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# Chatter Matters

April 2011



## Happy Birthday, Mr. Leon!!!!

If you have ever been to Tattnall Campground for any Dayspring Walk to Emmaus activity whether it was Work Day/Cleanup, Send-Off, Candlelight, Closing, or a Pio Party, you have more than likely seen Mr. Leon Waters. Whether he is sweeping the leaves (or the pollen) out from under the Tabernacle, setting up or taking up the candlelight luminaries, turning on the lights to just

the right brightness or the fans off so that the candles can burn at just the right pace during Communion, preparing the conference room/dining hall for a Pio Party, (my personal favorite) dancing during send-off or rejoicing last in the candlelight line, Mr. Leon celebrates God's goodness all the time. In so doing, he truly demonstrates a servant's heart for all of us. He even serves tea and water at The Anderson House-further evidence of his zeal in just fellowshipping with those who are serving the Lord.

At the final servant team meeting for Walks #74 and #75 on March 5, 2011 at the Campground, the team members had the privilege of celebrating Mr. Leon's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday with a delicious birthday cake big enough to feed the crowd. A festive spirit was in the air and felt by all. What a wonderful way for the teams to start the final day of preparation before the most recent walks. Mr. Leon truly exemplifies the servant heart in everything he does-not for the accolades or even the thanks that he will receive, but rather all for the Glory of God.

The Dayspring Community is truly grateful to Mr. Leon for his many contributions and love for all of us who have followed in his footsteps as a member of the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #1. We are most grateful to God that He has allowed Mr. Leon to serve for 88 years. What a blessing!

***1 Samuel 2:35: "And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed forever."***

## **Sustaining the Spirit**

Sustaining the Spirit is an important event in our Dayspring Community. After our Walk to Emmaus we have the Pio Party, which we all enjoy. Our next big event is Sustaining the Spirit night.

At Closing, our Board Chairman, Chap Cromley, told you about it. An information flyer and sign up form was placed in each Pilgrim Packet that you were given before leaving the campground. So hopefully you all know a little bit about it.

When we leave our Walk to Emmaus we are so "on fire" with the Spirit from all we have experienced during our three day journey. Sustaining the Spirit night is designed to help us learn a little bit more about Emmaus and opportunities to stay connected. We learn about ways to keep that fire burning.

It will be a fun and informative evening geared especially for our newest Pilgrims. Of course anyone is welcome to attend, especially those who have never attended one before.

We will have some great music and will listen to some inspiring talks. We'll have some wonderful fellowship and get to know a few more members of our Dayspring Community. And, yes, we will enjoy a meal together too!

Sustaining the Spirit will be Tuesday, April 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 at Statesboro FUMC. Child care will be provided. Please come in the back door of Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Childcare is on the first floor next to the elevators. Please use these elevators to the 3rd floor where we will be gathering. We hope you will be able to come.

If you plan to attend you need to sign up so that we can have enough materials and food for everybody. We also need a head count for the nursery.

Make your reservations by calling me at: 912 685 6224 or 912 682 4133 or you can register by email at [pandb@pineland.net](mailto:pandb@pineland.net) . See you there!

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**Pilgrim's Progress~**

*by Talbert Edenfield*

"The World's Greatest Talk: Life Beyond Worry" (John Ortberg)

***"And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span?"***

**Luke 12:25**



I recently found myself in two separate settings where this topic was addressed (and one of those was the pastor's sermon that week). So, I thought the Lord must really be trying to speak to me about this topic. I don't really find myself dwelling on worrisome thoughts...but I know Satan would love to see us wrap ourselves up in paralyzing worry!

You may be familiar with John Ortberg (he wrote several books. One I recently read was "When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box"). Ortberg says the following about worry:

- Worry has the power to rob you of joy
- Worry makes me obsess about myself
- Worry keeps me from taking risks and living with the courage that enables me to really grow
- Worry can erode your trust in God
- Worry about what can happen in the future can keep us from living right

Paul addresses this topic in Philippians 4: 6-9.

Paul would encourage us to:

1. Confess the "Who" of Worry. There is a big difference between worry and appropriate concern.
2. Understand the "Why" of Worry. You cannot trust the Lord on an issue and worry about it at the same time. Matthew 6:34. We too often worry because we let our mind become infected with a "fear" that our problems are too big for both us and God.
3. Embrace the "What" we do to resist Worry: Tactical Steps a) Life-Changing Prayer, b) Disciplined Thinking, and c) Determined Action.

