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Chatter Matters

June 2011

Dear Dayspring,



The summer is an exciting time for the Dayspring Emmaus Community! June brings vacations, rest, and relaxation; but, it also brings adventure in the spiritual lives of our youth! We are blessed to have the opportunity to sponsor our 15-18 year old youth on a Chrysalis

Flight (the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus).

As a high school counselor, I can attest that the youth of today face far greater challenges than we ever did. Drugs, sex, social and self esteem issues, in addition to isolation, vulnerability, and exploitation that abound through new computer and cellular advancements. The temptations are more creative and have the potential for rapid-fire presentation in this digital culture. I advise all parents to bolster your children in their relationships with God. Plug them into every possible opportunity that would encourage them to stretch and become more of what God desires. Continue to help them to have a chance to fight the temptations of this world by knowing the difference between God's love and man's love (which often boils down to lust and desire) Encourage them to find a support group of peers and adults that will light the way to the Throne Room of God--showing them the way to peace....especially since youth often have a hard time listening to the wisdom of Mom and Dad.

Chrysalis provides our youth with an edge. It allows them to experience God's love just like you did on your Walk to Emmaus--in a very real, very tangible, very come-as-you-are sort of way. In these days, we have to do everything we can to arm our children against the Enemy. Satan is using every means necessary to turn our youth away from the Truth, whether it is through the television, movies, advertising, computers, cell phones, drugs, peers at school, etc...

You can't always be there to protect them. Give them the tools to protect themselves. Chrysalis is an outstanding means for doing just that. My hope is that you will give them the gift of attending Chrysalis this month. It is not too late to sponsor a

15-18 year old to go. Go to <http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/Chrysalisindex.html> and click the button that says "Chrysalis Apps and Rosters." Print out an application, complete it, and mail it in to secure your youth's spot. It will be a pivotal time for that special person in your life.

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What is Chrysalis?

Information for Potential Caterpillars and their Families

About Chrysalis

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "chrysalis." On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

What Happens on a Chrysalis Flight?

You'll spend three days with other people your age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing, and discussion. You'll experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days for you to discover or re-discover your spiritual self, to analyze and realize who you are in Christ.

How to Get Involved

Chrysalis is open to young people of any Christian denomination. The ages include upper high school students (ages 15-18 and completed 9th grade) and young adults (ages 19-24 and graduated from high school). We invite you to join in a flight or journey, an exciting three days of experiencing God's love in a fresh new way. Spread your wings.

Sponsorship

Information for the Dayspring Community

Sponsorship is the most important job in the Dayspring Community. It is a job shared by the adults who have been through Emmaus and the young people who have been through

Chrysalis and Journey. It is more than simply "signing youth up." The importance of good sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of sponsorship impacts the new participants, the health of the Chrysalis Movement, and the churches being affected by Chrysalis.

The Aim of Sponsorship

The aim of sponsorship is the same as the aim of Chrysalis: the spiritual growth of young Christians as disciples of Jesus Christ through churches and their youth groups.

Some examples of mistaken aims include:

- "to get all of my friends to go"
- to have a full weekend
- to reproduce one's own religious experience in others
- to fix a young person's problems or crisis

Sponsorship can be motivated, however, by a number of hopes and prayers for young persons which are consistent with the aim of Chrysalis. These include giving young persons the gift of three days apart:

- to experience the accepting and healing grace of God through Christian community
- to realize they are precious in God's eyes, that they are here on this earth for a holy purpose
- to discuss without judgment their questions and struggles as young persons with peers and mature Christian adults
- to hear anew the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and the basics of Christian faith and life
- to make friends with other youth who share the faith and will support each other in living as Christians
- to develop relationships with mature Christian adults, relationships which might extend beyond the three days
- to be strengthened in their decisions to follow Jesus
- to be better prepared to live as Christian witnesses in home, school, church, and community
- to learn what goes into building their lives and relationships on a solid foundation

- to bring new vitality to the church youth group upon returning, to inspire the sponsorship of other youth, to energize the body of Christ through young people whose hearts are on fire with the love of Christ.

