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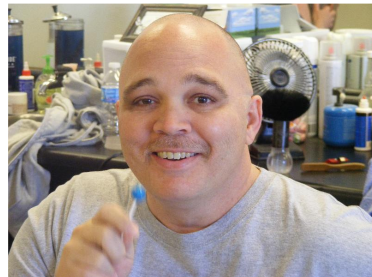
Don Northrip brought by the Spiritual Director's manual that belonged to Reverend Jonine Northrip. Jonine worked 14 Dayspring Walks and her manual includes her personal notes from the weekends. Given how special Jonine was to so many of us, the Board decided that this manual will be placed in the care of the Dayspring Community Spiritual

Pilgrim's Progress

by Archie S. Boatright, Jr.

Who Am I?

In February of 2011, I was faced with "Who Am I" as lay in the hospital. The week before I was facing possible promotion to Lieutenant and transfer back out west to now fighting a very difficult battle with cancer--one that I'm still fighting to this day. However, my fourth day(s) are better than the day I was diagnosed with cancer.



As February turned into March and my treatments began, I began to have problems with my body rejecting the chemo treatments and reactions to the platelets/blood transfusions. My immune system was extremely weakened from the cancer and I stayed tired and felt like I had the flu. By now I had lost over 40 pounds, and my color was not normal (unless pale and green is normal) and I pondered the question "WHY?"

That March, I asked my wife and Mrs. Teresa Deaton to take me to the Candlelight Vigil. I really needed to be rejuvenated as I was very weak and very nauseated from the treatments. I attended what seemed to be the largest turn out for the men's walk in a while. I was able to reconnect with some the fellow pilgrims from my walk; and, my spirits were lifted higher with the viewing of the candles as each pilgrim walked past

Director (currently Reverend Jimmy Cason) and will be lovingly passed to the next Dayspring Community Spiritual Director when the time comes. Her manual and notes will not be treated casually, but will be given to the next Spiritual Director as a gift of agape-sharing the wisdom and encouragement that Jonine offered to so very many.

Dayspring News!!!

We are gearing up for another powerful set of walks! God is going to work in the hearts of so many next month. We are excited! Hopefully, you are already preparing your agape, and making plans to be at all community sponsored events.

Sponsors, don't forget to begin collecting your agape letters--each pilgrim should receive 12 on the walk. Anything further should be given as a 4th day gift. Also, you need to be at all community events of the weekend--including Sponsor's Hour so you can pray for your pilgrim and pray and his/her cross.

me. My vision blurred by tears as I pressed onward knowing that God had this and I was going to be alright.

In the upcoming weeks I did a lot of praying and soul searching; but, I was not afraid. I was finding my answers to "why?". Often it seemed that the Lord wanted to "Chit Chat" with me around two in the morning--go figure. I guess the chat lines are clearer then. Never the less, He talked and I listened. Or should I say, He would inspire me to read from several books. I took comfort in **Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (NKJV)** and **Matthew 21:22, "And everything-whatever you ask in prayer, believing---you will receive."**

In battle, prayer is an indispensable weapon. As a Father, Formal Soldier, and Correctional Officer, the Lord and I have had our share of prayers and "Chit Chats." Courage teaches us what should be feared and what ought not to be feared. Only by taking action do we gain knowledge--and from that comes inner strength that inspires us to persevere in the face of adversity. I'm truly grateful that faith enables me to move past the questions of "WHY?"

So back to the question "Who am I?"

"Who am I?" answered the question "Why?" because it told me where to go to seek council for strength, courage, and guidance. I pray that the way I have faced this battle with cancer has inspired somebody else. As a father I have always tried to teach my children to lead by example; and, as Christians, we should to the same. I draw my strength from seeing small children lead their lives with cancer and still have a smile on their faces. They want nothing more than love and another day to play as we all should. So, "Who am I?", I am Yours...because after all, aren't we all children of God?

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Book Recommendations:
[The Right to Lead: Learning Leadership through Character and Courage by John C. Maxwell](#)

[100 Days of Prayer for a Righteous Man by Various Authors](#)

Also, on August 3rd, the prayer vigil will be available online for you to sign up (if you haven't already) or you can check your time (if you have signed up at a gathering). Go to www.3dayol.org and look under "Dayspring" for the Prayer Vigil for our community.

From the Board of Directors:

The gathering in October is our annual business meeting. Each year we elect new board members to replace those rotating off of the Dayspring Board of Directors. The nominating committee is looking for 6 people willing to serve.

Those who will be rolling off of the Board this year:
 Chap Cromley (Chairman)
 Charlton Rogers (Vice Chair/Purchasing)
 Gary McCorkle (Reunion Group Coordinator)
 Pat High (Registrar)
 Kate Keith (Communications)
 Randy Waters (Clergy)

Our Bylaws state the following:

"It is required that all directors be actively involved in their local church, members in good standing with the community; be an active participant in all Community activities; have served as an on-site team member, and meet any other qualifications that may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors."

