addition to the expenses for the Walks, PEWTE must maintain and replace worn out equipment and provide scholarships for Pilgrims and Community members unable to pay the fee. Currently the Community is having to replace sound equipment and lighting and has contracted to have a new data base implemented.

"We have talked at various times about changing the Team Fee; but if we can hold quality Walks and can maintain the Community's equipment, \$85 is where we want to stay," said Barry Patrick, PEWTE Board Chair.

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### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's #17: Oct. 15-18  
Lay Director: Bob Bliss

Women's #17: Oct. 22-25  
Lay Director: Nancy Preston

### Upcoming Chrysalis Flight

Girl's #5: Sept. 5-7  
Lay Director: Holly Simmons

**ALERT!! ALERT!! ALERT!! ALERT!! Alert!! ALERT!!**

We interrupt this regularly scheduled newsletter for a special announcement:

The SUPPORT TEAM needs your help for Men's and Women's Walk #17. If you want to work, hang out with friends, work, and all the while serve the LORD, we have a place for you!! Did I mention WORK? Let the SUPPORT TEAM committee know right away that you want to work the Fall Walks.

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Now, back to your regularly scheduled newsletter

# REGISTRATION NEWS

## 36 & 36

Registration is **OPEN** for the Fall Walks and again our goal is to fill them with 36 men and 36 women! God has given us the resources to allow Him to draw 72 men and women closer to Him on every set of Walks. Let us honor Him by taking full advantage of these resources.

**WALK #17 MEN: OCTOBER 15-18, 2009**

**MEN'S REGISTRATION CLOSURES: OCTOBER 1, 2009**

**Men registered as of 5/31/09: 3**

**WALK #17 WOMEN: OCTOBER 22-25, 2009**

**WOMEN'S REGISTRATION CLOSURES: OCTOBER 8, 2009**

**Women registered as of 5/31/09: 9**

**Here are a few reminders:**

Applications AND PAYMENT must be **IN THE HAND** of the registrar by the closing date or your Pilgrim will be assigned to the Spring Walk.

Be sure to double check your application for **COMPLETENESS**

before mailing it. Things most often overlooked are pastor's signature, T-shirt size, bunk preference and medical and dietary needs.

Applications without the **PASTOR'S SIGNATURE** will be returned.

Sponsors, please make an extra effort to ensure your Pilgrim takes time to **THINK AND RECORD** any special needs such as vegetarian, food or other allergies, diabetic, physical limitations, sleeping problems, etc....

If your Pilgrim **SMOKES**, please make sure he/she is aware that Camp Westminster allows smoking in a designated area only. No smoking is permitted inside buildings.

An Upper Room booklet on sponsorship will be sent to every sponsor with the confirmation letter. **PLEASE READ IT** – lots of good information, even for veteran sponsors!

Let's go get'em! Please contact me if there is anything at all that I can help you with!

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**To: The Pathway East Community**  
**From: 2009 Board of Directors**  
**Subject: Pledge of Commitment**

Started in 1978 as a spinoff of Cursillo, The Walk to Emmaus has seen unprecedented growth and is now the fastest growing Christian Movement in the World! There are more than 400 communities in the U.S. and nearly 100 internationally, growing at a rate of one new community a month. To date, over one million people have participated in the Walk.

A spinoff of the North Georgia Community, the Pathway East Community (PWE) held its first Walk in 2001. Then only a vision of what it could be, the PWE Community will soon hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Walk and fifth Chrysalis Flight. Our Community now has well over 1,000 members.

We thank the men and women who worked tirelessly to start the PWE Community. In the Emmaus tradition of anonymous servanthood, they did not start the Community for personal recognition but for the love of the Lord. They can now look back and see how God has worked from the seed that they helped to plant.

In 2009 the PWE Community is recognized by the Upper Room as a model Community that follows the Emmaus Model and continues to look forward.

The Directors of the Board pledge to the Community, The Upper Room and all of those who came before to build upon what we have; with each year becoming better and stronger as we go into the World to "Build and Strengthen church leadership."

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## SPONSORSHIP: without it, there are no Walks

Sponsorship is one of the most important jobs in Emmaus, for without sponsorship, there are no Walks. With the upcoming Walks, we should focus our prayers on sponsorship. We need to be attentive to God's leading. Sponsorship is a dynamic partnership between you and God.

Although the October Walks are a few months away, team formation is underway and team meetings begin soon. We should now focus our prayers on sponsorship. I know you hear this often but the strength of Pathway East is a direct result of the Community's recruiting practices. The Board of Directors makes sponsorship its number one priority. And, our Community is committed to recruiting Pilgrims who will be strong leaders in the local church. Good sponsorship is building the next generation of our Community.