Every day we need a mindset that we will do battle with Satan and we will not let him distract us from the life God has called us to lead. It is my prayer that you will not find yourself giving in to worrying about the things that come your way. We all know that God is more than big enough for any problem that may come our way!

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## "Pilgrim's Progress" is for All of Us

Being transparent is never an easy thing, but God is glorified when we share the work He is doing in our lives with one another. We hope you will prayerfully consider sharing your story. These articles are similar to the Fourth Day talks that we hear at Gatherings. Articles should be around 300 words or less. You may email your submissions to Kate Keith at [katekeith@nctv.com](mailto:katekeith@nctv.com) or call 912-856-3426 so that we can make arrangements to obtain your article. Submissions made on or before the 15th of each month will appear in the very next newsletter.



### Chrysalis Update

Hello to everyone in the Emmaus Community. I am very honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Girl's Lay Director in June 2011. I have been very pleased with all the support the community has given the Chrysalis and Journey Flights and would love to see all of you in June for the Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights. I know that Journey has always been a part of the Dayspring Community and I thank you for welcoming the addition of Chrysalis as well to the community in 2010.

I attended Coastal Georgia Chrysalis back in the summer of 1997 as a 16 year old at St. Johns Center in Savannah. I cannot express how much my weekend flight has molded my Christian walk and life with Jesus Christ. Chrysalis and Journey introduces teenagers and young adults to Christ in a way that is not presented in church, youth groups, mission trips or other Christian retreats. A young person will never forget their experience with Chrysalis or Journey and the impact it has on their life is immense and cannot be expressed adequately with words. I have stayed involved with the retreats and served on the Steering Committee ten years ago for Journey and have rotated back on the Chrysalis and Journey Board in 2010. I have made many wonderful friends over the years and have wonderful examples of strong Christian women who I attempt to mimic throughout my life and walk with God. I believe that God is present in these retreats and know He changes lives because I have seen it happen throughout the years with my own eyes. Thank you again for all your support and love for the Journey and Chrysalis Flights!

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### Part Three: Why Journey and Chrysalis? The Parental Perspective by Joey Stanfield

***"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6***

As a parent, I have used this verse as my guide and reassurance for raising my three children in the faith. This verse has been my strength in all the trials faced each day that come with the "joy" of parenthood. **Proverbs 22:15** is the verse I use when things really get tough. ***"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him."***



Not until researching for this article did I really know the true meaning of **verse 6**. ***"In the way he should go"*** literally means allowing the child to seek his or her own path and experiences with the special strengths that God has given each one.

Recognizing and using these strengths has a long lasting effect on the life lessons learned by the child. Teaching our children how to make good decisions prevents us as parents from having to watch each step along the way. Using verse 15 from time to time keeps them from focusing too much on self-will as the world we live in tries to teach.

I recently read a devotional about a Sunday school teacher who gave each of her students a small can of crayons with which to color. None of the cans contained all the colors and in each can was a limited amount of crayons. The teacher instructed each child to color their picture of Jesus just as they saw him with the colors they had. When each child would finish, she would proclaim it to be the perfect picture. What a wonderful portrayal of how God wants us to form our relationship with Him, with just the "colors" we each have. As a parent, I pray that I can supply my children with the "can of crayons" they will need to color their relationship with Jesus as they see Him. One of the "cans of crayons" available to us is the Journey/Chrysalis Flights.

As we all know from our own Walk experiences, the Emmaus Weekend is designed to clear a pathway for each pilgrim to move closer to God in their own unique and personal way. Journey and Chrysalis are designed with the same principles of moving the caterpillar closer to a personal relationship with God the Father.

At the March Pio Party, the Butterflies from the Spring Journey Flights and the Pilgrims from the Spring Emmaus Walks joined the community to fellowship and celebrate God's work in all of our lives. The Fourth Day talk was given by a young man from the Journey Flight this spring. What an inspiration it was to hear what God had done through the Journey Flight to a young person's life. Having personally worked on both Chrysalis and Journey Flights, I can promise you that these young people "get it" just as us "more mature" pilgrims do. They experience God and form lasting relationships that will remain with them throughout their lives -- lives that will have many opportunities to share God's love with others. **Mark 10:15** says, ***"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will***

*never enter it."* What powerful hands and feet these young men and women become for the body of Christ.