Additionally, "individuals desiring election to the Board or any other office will make this desire known, in writing, to the Chairperson [of the nominating committee]....This information will be provided to the nominating committee for their consideration."

If you do have a special interest in a particular position on the Board of Directors, please also include this information in your letter for consideration. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee is Mr. Charlton Rogers. Please contact him with your letter of interest at thomasrogers@ft.newyorklife.com . Nominations should be submitted no later than September 1, 2011.

Chrysalis

My name is Randy Harden and I went on Dayspring Chrysalis Flight #64. I loved it. It was a great weekend that helped me get closer to God; and, I think that if you can get closer to God then it's always a good thing. I made new friends and they became like my own family and that's how I see them now. I look forward to coming back and working for many years to come.



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A "What if?" Regarding The Ecumenical Focus of Emmaus

As Pilgrims we learned that Emmaus is an "ecumenical" movement, in which we as Christians have an opportunity to focus on what we have in common with community members of other denominations rather than to dwell on our differences. One of Merriam-Webster's definitions of ecumenical is "...promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation."



It seems that one effect of this is to foster an environment in which we are better able to work and pray together with those whom we don't share all common beliefs.

In the Means of Grace talk we are reminded of some of the differences among the Christian denominations, such as how and when baptism is practiced. These differences are not minor or trivial, and we are not asked to leave the Walk with different views on these subjects. We are, however, reminded over the three days that there is much more that "binds us together" in the love of Jesus than divides us and this atmosphere helps foster a spirit of cooperation in our Fourth Days. We are encouraged to expand our activity in our Church as well as in the Christian community as a whole. I am a member of a Reunion Group that has among its members a fellow United Methodist, Presbyterians, a Baptist and a Primitive Baptist, but in the context of our weekly breakfasts the most important label is that we are all "brothers in Christ."

It has occurred to me recently as we arguably see so little cooperation among our elected leaders in dealing with our nation's serious problems, that it might benefit the leaders of our executive and legislative branches of our national government to experience a three-day "Emmaus like" experience. What if our leaders spent three days living together, beginning the experience with a time of silence? That would be interesting to observe!

What if they were to eat their meals together, seated not by Party or ideology [with joke time included] spending the three days without the distraction of knowing what time it was? Think about it--three days of singing patriotic songs together--some while arm in arm; listening to talks reminding them of past heroes of our nation; periods where our forefathers sacrificed thinking of us in the future without specifically knowing who we would be; talks reminding them of things that every American remembers with pride, regardless of Party or ideology.

To me, the purpose of such a "Walk" would not be to change each other's minds or views, or to spend time debating or defending points. Just as we left our Emmaus Walks seeing fellow Pilgrims not so much as by the denomination they belonged to, but as fellow Christian brothers and sisters, the hope is that they would leave viewing each other not as just Republicans or Democrats, Liberals or Conservatives, but as fellow Americans, blessed as what we unashamedly brag to be citizens of "the greatest nation on earth."

The problems to solve would still be awaiting them upon their return, and I wouldn't expect solutions to suddenly be obvious or simple to achieve. Passionate views would and should still be held and expressed. Jesus certainly demonstrated "passion" when we read in Matthew 21:12 how he dealt with the money changers in the Temple--you certainly couldn't call his actions in this case "laid back"!

What I would hope to see emerge after such a weekend would be for our leaders to start spending as much time listening to each other (and hopefully learning as well) rather than just talking at one another. The atmosphere might be fostered where there would be less an attitude of "I am always right and you are always wrong." That might be okay as a sports fan, avidly rooting for your "home team," but I would argue that doesn't work in trying to govern. Hopefully an atmosphere would be created where tough problems could be solved in a spirit of good will and better respect for one another's views.

Creating such a weekend for our leaders is, of course, very unlikely, but it is interesting to imagine "what if?" We have many fine leaders representing us, and I am sure they feel that they are doing the best they can. The advice I suggest to them, I should also remind myself to take. In an "ecumenical spirit," as I struggle through my Fourth Days, I need to ask myself am I too polarized and inflexible in some of my positions? Can I do a better job when I disagree with someone on an issue, to be less "disagreeable" when expressing a position? Are there times when I should refrain from

further distributing an email that feeds a stereotype rather than puts forward a reasoned argument?

We can, I believe, take encouragement from the fact that more and more of our fellow Christian Brothers and Sisters are going on Walks as Pilgrims--that's more and more of us to have the opportunity to better foster a spirit of cooperation and respect for one another, not only in our Christian communities, but in our secular world as well.

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A Music Note

Did you know that there are more verses to "Bind Us Together" and "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"?