High School Chrysalis is for high school (tenth through twelfth grades) age young people. Chrysalis is especially meaningful for young people who are ready to think and share about the realities and struggles of life on a more adult level: "What am I going to do with my life?" "Who do I want to become?" "What do I believe?" "What kind of relationships are lasting and most meaningful?" "What does it mean to live as a Christian and how can I do it?"

The next Dayspring Chrysalis Flight will be held at Tattnall Campground in June. The girls Flight will be June 16 thru 19 and the boys will follow June 23 thru 26. Will you please prayerfully consider sponsoring a young man or woman between the ages of 15 and 18 for this great experience. You will not be disappointed and you will truly be blessed beyond your greatest expectations. Applications can be found by visiting the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus website and clicking on the Chrysalis link.

Besides sponsorship, how else can you help with CHRYSALIS???

1. Sign up to pray on the prayer vigil. As you know, neither the Chrysalis Flight nor the Walk to Emmaus can possibly function without a thick covering of prayer. It is God who works the Walks --the master conductor of the weekends. We invite you to sign up to participate in the Chrysalis Prayer Vigil.

Go to www.3dayol.org

and click on "Prayer Vigils." You will see Dayspring listed in alphabetical order.

2. Send agape or baked agape. Remember to bake things other than brownies or pound cakes as the kitchen makes those for a couple of meals. If you would like to send something but are not sure how to get it to Tattnall, email dayspringchrysalisjourney@gmail.com and we will try to coordinate getting food and agape out to Tattnall for you.

4. Attend send-off, candlelight and/or closing for the Walks.

All events are held out at Tattnall Campground.

June 16, 2011 8:00pm Girls' Chrysalis Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

June 19, 2011 4:00pm Closing of the Girls' Chrysalis

June 23, 2011 8:00pm Boys' Chrysalis Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

June 26, 2011 4:00pm Closing of the Boys' Chrysalis

June 18 & 25, 2011 8:00pm Community Gathers for
Candlelight Services

If you have any questions, contact us at:
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Bible Fund

The Journey/Chrysalis Board discovered during the recent Journey that several of the caterpillars did not own a Bible. With the desire to insure 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. It will cost \$9.00 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.

Angie & Alan Whiten-- Our New Webservants!

Alan Whiten went on walk #70 and sat at the Table of Matthew. Angie Whiten went on walk #71 and sat at the Table of Rebekah. They live in Glennville and are members of Glennville United Methodist Church. They have twin 11 year olds daughters (Leanne and Sarah) and a 7 year old daughter (Rebekah). All three girls attend Pinewood Christian Academy where Angie is currently the Webservant. Alan does web design for his company and some commercial web design in his "free" time.

For those of you that don't know, the Webservants update the Dayspring Website for all branches of the Dayspring community (Emmaus, Journey, and Chrysalis) and is a subcommittee of Communications.

"We are both engineers, so web design is a great creative outlet. What better way to give God the glory for giving us the technical ability? Everyone should use the gifts and talents that God has given them. Volunteering to serve the Dayspring Emmaus community it is one way we can serve God year round. Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity. If you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to call or email us." ~Angie & Alan Whiten

Charlton Rogers said, "Alan and Angie Whiten are talented servants of God and use their talents to honor and glorify God. Alan serves as chairman of our church council and Angie is past children's coordinator. The Emmaus community is very blessed to have them serving us."

You may contact Angie & Alan Whiten by emailing them at emmauswhiten@gmail.com or call 912-654-4630 (home) or 912-237-2249 (Angie's Cell Phone Number).

When you see the Angie & Alan next, please thank them for giving of themselves to glorify God through the Dayspring Emmaus Community Website!

