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August Candlelight Newsletter

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Nashville Upper Room Emmaus Community



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A Message of Encouragement

As we look toward the fall, we see a great deal of activity and a big demand on our time and resources. How are we going to navigate all of these events and challenges?? It is easy to fall into the trap of "I can't".

In Romans 8, Paul talks about how Christ is greater than anything and everything we could ever face. He tells us that we should look to God, not the things directly in front of us. Paul reminds us that Christ died, and rose again! We are children of God! And, our present sufferings pale to the glory that is coming! With that truth in mind, Paul says in 8:31, "What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" To say it another way, if God is who he says he is, and if he is for us, then no one can be against us. God is bigger than whatever you and I are facing. Paul concludes Romans 8 with this memorable and inspiring series of verses:

37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate

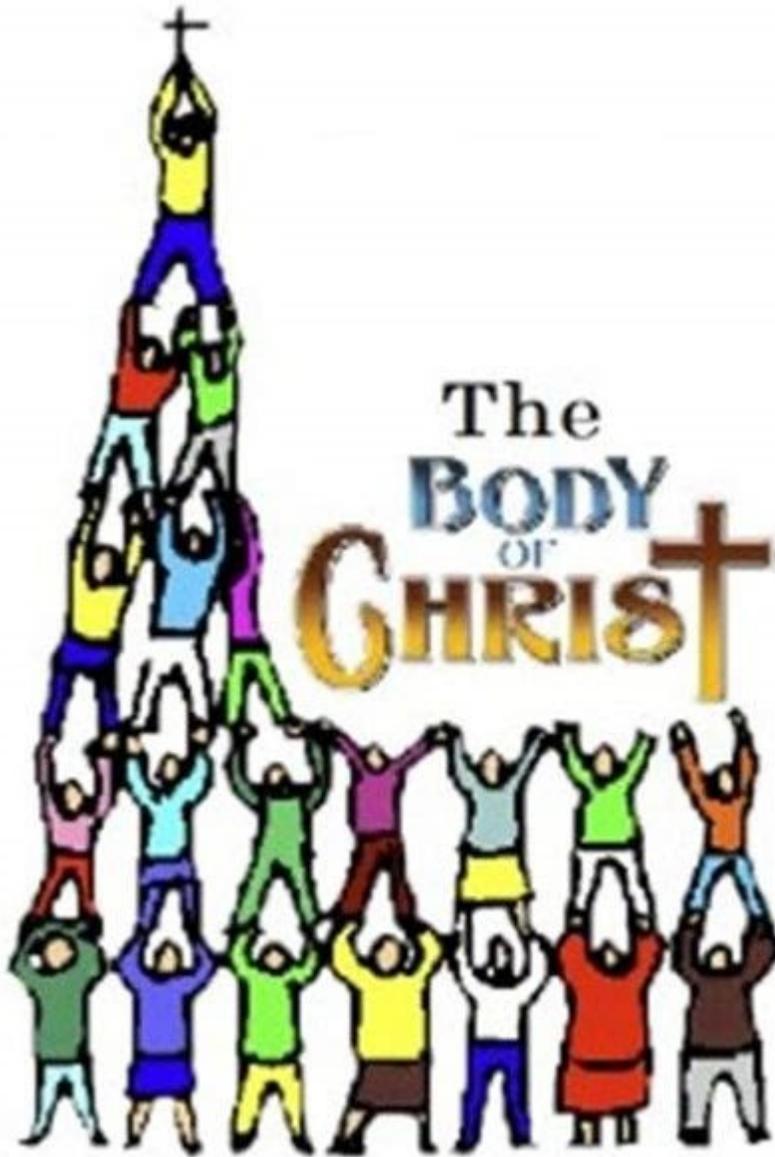
us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:37-39, NLT)

Don't allow your current struggle overcome the coming triumph, Christ is counting on us!

The Body of Christ

You may be curious as to where this image of the Body of Christ came from. During the initial offering of the Village Encounter, a new Emmaus Ministries program offering an online program similar to the Walk to Emmaus, a team member from Zimbabwe shared this image, used in a church in her community. This image seems to convey the attributes of the Body of Christ; a community of the redeemed and a community of disciples. We learned in the Body of Christ talk that the Body of Christ is Alive, Covenantal, Gifted (for ministry), Renewing, Mission-minded, and Confident. This image synchronizes the message from Paul in Romans 8 with our current time and place. Knowing that God gave us all of this, how can we not be committed in His calling upon us, in this ministry, to proclaim the Gospel, join with others in community, and serve?

Let us follow the encouragement of the Body of Christ talk we received on Sunday to find a need and focus on it, identify our gifts and resources, seek the support of others, and work as a team.



We need our community support!