Check out the following YouTube link to enjoy "Bind Us Together":

<http://youtu.be/emCaGJfM0gs>

Check out the following YouTube link to enjoy "Sing Alleluia to the Lord":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeAIKgv1430>

Agape



Agape is the New Testament Greek word for love. It is a special love which is a true gift from God. It is a deep personal love that God bestows on those who open their hearts and souls to Him; those who seek to love Him and those who seek to grow in love with Him. Agape is a love that is open and available to all of us. It is an unselfish love that involves seeking the good in the other person and

rejoicing in that good. It is a love that is universal, reaching out to all. God loves all; and it is a love that is meant to be shared.

This active love has two dimensions, the giving and the receiving. In order to love as Christ loves, in order to truly give Agape, we must openly receive it. Only if we are open to accepting the Agape love that is offered us, can we fully experience its giving aspect. Do you

remember all the Agape you received and enjoyed on your Walk to Emmaus weekend. Where does the Agape come from? The answer is you!!! The Agape items you make and give to the Pilgrims, will help them truly understand God's unconditional love for them by and through your acts of kindness. Agape is a very important part of the Emmaus movement. Like offense and defense is to a football game. The conference room is like the offense, and the behind the scenes is defense. Both parts make up a great team. Both offense and defense can score points against Satan. God calls the play, someone passes the ball in the conference room by giving one of the talks, and the pilgrims receive it. Then they run on to their fourth day and gain the ultimate reward. On defense God calls the strategy and the behind the scenes rushes to pray and serve the pilgrims to holds the line. Everyone has their particular job on the field whether it is in the conference room, making agape, cleaning toilets, cooking meals, and preparing for Holy Communion that will help each pilgrim draw closer to Christ and focus on him for the rest of their lives. It takes both parts to be a team to win for God! What position would you like to play? Offense or defense. The next game is only a few months away so be thinking about what Agape you can provide for the upcoming walks. I have provided the answers to a few frequently asked questions concerning Agape.

How much Agape should I make?

Make at least 140 pieces if you are making agape for both the Men's and Women's walk. Make at least 70 pieces if you are making agape for just one walk which will be enough for pilgrims and the conference room team. It is a good idea to make extra in case of breakage.

What is the differences between baked agape, pillow agape and conference room agape?

Baked agape is used by the Kitchen Team for snack breaks both inside and outside the conference room.

Pillow agape is used by the Secret Agape Team and is placed on the beds in each dormitory where the pilgrims are located.

Conference Room Agape is used by the Agape Team and is placed on the tables in the conference room.

How should I package my Agape?

Label your container/package with the number of pieces of Agape. It would be most helpful to make separate bags containing 8 pieces to each bag.

Can I determine where and when Agape will be used?

The Agape Head will accept your suggestions, but please understand that they have the final say as to where and when your Agape is used. Be sure to label your container/package for the walk, day, or time you have in mind to have this Agape used, if you wish

Are there any suggestions about what to make?

Make table and pillow Agape colorful and keep it light and inexpensive.

What happens to Agape that is left over?

Any Agape left is for anyone that would like to have it. However, if you would like to have the left over Agape returned to you or a reunion group, please specify when dropping it off.

Can I personalize Agape with the pilgrims and team members names?

Personalized Agape is nice; However: Be sure to have the current list of names and spell all names correctly. A quick call to the Registrar, Lay Director, or check the website for the current info.

There was a special piece of Agape that I received on my walk, should I make it?

Of course, remember what meant the most to you - It may have the same impact on someone else.

What about special Agape or gifts for the pilgrim I have sponsored?

Special Gifts for your pilgrim are for the ride home. NEVER LEAVE AGAPE IN A PILGRIM'S ROOM!

What about special needs Agape?

Call the Lay Director/Board Rep if you want to know about special needs.

What about food Agape?

Bring something that your pilgrim likes to eat. It can be fruit, cookies, candy, chips, and cake. Baked items are always a big hit. Don't forget drinks. Bottled water is always a good choice as are soft drinks. Remember meals are provided, so you should really check with the Kitchen Head before bringing cooked items.

Where do I leave Agape?

There are several places that you can leave your Agape. You may leave it at Sponsor's Hour, with any Agape team member, in the Agape room at the campground, or contact Gloria Dubberly at 237-3061 for Agape drop-off location.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning Agape, please contact me and I will be glad to assist you in any way.

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Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #47

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Upcoming Events:

August 4, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

August 27, 2011 6:00pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Sylvania)

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

September 3-5, 2011 Emmaus/Chrysalis-by-the-Sea Weekend
(Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons, Georgia)

Note: All Walk Activities are Held at Tattnall Campground

September 15, 2011 6:45pm Men's Walk #76 Send-Off
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
(Millen United Methodist Church, Millen)

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

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