When you sponsor a Pilgrim, you take responsibility for that person before, during and after the Walk. It requires a lot of praying and perseverance as it is a long-term process. Although the commitment is great, the process is simple and straightforward.

If you are sponsoring for the first time, do you just ask anyone who is going to your church to go on a Walk? No. You should ask yourself these questions as each speaks to the quality you are looking for in a prospective Pilgrim.

1. Is the person already on a pilgrimage in his or her faith?
2. Is the person willing to grow and increase his or her knowledge of God and achieve a greater understanding of God's will?
3. Does the person know that God can make a difference in his or her life and also in the life of people around them?
4. Is the person willing to give full attention to the message and experience of the Walk and all follow-up activities?

These qualities point out one thing. Emmaus is not a place where the local church sends its "problem members" to get them straightened out nor is it an evangelistic tool to make new Christians. This is unfair to the person and will weaken the Community. Rather Emmaus strengthens church leaders, building on the nurturing and care the church has already begun. Simply stated, the sole purpose in recruiting Pilgrims is to strengthen our congregations.

New members of the Community frequently ask the question "When can I sponsor?" The Upper Room recommends that a new Community member work a Walk or two before sponsoring a Pilgrim. You can serve in many areas giving you ample time to learn how an Emmaus Walk functions.

If you decide, however, to sponsor someone, get help from the person who sponsored you as well as read the Upper Room Sponsorship Handbook. This 40-page booklet leads you through the Sponsorship process. The Pathway East

Board will send a Sponsorship Handbook to you when we receive your Pilgrim's registration form as a reminder of how important good sponsorship is.

Although the handbook goes into greater detail about your responsibilities, here are a few "to-the-point" suggestions:

**Pray:** focus your prayer on how this person can become a more vitally alive Christian rather than how you can get this person to Emmaus.

**Get together:** sit down with this person or husband and wife and have a casual conversation about Emmaus and your experience.

**Issue the invitation and encourage the commitment:** Have a registration form available and have it filled out in front of you so you can answer questions.

**Continue to prepare:** Continue to pray and remain close to the person. Start collecting personal agape letters. Enlist prayers for this person.

**Take your Pilgrim to the Walk,** attend Sendoff and stay to pray over your Pilgrim's cross.

**Check on your Pilgrim's family** during the Walk.

**Attend Candlelight and Closing.**

**Fourth Day:** Bring your pilgrim to the Victory Dinner, attend Gatherings and assist him or her in joining a Reunion group.

**Involvement:** Get the new member involved by serving on the next Walk.

This reminds me of two other questions that have been asked concerning sponsorship.

First, what if the person or couple cannot attend the October Walks but can attend the Spring 2010 Walks? Then, sign them up for the Spring now.

The second question has to do with a spouse sponsoring his or her own spouse. Yes, you can sponsor your spouse. Anyone can sponsor as long as he or she has attended a Walk.

See page 5 for additional sponsorship resources.

**If you have any questions regarding sponsorship, email Bob Harwood at: [robertharwood@comcast.net](mailto:robertharwood@comcast.net)**

### Watson Named Upper Room Southeastern Regional Leader-Emmaus

Fred Watson, Pathway East Walk #8 and former Board Chair, has been selected by The Upper Room to serve as the Southeastern Regional Leader-Emmaus. "We have seven assistant regional leaders and my goal is to add five more by year end," Fred said. "This will give us a total of 12. Does that number sound familiar?"

The Emmaus movement is growing stronger everywhere and the Regional Leaders are preparing for this growth with a special training program called Incubator that will develop stronger relationships between Communities and The Upper Room. In the Southeast, there are 116 Emmaus Communities. Throughout the year, Fred and the assistant leaders will be holding training events focusing on Gatherings and Fourth Day Leadership.

"I want everyone to know that it is always good to be home at Pathway East. The Emmaus movement is growing stronger everywhere and God's abundant grace is changing lives daily," said Fred.

### Changes to the Walk to Emmaus Model

It is not often that changes are made to the Emmaus Model. But, changes were made following lengthy discussions at the recent International Advisory Council Meeting.

We will be seeing these changes during the Fall Walks. One that we will all need to pay special attention to is the Prayer to the Holy Spirit which has several word changes. New "purple" Worship Books have been printed and new service cards will be issued soon.

"The few changes that will affect how the Walk is conducted will be provided to us by The Upper Room. We will include them in the Team Manuals issued at Orientation," said Board Chair Barry Patrick.