To take a look at the website, go to:
www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

A Note of Thanks

I would like to take a moment to thank my husband, Justin Keith, for all of his service to the Dayspring community as Webservant for the past year and a half. I would also like to thank him for his tremendous support of me. He has helped me throughout my tenure as Communications Chair for the Dayspring Emmaus Board of Directors and was solely responsible for creating the new website when the old one was no longer usable and when setting up the new Constant Contact email distribution tool. There were over

3,000 email addresses to sort through and import into the system. I never would have managed to do it without his understanding of technology and his willingness to "just fix it" when alarm and frustration overwhelmed me. When I struggled to figure out the best way to move the community forward in connectivity, it was Justin that sat with me and talked me through making the vision God gave me a reality. For example, the "Pilgrim's Progress" column was his idea; and I think has made the newsletter a source of life for many. He has managed the lines of communication while I worked on the past few Walks to Emmaus and when I was otherwise unavailable. He is innovative, smart, detail-oriented, and a marvelous companion on this life journey. God knew what he was doing when He introduced us at the Governor's Honors Program. Our gifts and perspectives are vastly different, but with God, it all makes sense.

Justin, thank you for always loving me and helping me to do God's work. I certainly couldn't have done it without you. May God bless your work in graduate school. May He continue to direct your path, instill His peace in your life, and reveal His beauty and blessings every day that you spend with Him. I count myself exceptionally blessed to be your wife.

I love you dearly,
Katie

Pilgrim's Progress
by G. A. Malone

I thank God every day for knowing exactly what is best for me and the time it should happen in my life. I had the opportunity to go on the Walk in September 2010 and it was just the right time. I really needed to spend a weekend with



Jesus but never thought I would be that blessed from the beginning to the end on Sunday. Meeting the brothers and seeing the changes that took place in lives and commitments that were made was something that blessed me good. I could see Jesus in everything--from dying moments to singing praises to our Lord. The fourth day became something I thought about before I left. As I meditated on it, I came to realize that it goes on forever. Lovin' God and livin' God and lovin' one another is just a way of life for me. I thank the Emmaus community for becoming a family to me. My daughter has since gone on the Walk and the fire for Him is in her. She made relationships that will go on forever. What a group of people to be with! I thank y'all so much, for we are not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to those who believe.

I truly do love y'all and thanks for lovin' me...

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Gatherings

by Donna Brigman

Have you ever wondered what happened to the person who sat across from you at your table on the Walk to Emmaus? Perhaps you saw her or him at your Pio Party or maybe at the first Gathering you attended. Maybe someone at your table is in your Reunion Group or goes to your church. Wouldn't it be terrific if you could have a reunion of the pilgrims at your table or all the pilgrims on your walk?



The Dayspring Community has a "Gathering" every month except the two in which walks are held (March and September) and we call those gatherings "Pio Parties." It's a wonderful opportunity to see some of the pilgrims from your walk or some you have met from other walks. The Gatherings and Pio Parties are much alike--we fellowship with a meal and then worship with music, prayer, communion, and a Fourth Day speaker. The Gatherings offer a time for remembrance and renewal of your Fourth Day experiences.

Each month a different church Emmaus group volunteers to host a Gathering. It's a special opportunity to visit our neighboring churches and reunite with old friends and make new friends. Any church that has members who have been on the Walk to Emmaus can volunteer to host a Gathering. All you have to do is contact the Gathering Coordinator for Dayspring to schedule a month and get some tips for hosting.

Why don't you make an effort to attend a Gathering in the near future? Go with the expectation of extending your Walk to Emmaus experience and be blessed with the fellowship of the family of God.

Below is a list of dates and places for the Gatherings in 2011. A reminder email is usually sent by the Communications Coordinator prior to the event. If your church group is interested in hosting a Gathering in December 2011 or a month in 2012, please contact me at 912-541-2499 or donnabrigman@frontiernet.net

May 21	Nevils UMC
June 25	Reidsville UMC
July 23	Metter UMC
August 27	Oak Grove UMC
September 30	Pio Party at Tattnall Campgrounds

October 22 Brooklet UMC
 December 3 (need a host church)

New Pews at Tattnall!