As a parent, my greatest concern is the salvation of my children. As a parent, I would use any opportunity to move them closer to Christ. Journey and Chrysalis are wonderful opportunities to do just that for all children and young people. As an Emmaus Community, please support these ministries with your prayers, your servant hood, and the sponsoring of caterpillars. Remember, the child that is "saved" might be your own!

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*We would like to send a special "Thank You" to Joey for sharing his love for Journey and Chrysalis with us for the past three months. Joey, you have challenged us all; and, we are grateful. Continue to Fly with Christ!*

**Dayspring Notice to the Community Regarding Filing for Tax Exempt Status**

Dayspring Emmaus, Inc., when established, was registered with the State of Georgia as a Not For Profit Corporation. Your Board initiated action at yearend to begin to undertake the additional step of filing for tax exempt status with the IRS. Community members CPA Kasey Harrison and Attorney Laura Marsh are working with the Board to accomplish this. Going into the new year, a new corporation was formed under the name of Dayspring Walk to Emmaus, Inc. and Bylaws have been adopted tracking the provisions of the existing Bylaws. With this accomplished, the application is being filed with the IRS. The Board will keep the Community advised as this process moves forward and any further actions required to complete.

**Odds and Ends**

Do you need to send a praise or prayer request to the Dayspring community? I am your community pen pal! So, all you have to do is email me at [katekeith@nctv.com](mailto:katekeith@nctv.com) or call me at 912-856-3426 with your praise/request. Please attach your name, walk/flight/journey name, table and email address and I will send it out as soon as possible. I'm usually pretty speedy, but please allow me some grace if I'm not at my computer when the concern comes in. I'll try to get to one quickly.

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Candlelight is a precious and heavenly time of worship in the Emmaus/Journey/Chrysalis weekends. And, although we hold that Emmaus is not a secret society and only truth should be told, we do like to reserve Candlelight as a special surprise blessing if at all possible. Since it is a truly touching time, we ask that only people who have gone on an Emmaus/Chrysalis/Journey attend Candlelight. We would never want to diminish that experience for a potential pilgrim or butterfly in the future. For the same reason, we ask that children only come to candlelight once they have experienced Chrysalis/Journey/Emmaus.

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The Journey/Chrysalis Board discovered during the recent Journey that several of the caterpillars did not own a Bible. With the desire to ensure that every person that attends a Journey or Chrysalis owns a copy of the Word of God, they have agreed to present each person with a Bible in addition to the Chrysalis cross during the Cross Ceremony at the close of the weekend. Therefore, a Bible Fund has been set up to absorb the cost of these Bibles. Although an exact price has not been determined to date, they expect it will cost \$8-10.00 per Bible and they will need 36 for each Chrysalis Flight. If you are interested in donating to this beautiful display of love for our youth, please make checks payable to "The Dayspring Journey/Chrysalis" and write "Bible Fund" in the memo line on your check. Mail it to the attention of Carroll Gay at 5027 Hwy 23 South, Millen, Georgia 30442.

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Need to plug into a Reunion Group? We have a list of Reunion Groups on the Dayspring Website! Go to:

<http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/EmmausReunionGroups.html> and click on the link.

*If you say: "I can't find a group in my area, none are open, or I don't fit in, etc.,"*

START a NEW group. Use your service sheet as a starting point format. Invite people you know from different Emmaus events, such as Gatherings, Walks, your area, people from your walk or table, or look up people you know have been to Emmaus. It only takes a spark to make a candle burn. You can call me, or e-mail me, and I'll meet with any group you have to help you start, give advice or direction, etc. The Community or Board of Directors will help in any way possible.

We will, of course, help you advertise your group through our email list serve. Please determine the time you will meet, location of your meetings, and type of group (ladies only, men only, couples, singles, etc. etc. etc.) and write a short advertisement of your reunion group. Email it to Kate Keith at [katekeith@nctv.com](mailto:katekeith@nctv.com) ; and we will spread the word.

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Begin working on the anonymous table agape (the neat little trinkets you received on your table in the conference room) for the Chrysalis Flights that will take place in June. They will need 140 pieces total for the set of flights (or 70 for

girls and 70 for boys if items are gender specific). Be creative and have fun! The point is to show these kids that we love them and ultimately draw them closer to Christ!

