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My Journey Experience



When I was first asked to go on Journey I was really nervous. It wasn't so much the no phone or watch for seventy-two hours that was nerve racking. It was being alone in the silence of my thoughts that made me so nervous. The past year of my life has been one of the hardest times I have ever had to face. People who said they would always be there for me left me and family tossed me aside as if I never meant anything to them.



Christ is Counting on You!

Chatter Matters
 March 2011



Dear Justin,

It is time for the spring Walks to Emmaus!!!! We hope that your agape is almost ready (baked and table) and you are fervently in prayer over all matters and folks involved with the walks.

If you have not already signed up, we invite you to join us in covering Tattnall Campground, the Pilgrims, the Teams, and Dayspring Community in a thick covering of prayer. As you know, the Walks won't mean a thing if God isn't permeating every fiber of the Walk to Emmaus. All you have to do is click on the appropriate links below to be transported to the Prayer Vigils. If you have trouble opening the links, go to www.3dayol.org and look under Dayspring to register to pray.

Men's Walk to Emmaus #74 Prayer Vigil (25 Openings):

[http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?
pv=5380&commid=556](http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pv=5380&commid=556)

Women's Walk to Emmaus #75 Prayer Vigil (46 Openings):

[http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?
pv=5381&commid=556](http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pv=5381&commid=556)

God is Faithful

I went on Journey not knowing what to expect and I left completely blown away. The amount of love that was shown to me by complete strangers was overwhelming. From my table to lay directors to kitchen staff to all the agape I have never felt God's love more in my life. The talks that I heard were truly inspiring and encouraging. They gave me a new perspective on Christian teachings.

It is hard for me to think that people will pay and get little, if any, sleep to serve people they might not ever see. The part I will forever remember is when all the staff sang "The Servant Song" at our last meal. It really put the entire weekend into perspective. I will always cherish the memories and friendships that I made on this Journey and will remember all the lessons I learned and all the talks I heard. But what I will remember most is all the LOVE that I was shown. I am glad to know that this community is now my family.

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Experiencing the

Hello, my name is Warren Ball and I went on Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #42 and sat at the table of Peter. I can't begin to tell you how humbled and honored I am to serve as the Men's Lay Director for Walk #74. When I look at the men who have led the Walks before me, I must be honest and admit that there have been times when I have been a little anxious and have questioned if I could handle such a big responsibility. ***Philippians 4:6*** says, "**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**" I have been praying for these upcoming Walks, and I know many of you have too. Please continue!

I have experienced first hand the saying, "God does not call the qualified, but rather He equips the unqualified." God has certainly been faithful in doing just that. It has been such a pleasure to work with Lucy Brinson in planning and preparing for the upcoming Walks. God knew I needed someone who was organized and patient, and I am grateful for Lucy's help and the help of others He has placed in my path who have helped me in so many ways. Our wonderful Dayspring community has sponsored pilgrims to attend the Walks, has filled in the slots for the prayer vigils, and has volunteered to be servants on the teams during the Walks.

As our time draws nearer for the Walks, the help of the Dayspring community is still needed. Please continue to be in prayer for the pilgrims and the team. Also, make plans to attend send-off, send table agape and baked goods, attend candlelight, and attend closing for both of the Walks. We want to make sure that these pilgrims have the same wonderful experience that we all had on our Walk and it can't be done without the entire Dayspring Community working together. We have an awesome opportunity to show the love of Christ during these Walks. God has been faithful so far, and I am putting my faith and trust in Him that what He has started, He will see through to completion.

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Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Journey



During my Journey experience, I was able to hear God speak to me and have Him lay on my heart a desire to be more than just satisfied with Him. He pointed out things that I really needed to improve on in order to strengthen my relationship with Him.

I also loved being able to experience agape love from those that I didn't know. It really put into perspective what kind of love Christ has for me. The way the background team was so willing to serve someone that they have never met and would have done anything for was just amazing. It was something that I don't feel I could put into words. Journey was an experience I'll never forget, and thank you to those that made the weekend possible.

