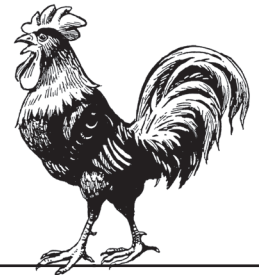


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Central Mississippi Emmaus-Chrysalis-Kairos Newsletter

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Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus

Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Miss.
 Walk 152, Trip Barnes.....April 20-23
 Walk 153, Barbara Grable.....April 27-30

Get Involved: Sponsor a Pilgrim

As I began to look back over some older newsletters to get an idea of what would be best to say, I found one from 2014 written by Tammy Childress. My, how she has a way with words! I thought I would be able to take a couple of ideas from a couple of different newsletters, but her whole letter was incredible, and I haven't even looked at any others. Please take a moment to re-live her words from the winter of 2014:

"Just like the three legs of the stool that we hear about in the talk given during the weekend, we need three things to come together for a successful walk: team members, pilgrims, and SPONSORS. Without a team, there would be no Walk. Without pilgrims, there would be no need for a team. But it is YOU, the sponsor, who brings the pilgrim to Camp Wesley Pines for the team to work by and through the leading of the Holy Spirit. When team, pilgrims, and sponsors converge at the camp, the Holy Spirit takes over.

My plea this year is for us to pray for our sponsors just as diligently as we pray for the team and pilgrims. Being a sponsor is a loving sacrifice of both time and money. Do you remember your own sponsor? Someone lovingly did it for YOU. And oh, the fruits that have been produced by this beautiful ministry of CMWE.

If you have not sponsored a pilgrim for a while, please take time to pray that God puts the very person in your path that HE would choose for the next Walk. Today more than ever we must lift up our leaders in the church who are hungry for a deeper relationship with Him.

Being a sponsor means being the hands and feet of Christ as we not only make preparations for our pilgrim, but we also attend to any needs of the pilgrim's family while they are participating in the Walk.

I personally have family members that I have hounded and badgered for years to go on the Walk, but when I started asking God who He wanted there, then potential pilgrims started crossing my path quite often.

Jesus himself was not taken seriously by those in His own family and in His own community. But that did not deter Him from doing His Father's work.

I thank God for each member of this community. Every one of you has a unique and special gift, and when the Holy Spirit fills the camp, the fruit of the Spirit are overflowing. I look forward to praying for you this year, along with YOUR pilgrim." *Tammy Childress*

In our board discussions over the last couple of years, sponsorship has come up often. The board has been very pleased with our sponsorship in my

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Reminder: Fourth Day Gathering

Thursday, May 4, 7 p.m.

FLORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

142 Carter Street, Flora

Bring a snack to share with our newest members of the Community. Board meeting at 4:00.

Visit our website at www.centralmsemmaus.com

Upcoming Walks

Walk 152, Trip Barnes..... April 20-23
 Walk 153, Barbara Grable..... April 27-30
 Walk 154, Tonya Butler..... July 13-16
 Walk 155, Chauncey Godwin October 19-22
 Walk 156, Sue Sullivan October 26-29

Pilgrim & Caterpillar Apps

Please help us with pilgrim and caterpillar applications. Applications will not be considered to be complete unless:

- (1) There is a signed application from the pilgrim or caterpillar.
- (2) There is a completed sponsor sheet from the sponsor for that pilgrim or caterpillar.
- (3) There is a deposit of \$25. If at all possible please send these all in at the same time to ensure that our lists are up to date and accurate.

Please use the updated Chrysalis Forms found on centralmsemmaus.com.

Thanks!
*Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus &
 Central Mississippi Chrysalis Boards of Directors*

Team Applications

We ask that you have an application on file to be considered for an Emmaus or Chrysalis team. You can submit your Emmaus Team Registration online at www.centralmsemmaus.com. Team applications can also be printed, completed, and sent to Leila Malatesta for Emmaus and the completed Chrysalis forms to Amanda Lacoste at lacostedesigns@hotmail.com.

We hope that you will honor the suggestion to work only one walk per year. We want everyone to have the blessing of serving on a team. And as you all know, being a part of a team is a time, a financial, and a prayerful commitment.

Reunion Groups

Metro Jackson - The Metro Jackson Reunion Group will meet on the first Monday of each month at the Belwether Office at 6:00pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and be of part of this new and growing group.

Clear Branch - The Clear Branch Reunion Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Clear Branch Baptist Church.

Bolton, Clinton, Raymond - Bolton, Clinton & Raymond Ultreya Group meets on the first Thursday of each at 6 p.m. at the Clinton United Methodist Church. For additional information contact Antoinette Raggio at ajraggio@gmail.com.

Flora - The Flora Reunion group now meets on the first Tuesday of February, April, July, and October at 7 pm at the home of Rudy & Mary Holcomb. For additional information, contact Leila Malatesta at floraemmausgroup@gmail.com.

Vicksburg - The Vicksburg Emmaus Reunion Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Crossway Church. Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Pam Ertle at 601-415-5405 or pam_ertle@bellsouth.net.

Brookhaven - The Brookhaven Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion group meets the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Southway Baptist Church, 1107 South Jackson St. Brookhaven. For more information call Mendez Vaughn at 601-757-0255.

Chairman's Column *(continued)*

two years, and I want to continue to challenge everyone to be prayerful in their sponsorship. Thank you for being a member of the Emmaus community, and I look forward to seeing you at Camp Wesley Pines or Flora United Methodist Church very soon.

Ross Hailey
 Board Chairman



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