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Willing Servants are still needed for the Chrysalis Flights in June. Go to the website to print out applications to work as well as applications to sponsor a young person. We need workers ASAP and you can begin sending in caterpillar (we don't call them "pilgrims") applications as well!

Go to: <http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/ChrysalisAppsNRosters.html> and click on the appropriate link.

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Want to work the Fall Dayspring Walks to Emmaus? **The deadline is May 1st** so go ahead and mail in your applications! Go to the website to print out applications to work: <http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/EmmausAppsNRosters.html> and click on the appropriate link.

If you are selected to be a part of the teams, you will be expected to attend 4 team meetings prior to the Walks to Emmaus. The Lay Director will inform you of these dates.

#### Calendar of Events:

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| <b>April 5, 2011</b>  | <b>6:30pm</b> | <b>Sustaining the Spirit</b><br><b>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)</b>      |
| April 7, 2011         | 6:30pm        | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)   |
| <b>April 30, 2011</b> | <b>6:00pm</b> | <b>Dayspring Emmaus Gathering</b><br><b>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)</b> |
| <b>May 1, 2011</b>    |               | <b><i>Servant Applications Due for Fall Walks</i></b>                                              |
| May 5, 2011           | 6:30pm        | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)   |
| May 28, 2011          | 6:00pm        | Dayspring Emmaus Gathering<br>(Nevils United Methodist Church, Statesboro)                         |
| June 2, 2011          | 6:30pm        | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)   |

**Note: All Chrysalis Activities are Held at Tattall Campground**

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| June 16, 2011                                                                        | 8:00pm | Girls' Chrysalis Send-Off<br>Followed by Sponsors' Hour                                          |
| June 19, 2011                                                                        | 4:00pm | Closing of the Girls' Chrysalis                                                                  |
| June 23, 2011                                                                        | 8:00pm | Boys' Chrysalis Send-Off<br>Followed by Sponsors' Hour                                           |
| June 26, 2011                                                                        | 4:00pm | Closing of the Boys' Chrysalis                                                                   |
| June 18 & 25, 2011                                                                   | 8:00pm | Community Gathers for Candlelight Service                                                        |
| June 25, 2011                                                                        | 6:00pm | Dayspring Emmaus Gathering<br>(Reidsville United Methodist Church, Reidsville)                   |
| <b>July 1, 2011                      Pilgrim Applications are Due for Fall Walks</b> |        |                                                                                                  |
| July 7, 2011                                                                         | 6:30pm | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro) |
| July 23, 2011                                                                        | 6:00pm | Dayspring Emmaus Gathering<br>(Metter United Methodist Church, Metter)                           |
| August 4, 2011                                                                       | 6:30pm | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro) |
| August 27, 2011                                                                      | 6:00pm | Dayspring Emmaus Gathering<br>(Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Sylvania)                      |
| September 1, 2011                                                                    | 6:30pm | Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting<br>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro) |
| September 3-5, 2011                                                                  |        | Emmaus/Chrysalis-by-the-Sea Weekend<br>(Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons, Georgia)                 |
| <b>Note: All Walk Activities are Held at Tattnall Campground</b>                     |        |                                                                                                  |
| September 15, 2011                                                                   | 6:45pm | Men's Walk #76 Send-Off<br>Followed by Sponsors' Hour                                            |
| September 18, 2011                                                                   | 4:00pm | Closing of Men's Walk #76                                                                        |

September 22, 2011 6:45pm Women's Walk #77 Send-Off  
Followed by Sponsors' Hour

September 25, 2011 4:00pm Closing of Women's Walk #77

September 17 & 24, 2011 8:00pm Community Gathers for Candlelight Service

**FRIDAY, September 30, 2011 7:00pm PIO PARTY Gathering  
(Tattnall Campground)**

October 4, 2011 6:30pm Sustaining the Spirit  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

October 6, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

October 22, 2011 6:00pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering  
(Brooklet United Methodist Church, Brooklet)

**November 1, 2011 *Servant Applications Due for Spring Walks***

November 3, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

December 1, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

December 3, 2011 6:00pm Dayspring Emmaus Christmas Gathering  
(Emit Grove Baptist Church, Statesboro)

I hope this finds you faithful, well, and happy.

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**Pictured Here: One of my favorite people is Jeni Wright. She gives the BEST hugs. I love her. ~Kate**



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