

# WALK TALK

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Winter 2009

## NEW PEWTE POLICY AFFECTS WALKS

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Scoofer Jordan, the Southeast Regional Representative from the Upper Room, regarding the minimum number of Pilgrims needed to successfully stage an Emmaus Walk. This information was a major factor in the Pathway East Board's decision to make every effort to comply with the Upper Room's guidelines.

The Board's decision regarding the upcoming Spring Walks follows Mr. Jordan's remarks.

*"Many, if not most, communities feel they "must" have Walks every season as they always have. Years ago this was not a problem, but now it is most definitely a problem as more and more communities are struggling with low pilgrim count and having to make very hard decisions about holding a walk. The 20 pilgrim minimum has a two fold principle backing the Upper Room guideline that says not to go forward with less than 20 pilgrims. First, you do not want the number of team members to overpower the number of pilgrims. If communities are not careful, the walk goes forward for the benefit of the team because of "all the hard work done in training." Second, you cannot in most cases, justify the expense of a walk with less than 20 pilgrims."*

*"May I suggest that each Board review their policy concerning holding walks. You will not be judged on canceling or postponing a walk from time to time, but you could be judged on going forward with less than 20 pilgrims."*

To: The Pathway East Community  
From: Board of Directors  
Subject: Emmaus Walk #16

In an effort to comply with the Upper Room requirements regarding the minimum number of Pilgrims needed to successfully stage an Emmaus Walk, the Board of Directors will review at its February 10 meeting the status of Pilgrims fully registered to determine if the next set of Walks will be held.

It is, therefore, important to have as many Walk #16 Pilgrims as possible registered no later than the end of January 2009.



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### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's #16: March 12-15  
Lay Director: Tony Singleton  
Women's #16: March 19-22  
Lay Director: Eileen Miller

### Upcoming Chrysalis Flight

Boy's #4: Jan. 17-19  
Lay Director: John Simmons

# REGISTRATION NEWS

**Our goal for the Spring Walks: 36 and 36!**

**Send Pilgram applications in prior to February 10!**

Although registration does not close until February 26 (men) and March 5 (women), the Pathway East Board of Directors will make a decision at the February 10 Board meeting as to whether the Spring Walks will be held. A major factor will be the number of Pilgrims registered at that time. (See article on front page.) So, it is important to send in applications and payment by the end of January so they can be considered in the February 10 Board Meeting!

Download applications with instructions at [www.emmauswalk.net](http://www.emmauswalk.net).

**Men's Walk:** March 12 – 15, 2009

**Pilgrims Confirmed as of Jan. 15: 2**

Registration Closes\*: February 26

**Women's Walk:** March 19 – 22, 2009

**Pilgrims Confirmed as of Jan. 15: 4**

Registration Closes\*: March 5

**\*Closing Date:** Completed application and payment must be **in the hand** of the Registrar by this date. Applications and payments received after this date will be assigned to the next Walk.

**Questions?** If you need help with the registration process or have questions, please contact Kristy Hiner, 770-918-0955, [hinerkc@yahoo.com](mailto:hinerkc@yahoo.com).

# Gathering Dates and Information

**Gatherings** are monthly reunions of the Emmaus Community and are open to members of the Community as well as friends and family, regardless of whether they have attended a Walk. Gatherings are full of energy, spirituality and are a way to stay in touch with Community members. There is singing and prayer, Fourth-Day witness, Holy Communion, refreshments and fellowship. Child care is available. Please bring a covered dish (finger sandwiches, fruit, dip, desserts, etc.) and come to get reacquainted with your friends at our next Gathering.

**Would your church like to host a Gathering?** We have complete guidelines and assistance available to walk you through the process, so anyone can do it! It is a great team-builder that unites and utilizes the talents of the Emmaus and Chrysalis folks in your church. If you are interested in hosting a Gathering or would like to serve on the Gatherings Committee, please contact Don Wall at 770-978-1885 or [dwall770@gmail.com](mailto:dwall770@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Gatherings:**

January 31: Chrysalis Hoot at Camp Westminster at 6 p.m.

February 28: Gathering at Conyers First UMC at 7 p.m.

May 15: TENTATIVE Gathering at Jackson UMC at 7 p.m.

For more information including directions, see the Calendar at [www.emmauswalk.net](http://www.emmauswalk.net).

**Our websites**

Pathway East Emmaus Community  
**Emmauswalk.net**

Pathway East Chrysalis Community  
**Pathwayeastchrysalis.org**

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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 March 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. Begin with prayer, approach the prospective Pilgrim and then wait for a decision. If the answer is yes, you then begin taking responsibility for your Pilgrim.

### Who to Sponsor

Leaders in the church:

"Visible" – nursery workers, Sunday School teachers, staff, etc.

"Behind the scenes" – ushers, kitchen workers, committee members, custodians, etc.

These people are usually well respected, listen to others and are prayerful. They willingly do whatever is asked of them and want no recognition as their joy comes from serving God.