## We welcome these new members to the Pathway East Walk to Emmaus Community

### Women's Walk #16

Rubielee Addison--New Harmony UMC  
 Amy Belanger—Ebenezer UMC  
 Dawn Buff—Lawrenceville Church of God  
 LeAnn Clapper—Ebenezer UMC  
 Debbie Clarke—Shiloh UMCS  
 Emelda Conwell—Valley Kingdom Min.  
 Elaine Crawford—Cumberland UMC  
 Patsy Culifer—Bethlehem UMC  
 Kerra Domaleski—Ebenezer UMC  
 Buffey Doster—Ebenezer UMC  
 Woodrina Downing—Antioch Baptist  
 Felicia Fluker—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Carolyn Gaither--Faith Christian Center  
 Jill Green—Conyers First UMC  
 Jane Hallums—John Wesley UMC  
 Johnnie Jackson—Fairfield UMC  
 Christine Jackson—Red Oak UMC  
 Faye Jones—Snellville UMC  
 Vera Kerry—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Linda Leftridge—Red Oak UMC  
 Angie Lovell—Berkmar UMC  
 Edita Maya—St. Monica's Catholic  
 Paulette McDermott—Whites Chapel UMC  
 Brad Miller—Red Oak UMC  
 Cheryl Parker—Snellville UMC  
 Elisa Reece—Jackson UMC  
 Melody Rucker—Lawrenceville Church  
 Of God  
 Evaleen Sargent—Dixie Hills First Baptist  
 Betty Scott—12 Stone  
 Sherrion Tolbert—Legnand Community  
 Kathie Van Landingham—Snellville UMC  
 Sandra Walker—Tabernacle

### Men's Walk #16

Solomon Alexander—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Tony Armstrong—Shiloh UMC  
 Jim Banner—Lawrenceville Church of God  
 Brian Belanger—Ebenezer UMC  
 Clay Bond—Hebron Baptist  
 Glen Clapper—Ebenezer UMC  
 Randy Clarke—Shiloh UMC  
 Dick Clevenger—Snellville Christian  
 Donald Daniel—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Chris Domaleski—Ebenezer UMC  
 Pablo Dopico—Ebenezer UMC  
 Jack Dorough—Snellville UMC  
 Geoff Doster—Ebenezer UMC  
 Franklin Downing—Antioch Baptist  
 David Ford—Ebenezer UMC  
 Sherman Frontin—Ousley UMC  
 Rob Green—Conyers First UMC  
 Charles Gripper—Isaiah Church  
 Joseph Harrison—Ebenezer UMC  
 Al Hoard—Flat Shoals UMC  
 Curtis Jones—Snellville UMC  
 Steve McCulloch—Conyers First UMC  
 Ronnie McCullough—Redan UMC  
 Don McDonald—Oasis Church  
 Jerry Moore—Zoar UMC  
 Allen Moore—Zoar UMC  
 Maurice Moore—Zoar UMC  
 George Oliver—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Tracy Reece—Jackson UMC  
 David Rucker—Lawrenceville Church  
 of God  
 Waymon Thompson—Life Bridge  
 Phillip Welch—12 Stone  
 Dan White—Snellville UMC

Team Fee Article Continued...

Fred Watson, the Southeastern Regional Leader for Emmaus (see article page 4), reports that the average team fee in the Southeast region is \$175. "Each Community has a unique set of expenses, especially for lodging and food. We are fortunate that PEWTE's expenses are not so high," said Fred.

Essential to collecting all the fees associated with a Walk, PEWTE Community members need to pay close attention to the following two items:

**Collecting Team Fees:** To cover expenses that begin long before a Walk takes place, it is important that Team Fees begin to be collected at Orientation. If not paid at Orientation, the Team Fee should be paid at the first Team Meeting. The 72-Hour Coordinator is responsible for collecting Team Fees.

**Sign Up Sheets:** Since many Team members do not work the full weekend, it is critical for the Area Heads to keep track of all Team members. A sign-up sheet should be posted in every area and all Team members should sign in and out each day. It is the responsibility of the 72-Hour Coordinator or his/her designee to check these sign up sheets each day and to collect any unpaid fees.

We realize that not all Community members can work a full weekend. That is why we have a fee breakdown for a day and part day," said Don Collins, Support Team chair. "We want to provide everyone an opportunity to work a Walk."

#### Team Fee Schedule

Full Weekend : \$85      One Day Fee: \$30      One-Half Day Fee: \$15

**If you have any questions about Team Fees, please ask any of the Board Members.**

## Gatherings

### Bringing Us Together as a Community

Gatherings are an important part of our Fourth Day lives as a time of worship and sharing together as a Community. Jesus says in Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." There is nothing better than a big turn out for a Pathway East Gathering!

Through music, prayer, Fourth Day witness, Holy Communion and fellowship, a Gathering brings us together as The PEWTE Community. But a Gathering doesn't just happen. It requires a team of servants to host the event which includes: coordinating a host/hostess, a Pastor for Holy Communion, a music team, Fourth Day speakers, kitchen help and child care providers.