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Greetings Dayspring Community Members! My name is Lucy Brinson, and I am honored to be able to serve as the Walk to Emmaus #75 Lay Director to be held March 17 - 20, 2011. I, as many Lay Directors who have come before me, have felt inadequate for the task but know with certainty that our Lord and Savior has a plan. He tells us in **Jeremiah 29: 11-13**, **"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."**



This is one of my favorite verses in Scripture, and I have had to remind myself many times over the last few months in preparing for the upcoming walk of the message for me in this verse. If I will just surrender to Him and listen to Him, I will then be able to adequately serve Him, the other team members of the Walk, and the pilgrims.

Many times in my haste to get things prepared or to make decisions in a timely manner, my priorities became mere lists of activities to be completed which were indicative of the reflection of my heart's desires. Whoa! Slow down, Lucy, and listen to His plan! I had to remember to find God with the heart of a seeker who lives each day aware of His presence, His plan, and His priorities. I had to remember that He loves ME more than He loves the things I get checked off my list. He reminds me that I must give my time to Him and serve Him before I can adequately serve others.

It has been a blessing to me to get to know so many of our community members better over the past several years and to have had a chance to serve on many Walks with such a diverse group of believers who all have servants' hearts. I pray that each of you will ask God to let you see life through His eyes and be willing to change your priorities in order to invest your time wisely. Any time that you give to serving the Lord with a GLAD heart will be time well spent. I ask that you will keep the pilgrims of Walks #74 and #75, as well as both the men's and women's teams, in your prayers, in addition to participating in the sendoff, candlelight, and closing ceremonies.

Reminder

Willing Servant

Thank you to all of you who will be serving along with me

Applications for the Chrysalis Flight in June are due on March 18th. You can also begin sending in caterpillar applications. You can find copies of both applications on our Website:

[Click Here for Chrysalis Applications](#)



Name Tags



Is your name badge broken, the name is out of date, or is it outright lost? Well, Mike Barrett's reunion group makes name badges twice a year just before the walks. If you need a new name badge, we ask that you email him at mrbarrett@bulloch.net or call him at 912-823-3686 promptly so that they can arrange to make you a new one at the same time that they prepare for the pilgrims. Please be prepared to submit the correct name (spelling) and walk number. If you cannot remember your walk number, contact Pat High, Registrar, as she may have that information in the database. Pat can be contacted at highhollow@nctv.com or 912-764-4543.

We strongly encourage members of the community to wear your name badge at each and every event. It is the kindest way for folks

during the women's spring 2011 Walk to Emmaus and to those of you who will be praying during the walk, baking agape, and participating in the ceremonies during the weekend! Thank you also to Warren Ball, who has been so helpful during these past several months during our preparation for the walks, but more importantly for him praying for me and our team! Thank you Dayspring Board members for the confidence you have placed in me and all of our team members!

De Colores,

Lucy Garvin Brinson

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Reminders for Sponsors for Men's Walk #74 and Women's Walk #75

Be in **prayer** for your Pilgrim and their family and for the Team Members as we ask that these Walks be led and covered by the Holy Spirit. Please check with your Pilgrim to make sure you have answered all their questions **honestly**; share anything you feel would be helpful for your Pilgrim. Remind them about what to bring in the way of bedding, towels, pillow, comfortable casual clothes, etc. Some Pilgrims are very appreciative of the suggestion to shower or bathe Thursday before coming to the Campground. Please make arrangements (allowing enough time for dinner if you are taking your Pilgrim somewhere to eat) to get to Tattnell Campground for Send-Off between **6:30 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.** Thursday night. Sponsor's Hour immediately follows Send-Off and you will return to the Tabernacle for that before heading home. As the sponsor, you are responsible for any needs the family of your Pilgrim may have during the weekend. It is very helpful if you will bring your Agape letters that Thursday night; quality not quantity is important as any more than twelve will go in the "take home" bag. Please mark the twelve most important ones with numbers (1 - 12) or indicate "spouse", "parent", "child", "sibling", etc. so those will be the ones to be read in the conference room before Closing. Following the walk, be sure to also bring your pilgrim to the Pio Party, Sustaining the Spirit (April 5), other gatherings, and make sure they are plugged into a Reunion Group. If there are any

to learn your name. So, contact Mike Barrett as soon as possible should you need a new name badge.

changes to the status (there is a waiting list if your Pilgrim can't attend this Walk) or needs of your Pilgrim, please call the Registrar, Pat High at 912-764-4543. Thank you for your prayerful Sponsorship and we will see you at Send-Off!