### Sponsor's Responsibilities

1. Pray, pray, pray before and especially after the Pilgrim has agreed to attend.
2. Discuss your Walk experience and provide the *What is Emmaus* pamphlet.
3. Share the following:
  - Campground facilities, sleeping arrangements, showering, etc.
  - Meals: identify certain foods, diets that Pilgrim may need
  - Clothing to bring
  - Bedding, pillow, towels, CPAP device, etc.
  - Breaks and free time during the weekend
  - Golf cart available for transportation (if needed)
  - Participation in all activities from Thurs. 7 p.m. to Sun. 7 p.m.
  - No contact with anyone outside the campground (except in an emergency)
  - Fifteen talks lasting 20-25 minutes each, with brief descriptions (if asked)
  - Small group discussions
  - Communion is emphasized
  - Plenty of good food, fellowship and deepening relationship with God
  - Enthusiasm for serving Christ
4. Application: Download from [www.emmauswalk.net](http://www.emmauswalk.net).
  - Assist the prospect with the application, noting special needs, emergency contacts and pastor signature.
  - Send the completed form to Kristy Hiner with the \$85 fee at least a month prior to the Walk.
  - If the prospective Pilgrim(s) cannot go on this Walk, sign up for the next one.
5. Next, get agape letters from the:
  - Minister, Sponsor (you), Spouse, Family members, Church family and Friends
  - Bring the letters to Send Off Thurs. or NO LATER than Candlelight Sat. night
6. A few days before the Walk, call to discuss:
  - Time you will pick up your Pilgrim and take your Pilgrim home
  - Remind what to bring, what not to bring (cell phone, watch)
  - Check any needs the Pilgrim or the family might have during the weekend.
7. Bring your Pilgrim to Send Off and assist with check in.
  - Introduce to others
  - Stay for Sponsor's Hour, pray over your Pilgrim's cross
8. Pray for your Pilgrim during the next 72 hours and check with your Pilgrim's family.
  - If needed, care for children, pets, house, plants, etc.
9. Attend Candlelight Saturday evening
10. Attend Closing Sunday.
  - Pick up your Pilgrim's luggage and take your Pilgrim home
11. Bring your Pilgrim to the Victory Dinner
  - Take your Pilgrim to the first Gathering after the Walk
  - Assist in finding a Reunion group.

Before sponsoring you should read the Upper Room's publication *Sponsorship* by Richard and Janine Gilmore.

Additional resources are listed on the page 5.

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

We have all experienced the excitement and enthusiasm that followed our Walks. And, we remember how we wanted to share this experience with others. However, it is not recommended that new members of the Community sponsor for at least a year. This is a time for them to get involved, to serve on Walks and to gain experience and knowledge of Emmaus.

## Progressive Servanthood

If you ever wondered why you (or someone else) were asked (or were not asked) to serve in a particular spot on a Walk, "progressive servanthood" might be the answer. Scoofer Jordan, The Upper Room's SE regional representative for Walk to Emmaus wrote "we don't earn the right to progress in Emmaus, we learn it. Serving behind-the-scenes first, then entering the conference room at the table community...helps us all to understand the dynamics of listening as well as the sharing of ideas."

Walk to Emmaus has specific steps in progressive servanthood, beginning with support roles and culminating in the Lay Director position. Our community is working diligently to develop servant leaders with the experience to serve in leadership positions on future Walks.

Progressive servanthood means beginning with support team roles of agape, kitchen, dorm, chapel, snack agape and set-up. A community member is eligible to serve in the conference room after serving twice on the support team. A table leader should have been an assistant table leader and worked support at least twice.

Both assistant lay directors and lay directors are recognized for their servant leadership, with growing gifts and graces of humility, servanthood and love. An assistant lay director should have been a table leader and the head of a support area. Lay director candidates must have experience in both support and conference room leadership roles. The person should have served as assistant lay director at least twice and served as area head twice or area head once and 72-hour coordinator.

If you are asked to serve in any capacity on a Walk, know that the Team Formation committee, with God's guidance, is not only enlisting servants for this Walk but is also paving the way for successful Walks in the future.

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

### Women's Walk #15

Jo Baumgartner—Salem UMC  
 Judy Blanchette—Ebenezer UMC  
 Daisie Coloma—Berkmar UMC  
 Marilyn Farley-Thompson—Ousley UMC  
 Jackie Frontin—Ousley UMC  
 Susan Garrison—FBC Lawrenceville  
 Mabel Herbert—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Jackie Hicks—Bethel UMC  
 Celia Hilliard—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Alice Houston—Bethel UMC  
 Sandra Hudson—Suwanee Parish UMC  
 Jennifer Isherwood—Conyers FUMC  
 Willie Jefferson—Grace UMC  
 Charlotte Kinsey—Conyers UMC  
 Amy Mayers—Grace Fellowship  
 Sandra Pye—Red Oak UMC  
 Aletha Robertson—Assemblies of God  
 Tabernacle  
 Marian Russell—Antioch North  
 Susan Ryan—Jackson UMC  
 Barbara Sams—Jackson UMC