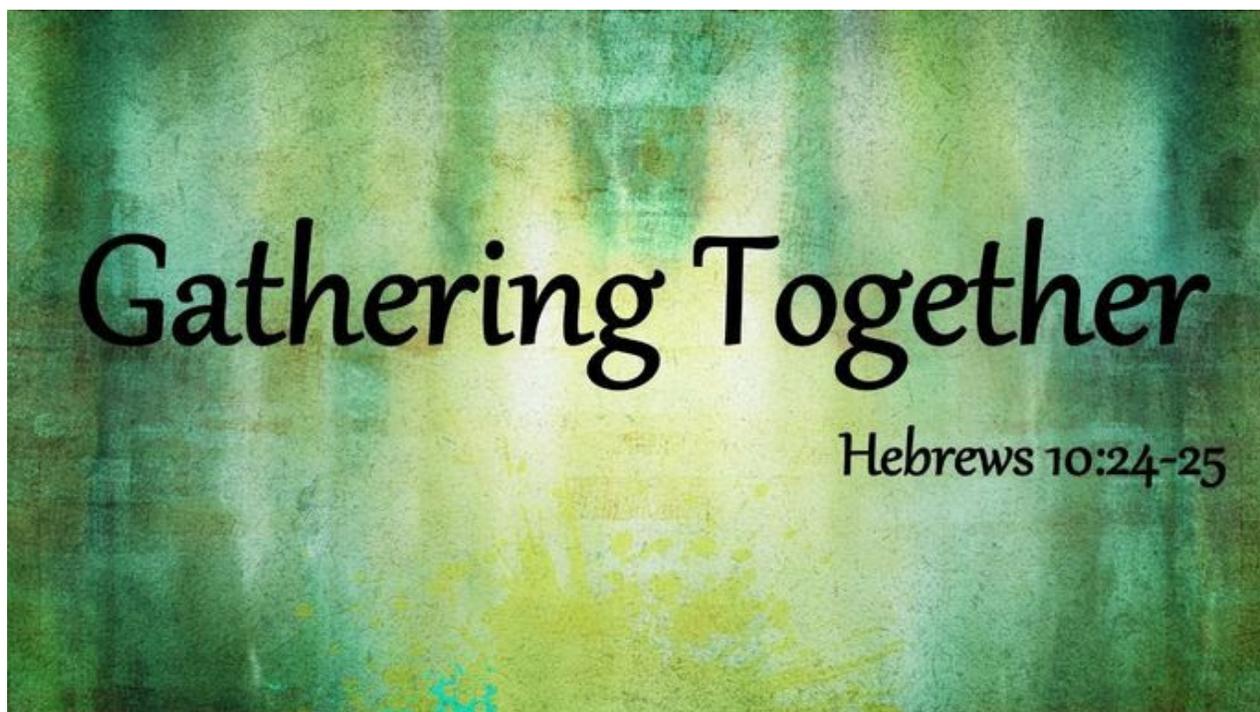
Your community board of directors has identified several areas that need your support. At the bottom of the page you will find the signup sheets for the 72-hour Prayer Vigils, Setup on Wednesday before the walks, and takedown on Sunday morning, hospitality signup, and servants for the kitchen. We all expect these areas to be filled, but YOU must sign up. Be mission minded. Be confident.

Team formation begins on August 26th s for the men's and women's walks to be held at Good Shepherd UMC, [525 New Shackle Island Rd, Hendersonville, TN](#).

Men's Walk #203, 5-8 October, 2023 Lay Director: Mark Poe

Women's Walk #205, 19-22 October, 2023 Lay Director: Lisa Hobbs

The Team Selection Committee is refining the list of candidates for leaders in the Kitchen. If you are interested in leading the effort, send an email to nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com.



Community Gatherings. Join with the community on **September 9th** at **Sango UMC in Clarksville**. The gathering will begin at 5 PM with a covered dish meal. Sango UMC is located at [3301 Sango Rd, Clarksville, TN](#).

As team formation for the fall walks continues, we continue to hear about much interest in men's and women's applications, and we see many people visiting the community website for information, and to download applications. Don't delay in submitting applications! Applications are accepted via online application or submitted by email to nashvilleemmaus@gmail.com.

See the buttons below for the applications.

[Online Application](#)

[Printable Application](#)

See the buttons below to sign up for the prayer vigils, and to serve with Setup, Hospitality, Kitchen, and Takedown. It is not too early to sign up to offer these gifts of agape to others. There are 8 slots available for Hospitality, 20 for Setup, 6 slots for each shift in the Kitchen, and 10 slots for Takedown. No one has signed up yet. Let's make a commitment to support the pilgrims that will come on the fall walks!

[Women's Walk #205 Prayer Vigil](#)

[Men's Walk #203 Prayer Vigil](#)

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