Sound like a lot? Not really, as we have complete guidelines and assistance to walk you through the process. You'll be amazed how much fun you'll have organizing the evening and then the Gathering itself! It is a great team builder that unites the Emmaus and Chrysalis folks in YOUR church!

Gatherings are open to members of the Emmaus Community as well as their families and friends! Community members are asked to bring snack food or desserts to share and childcare is provided.

A big THANK YOU to Conyers First UMC, Crossroads UMC and Jackson UMC for so graciously hosting our recent Gatherings. They were all wonderful. We need three host churches for our Gatherings in August, September and November. If your church is interested in hosting one of these evenings, please contact Don Wall at 404-456-6897 or dwall770@gmail.com.

Additional books that may be helpful regarding Sponsorship can be found on [www.upperroom.org/bookstore](http://www.upperroom.org/bookstore).

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## Pathway East Chrysalis Community

### “Making God Relevant”

When I started in youth ministry eight years ago the most surprising thing to me was how BUSY teenagers were. Anytime we wanted to schedule a youth outing we had to try to synchronize a plethora of calendars and find the time least occupied by soccer tournaments, band concerts, school projects and family trips. It's not easy being a teen today – you're getting an education, playing sports, learning to socialize, preparing for college, and learning who you are as a person. Amid all the rushing around growing up, is there any time left for a faith life? As one youth minister put it, “The challenge today is not showing teens that God exists. They know God exists. The challenge is showing them that God is RELEVANT in their lives.”

That's why I love Chrysalis. For three days our caterpillars get to step away from the world – no schoolwork, no sports tournaments, no rushing around from appointment to appointment – and focus on God. They get to see their faith from a new perspective, to claim it as their own, and to feel the love God has for them. And, hopefully to see that, not only is God relevant to their lives, their lives are also relevant and important to God. For three days they're supported by a loving Community and surrounded by their peers who are on the same journey, though each in his or her own way. After the weekend they are forever members of that same Community, sharing their stories and reliving their Chrysalis experiences together in small groups, at Hoots and on service projects.

This summer our Pathway East Chrysalis Community is doing some exciting new things. A “Summer Hoot” is coming up June 25, which will include food, music, Fourth Day talks and bowling.

We're also planning our first ever “Service Hoot,” where the community will come together to help support a worthwhile project in our community (currently being rescheduled, check the website for details). Hoots are open to ANYONE, not just those who have been on a Chrysalis weekend.

We also need your support and your sponsorship. Our Girl's Flight #5 is coming up Labor Day weekend – is there someone you know (of the female persuasion) who is between 16 and 24, who has completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and who could benefit from a weekend away from the world and focused on God? There are dozens of potential caterpillars in our community but they'll never know what great things God is doing through Pathway East if you don't sponsor them. And, for those of the male persuasion, our Boy's Flight #5 is just around the corner in January.

THANK YOU for all your support, sponsorship, service and prayers. And, don't forget, as one recent Chrysalis butterfly put it, “God Rocks!”

Chip Reaves, Chair, PEWTE Chrysalis Board of Directors

### We welcome these new members to the Pathway East Chrysalis Community

Boy's Chrysalis #4  
January 16-19, 2009

Brandon Austin—Suwanee Parish UMC  
Charles Barber—Jackson UMC  
Eric Callaway—Snellville UMC  
Wright Dickerson—Ebenezer UMC  
Chris Elliott—Mt. Pleasant UMC  
Ackeem Evans—Ben Hill UMC  
Max Everett—Snellville UMC  
Zach Garrett—Mt. Pleasant UMC  
Jon Gray— Mt. Pleasant UMC  
Kwame Harleston—Berkmar UMC  
Henry Hutchins—Bethel UMC  
Simeon Johnson—Bethel UMC  
David Jones—Crossroads UMC  
Ralph Jones, Jr.—Ben Hill UMC  
David Lea—Crossroads UMC  
Guigui Marques— Presbyterian Church of Marques  
Ryan Martin—Crosspoint Christian  
Taveus Mazyck—Ben Hill UMC  
Jasper Mealer—Snellville UMC  
Malcom Miller—Suwanee Parish UMC  
Brad Newton—Berkmar UMC  
Jacob Parker—Snellville UMC  
John Spinks—Snellville UMC  
Tim Taylor, Jr.—Bethlehem UMC  
Chris Thomas—Snellville UMC  
Daniel Walton—Mt. Pleasant UMC



Pathway East Chrysalis Website  
[pathwayeastchrysalis.org](http://pathwayeastchrysalis.org)