We thought you would like to see that the new pews have been installed in the tabernacle at Tattnall Campgrounds!

Paul & Beverly MacGregor's Vision for the Dayspring Community

As we understand it, the purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian leaders in the family, church, community and world. We do this by immersing individuals in a weekend of God's unconditional Agape love and encouraging them toward a life of grace.



Each Walk we have worked has brought us closer to Christ and has presented different opportunities for growth & service. With every area & position, our eyes have been opened a little more to "what Emmaus is all about." Each time we've understood another piece of the puzzle, explaining why we do the things we do. We are convinced that the Emmaus concept is divinely inspired. There is a reason for everything! We see God's hand in it all.

The Walk to Emmaus is so well thought out and organized. Only God could have inspired such a plan. We say all this to say that we as the Board should be very careful making changes to something that works so beautifully. Change is inevitable an in order to be relevant in today's world sometimes

we do need to make changes, but they need to be carefully considered and bathed in prayer.

What is our vision?

We would like to see more of our Pilgrims stay "connected." We've seen many people leave the Walk so "on fire" and be active for a short while, then gradually distance themselves and lose that "fire." Perhaps the answer is in getting people involved in Reunion Groups.

We would also like to see our Emmaus community be more supportive of the Chrysalis & Journey weekends. There seems to be such a need there.

We realize, however, that our part is to "plant the seed" and let God handle the rest. We do pray daily for our community and that as a Board we will be guided in God's will.

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Jane Cason's Vision for the Dayspring Community



1. We should be God promoters for a group of Christian believers.
2. Focus on the love of God as we work on the walks.
3. The initial quiet time should provide a wonderful opportunity for all to clear the mind of any restraints allowing all to listen to their God-prepared hearts.
4. We are to focus on the purpose of our earthly journey, seeing ways to help others walk closer to God as they filter back into a busy diverse society.

Jane Cason

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Bill Mathis, Jr's Vision for the Dayspring Community

All means all. We should continue to strive to show God's love and grace to all people on earth. To show everyone "on Earth as it is in Heaven."

I think we have a great community. I am amazed how loving everyone is to everyone. I am amazed that this many people with different backgrounds can come together to strive to spread God's love to one another and to the world around us. How we all strive to make the world a more loving place "on Earth as it is in Heaven." I have often thought what the world would be like if everyone could experience God's grace and love as we all did on our walks.



Lastly, I think we need to remember what Gary said the other night "to pray all the time." We must realize that we are not in control. If we listen, God will lead us down the right road.

Bill Mathis, Jr.

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #50

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Joey Stanfield's Vision for the Dayspring Community

My vision is for further educating all pilgrims on what the Walk is truly about. I was as passionate as anyone could ever be about what my Walk did for me; but, I now understand that is not about me, it is about Jesus! It is about teaching THE Body of Christ (the church) how to serve as He served. To serve a world of sinful, broken-hearted, lost, angry, and hurting people just as Jesus did. **1 John 2:6 "Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."**



Now we can't die for the sins of the world, but we can live in obedience to God as humble loving service to other people--All other people. Seeking to be the servant Jesus talks about in **John 15:15 "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."** Emmaus should be a ministry that teaches this without wavering. However, as much as I want it to be, I understand that the Emmaus Walk is not designed for all. It is simply a ministry that teaches us as the "Body" to serve as Jesus did, where all does mean all.

Joey Stanfield

- June 19, 2011 4:00pm Closing of the Girls' Chrysalis
- June 23, 2011 8:00pm Boys' Chrysalis Send-Off
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
(Reidsville United Methodist Church, Reidsville)**
- July 1, 2011 Pilgrim Applications are Due for Fall Walks**
- July 7, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)
- July 23, 2011 6:00pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(Metter United Methodist Church, Metter)
- 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
(TBA)

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

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