Anna Wallace Standifer—Bethel UMC  
 Melanie Tatum—Eastridge Community  
 Church  
 Mary Lou Vergara—Oak Grove UMC  
 Althea Williams—Suwanee Parish UMC

### Men's Walk #15

Jack Blanchette—Ebenezer UMC  
 Steven Cooley—Greater Piney Grove  
 Adolf Farley-Thompson—Ousley UMC  
 Keith Graham—Berkmar UMC  
 John Hawkins—Bethel UMC  
 Robert Isherwood—Conyers FUMC  
 John Neal—Destiny World Church  
 Keith Pulliam—Jackson UMC  
 Bob Ryan—Jackson UMC  
 Joe Sagneri—The Bridge Church  
 Stuart Scruggs—Snellville UMC  
 Johnny Tatum—Eastridge  
 Community Church  
 Tim Taylor—Bethlehem FUMC  
 Scott Thompson—Ebenezer UMC  
 Charles Weems—Red Oak UMC

## Chrysalis Happenings

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

Brook Beasley—Hopewell UMC  
 Sarah Bracewell—Faith Community  
 Bianca Butler—Bethel UMC  
 Chrystal Chandler—Smyrna Presbyterian  
 Tatiyana Curtis—Bethel UMC  
 Natalee Dukes—Crossroads UMC  
 Shannon Fitzpatrick—Loganville UMC  
 Leslie Forte—Smyrna Presbyterian  
 Lina Garcia—Snellville UMC  
 Hilary Koenig—Crossroads UMC  
 Tina Martin—Smyrna Presbyterian  
 Tyler Moore—Ben Hill UMC  
 Ciera Phillips—Columbia Drive UMC

Anna Simmons—Snellville UMC  
 Jenee Tuggle—Bethel UMC  
 Robin VanBrocklin—Loganville UMC



**Don't forget the Hoot Jan. 31 Camp Westminster 6 p.m.**

## 2009 Pathway East Board of Directors

|                    |  |                               |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Alcorn, Shirley *  | Bethlehem UMC                          | Reunion Groups-Victory        |
| Alvord, Jeff       | Briarcliff UMC                         | Kitchen/Snack Agape           |
| Arnold, Mark       | Snellville UMC                         | Candlelight-Sponsor's Hour    |
| Bray, Wendy*       | Berkmar UMC                            | Support                       |
| Burgess, John      | 12 Stone Church                        | Treasurer                     |
| Caldwell, Scott*   | Loganville UMC                         | Security-Setup-Takedown       |
| Clay, JP*          | Tabernacle Assembly of God             | Kitchen/Snack Agape           |
| Collins, Don       | Snellville UMC                         | Support                       |
| Crissman, Joel     | Crossroads UMC                         | Agape                         |
| Dirocco, Mickey*   | Berkmar UMC                            | Chrysalis representative      |
| Durden, Ed         | Loganville UMC                         | Reunion Groups-Victory Dinner |
| Garrison, Trent*   | Lawrenceville FBC                      | Dorm                          |
| Harwood, Bob       | Conyers First UMC                      | Sponsorship                   |
| Harwood, Kris      | Conyers First UMC                      | Chapel                        |
| Hiner, Kristy      | Ebenezer UMC                           | Registration                  |
| Leach, Sharon *    | Hebron Baptist                         | Support                       |
| Matson, Betty      | Loganville UMC                         | Newsletter                    |
| Miller, Eileen     | Berkmar UMC                            | Literature-T-shirts-Nametags  |
| Patrick, Barry     | Ebenezer UMC                           | Chair                         |
| Pendleton, Lee     | Bethel UMC                             | Spiritual Director            |
| Singleton Jeannine | Columbia Drive UMC                     | Literature-T-shirts-Nametags  |
| Wall, Don*         | Presbyterian Church of<br>The Redeemer | Gatherings                    |
| Watson, Fred       | Crossroads UMC                         | Sponsorship                   |
| Williams, Betsy    | Berkmar UMC                            | Team Formation                |
| Wright, Gary*      | Lawrenceville Church of God            | Vice Chair-Music              |
| Yarbrough, Vivian* | Bethel UMC                             | Secretary-Newsletter          |

\*New Board member, either elected to a three-year term or to fill an unexpired term

If you have questions, feel free to contact the Board Member representing that area. If you would like to know the email address or phone number of a Board member, email Betty Matson at [Matson1348@windstream.net](mailto:Matson1348@windstream.net).

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

Bryant, Stephen D. *What is Emmaus?* (Nashville, Tenn.: The Upper Room, 2006).

Wood, Robert. *Day Four The Pilgrim's Journey*, Revised Edition. (Nashville, Tenn.: The Upper Room, 2004).

Gilmore, Richard and Gilmore, Jenine. *Sponsorship*. Nashville, Tenn.: The Upper Room, 2006).