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Pilgrim's Progress--My Walk to Emmaus
by Anna Crowe



My own experiences as compared to The Walk to Emmaus in ***Luke 24:13-33***
"The two disciples on the road to Emmaus were obviously deeply discouraged and grieved by the events of the past few days."

After living on my own for the past few years, working in various theatre companies around the country, I'd realized just how much I valued and missed my family and church family.

In the summer of 2009, I chose not to renew my contract in Colorado and returned home to be with my grandfather and my family during what ended up being his last month with us. I had lost my grandmother the previous year and have recently lost my other grandmother on Christmas Day of this past year. We are all still in various stages of the grieving process. Losing three family members in three years has been very hard on all of us.

At the same time, the needs of our church family were brought to my attention... we needed someone to work consistently with our youth and children as well as someone to step up and help with music.

At first, I thought, ok, this is God's plan, I am here for a reason and a purpose and I'm not gonna let my church family down...but wait, as my own family reminded me, this is Millen, are you sure you wanna tie yourself down *HERE?* After all, it's not like the eligible bachelors are lining up, or the jobs in my field of study, or even friends my own age that haven't

already gotten married and have families of their own. Is this where I see myself? Is this where I need to be?

"They did not fully comprehend who Jesus was or how God would turn their pain into joy."

After much prayer and debate, and with my family's support, I decided that this was where I needed to be, if only for a season. Besides, God had always shown me the next path to take, and I hadn't seen any other forks.

At first, I had all the excitement and enthusiasm that we all have when beginning a new job...but as many of you know, in any job, and especially in theatre, what the audience sees is very different from what the production crew sees...our church was hurting and had been hurting for a very long time. What happened to my church family? Instead of drawing closer to each other for protection against the storms of this world, we had pulled away from each other; some of us had even been ripped apart, separated and so hurt and weak that we barely had the strength or even the will to stand as One Body.

I was scared. I thought, "What have I gotten myself into? Maybe I'm not cut out for this. God, are you sure?" And somewhere along the way, just as our church's spirit had been broken, so had mine. My spirit was broken and I had no idea how to fix it. I felt as though no matter how hard I tried to make things better, to find a solution, to take a step forward, to make others happy (and that's a big deal with me), I was failing...failing my church, failing my family, failing myself.

Then I was approached about the Walk to Emmaus...72 hours without cell phones and schedules? I'm there! ...but I also knew that I needed help. I didn't feel qualified for these jobs in the church on a spiritual level (I'd studied theatre and music, remember) and I was beginning to entertain the idea of packing up and heading back to the familiar life in theatre. But this was my chance, so in the fall of 2010 off I went. And I must say that I was sooo nervous. But, I prayed. And I prayed. I prayed that I would be completely open to whatever God had in store for me.

"At the moment Jesus revealed himself, they were lifted out of their grief to become people who would help change the world. By meeting and speaking with the resurrected Messiah, their despair turned to joy, their doubt to faith, and their confusion to confidence in the fulfillment of Scripture."

During My Walk to Emmaus, God healed my broken spirit. He showed me just how much He loves me through the support of my family, my church family, as well as through complete strangers. And He reminded me that I am NOT alone. **"For I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** He has renewed my faith in Him and has challenged me to be the change I want to see... in my family, in our church family, and in our community (including the Emmaus community). I've even begun a community theatre group for outreach.

