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*Thank you*

For your prayers and service to this community  
For showing up all the times that you have in whatever capacity  
For letting God shine through your life into those around you

We could never say thank you enough so that is why this newsletter is starting with a quick list. You are appreciated and valued to others in this community. So come fellowship at the

**Gathering this Saturday at 6pm at Trinity  
UM Church at 5613 Western Ave in  
Knoxville.**

Dear Emmaus Community,

I am glad to finally get to communicate with all of you once more. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at the upcoming gathering. I want to request prayers from all of you about a community spiritual director. Sandy (at the Upper Room) says that we must have one in place

in order to have a Walk, team meetings, or be able to order any materials. The board has been actively trying to find one but so far “NO SUCCESS”. Please pray with me that the Lord leads someone to say, “Yes, I will do it!” Please add the team selection committee members to your prayer lists as they try to fill the rosters for the walk. I am praying with you. Also, my dear friends Lou Walker and Randa Miner (Who both have worked the last 3 or 4 walks and helped in the dining room and the kitchen.) are battling cancer. The Sevierville crowd is actively praying for healing. The team selection committee met last Friday and are actively calling the women on their lists. A women’s walk would be lovely! You all take care and I will be eating, praying, laughing and singing with you all this weekend.

Take care and go with Christ!

Love to you all,

Brooke Blair

The board has positions open and would welcome you to use your gifts in service with us. If God has been nudging you, just come and check it out. We meet at 4:30 before the Gathering (3rd Saturday of each month), and we have some steep challenges we are facing. As Ms. Brooke mentioned above, one reason we had to cancel the Day 4 Restore we had initially planned for this month's Gathering is because our Community Spiritual Director expressed some concerns that we have been trying to resolve for the last couple of months in hopes that he could, in good conscience, still continue to serve. Sadly, we have not been able to achieve that goal, thus we are now expressing this as an urgent prayer need for the whole community. Another challenge is one that has trickled down to us. We were not aware initially that The Upper Room expected the same \$25/participant fee for the Day 4 Restore as for a walk since there are no materials given out. At this time, the board does not feel this is congruent with our community's goals/ needs. It is likely that the board will continue to face difficult decisions like these in the near future, and we can certainly need everyone's prayers. We do believe this community will come together to help us have the currently planned Women's Walk in October, but we need the community to keep increasing its presence. Each Walk we have had in this restart has been

building momentum, and we need that trend to keep going. If you want to serve in any capacity, let us know. We want to include you, and we definitely have room! Here's a far-from-complete list of ways you could contribute to the rebuilding efforts of this community:

- Making Agape gifts
- Helping the Agape team on a Walk
- Set-up after Wed evening activities at the church
- Attending Send-off/ Candlelight/ Closing
- Attending Gatherings - maybe even sharing YOUR 4th day story
- Leading music - Gatherings or for the community during Walk
- Assisting a board member with their area of responsibility to see if that is a way you'd like to serve (because ideally we should have people training to replace board members every 3 years)
- Praying
- Relabeling/ organizing the totes for Agape/ Conference rooms
- Preparing Pilgrim folders BEFORE the Walk
- Writing an article for this newsletter
- Sharing a devotional at the beginning of the board meeting
- Organizing a reunion group for your area
- Calling people to ask them to serve or just to invite them to attend a community event (HUGE need!)
- Reposting this newsletter to your social media to get the word out
- Connecting with someone you met through this community to tell them how much they've meant to you

With all the Agape Love I can send digitally from my heart to yours,  
Robin Turnmire

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