I love each and every one of you so very much and have been blessed by the tremendous impact that you have made on my life and on my faith. I can now see the healing process beginning to take place within my family and our church family, and I pray that we continue to heal and grow together in faith and in love.

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Anna Ruth Crowe

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**Why Journey and Chrysalis Part Two:
The Patriotic Perspective**
by Joey Stanfield

Isaiah 1:2 "Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me...4: Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him."

I recently watched the State of the Union address given by President Obama. I watched the President intently for 1 hour as he spoke quite elegantly about all that was happening in our nation. He spoke of all the issues we face as a nation and about the resolutions. He concluded his speech with this phrase, "...and may God Bless America." Much to my dismay this was the only reference to our Heavenly Father in the entire evening's talk. How could anyone ask God for His blessings when this was the only mention of His name? When

the President finished, I began to think about the true state of our union. I remembered these scriptures from the prophet Isaiah as he warned Israel of disobedience to God.

History is full of evidence that documents the rise and fall of one nation after another. The historians have given us in-depth research on the reasons for their demise. I personally have one history book that tells me all I need to know about their fall from Grace. Neither in the Bible nor any other book are there records of any nation that was completely obedient to God being destroyed--all the research I need!

The nation of Israel was God's chosen people--chosen as the bloodline from which the Messiah would come...chosen to tell all nations of His coming. Their history, even as God's chosen, is a documented rise and fall as it relates to their obedience to His word.

Now as Christians, when we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become God's chosen people. We assume the responsibility of telling the nations of the salvation message. Fortunately, we are judged on an individual basis on our acceptance of that responsibility and are not judged as a group. This does not protect us from the sins of that nation to which we belong. We are affected by those sins today in our nation, and the evidence is not on our side.

The history and present conditions in our nation are our responsibility. The future of our nation is in the hands of our children. We marvel at the young entertainment and sports stars of our day and the hours of training and preparation that goes into their early years. Look at any of the top professionals in any field and we see people who have been groomed from a very early age to be the best at what they do. Think about our own children, what are we grooming them for? How much of our money and time do we spend training them to be sports or entertainment stars? How much do we invest in college education for professions such as doctors, lawyers and business executives? We stop at nothing--nor should we--from preparing our young people to become successful. Who doesn't want their child to be successful in life?

But think for a minute how we define "successful." Think for a minute what the future of our nation would be if the children we are grooming were grounded in Faith as well as their

chosen profession. What if we spent the hours and dollars on their spiritual growth as well as their professional development? What if our future generations knew that "success" was measured by deeds instead of dollars?

In *1 Kings 3*, God appears to Solomon in a dream as Solomon is becoming king of Israel. God offered Solomon anything he asked for. Solomon's request: **vs.9 "So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"** Can you imagine the future of this country if one day our President took this as his oath of office? What if our legislative branch prayed this request before each session? Can you imagine our economy if all CEO's took this approach to there boardrooms?

As Christians we have the obligation to raise our children in the Faith. As an Emmaus Community we have tools at our disposal to groom our children in that Faith--Journey and Chrysalis. Just as Emmaus has shown each of us what a Christ-centered life can be, so do these ministries show our young people. What a different world would be ahead of us if all young lives were Christ-centered.

The future success of our nation is in the hands of our youth; but, the success of our youth is in our hands. Our children will one day be seeking their place in this world. They will attempt to land jobs in every field imaginable. As the body of Christ, let us do all we can to make this landing on "butterfly wings."

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Music For Emmaus (a CD)

Every so often, we are asked if there is a CD of Emmaus music that can be purchased. The Upper Room just posted the following article on their website:

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click on
<http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/> and follow the prompts.

Calendar of Events

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**FRIDAY, March 25, 2011 7:00pm PIO PARTY Gathering
 (Tattnall Campgrounds)**

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May 1, 2011 Servant Applications Due for Fall Walks

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May 28, 2011 6:00pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(Nevils United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

June 2, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

Note: All Chrysalis Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

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 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 Campgrounds

September 15, 2011 6:45pm Men's Walk #76 Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's 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 Sponsor's 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 Campgrounds)**

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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