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Chatter Matters

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Dear Kate,

After the Walks, we have the Pio Party. After the Pio Party the next big event is **Sustaining the Spirit night**.

You heard about it from our Chairman of the Board, Chap Cromley, when he talked to you Sunday afternoon of your Walk. And an information flyer and sign up form were placed in your Pilgrim Packet that you were given before leaving. So hopefully you know a little bit about it.



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

It will be a fun and informative evening geared especially for our newest Pilgrims. But 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, October 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 on the 3rd Floor of Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Child care will be provided on the 1st Floor. We hope you will be able to come.

If you plan to come we need you 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 reservation by calling me at: 912.685.6224 or email me at pandb@pineland.net

De Colores!!

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Our Reunion Group

I was asked to share with the Dayspring Community some of what our reunion group does and what it means to me.

I'll start with - Our group belongs to God and all we are is because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. We are a couple's reunion group. We hold fast to the belief that what is said in our reunion group stays in our reunion group. Since 2000, our membership has fluctuated. Over the years we have had as few as two couples and as many as four couples. We meet at different homes once a week sharing what God has done in the life of each member during the past week. We support each other through the good times and celebrate God's greatness. We're there for each other providing support in times of grief, family crisis and life changing events such as illness or job loss. We recently lost a couple to a long distance move but we stay in touch and continually pray for each other. We're just a text or phone call away. We treasure our time together and look forward to our meeting night. We listen, share the past week, consider the challenges and PRAY for you, for ourselves and for the needs in the week to come.



We use the Group Reunion Card received on our walk to review the past week, but not always. Some nights we meet and eat (it wouldn't be Emmaus if food wasn't involved). Other nights someone may need to talk about something going on in their life and it's our job to listen and most importantly pray.

As a reunion group activity, we make table agape and baked agape that is shared during the walks.

We have differences, but we are one in Jesus Christ. Aside from sharing in the body of Christ, we also share things of life in common, such as children, work, studies, music

If you're not in a reunion group, I challenge you to become part of a reunion group or start a new reunion group.

De Colores

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Journey/Chrysalis Update



It is an EXCITING time of year for our young people as we gear up for the upcoming Chrysalis Journey weekends!! The Chrysalis Board has been working diligently to ensure that the Journeys have willing servants in place to carry out the work of the Lord. Molly Bickerton will be leading the Girls' Journey on February 10th-13th and Jarrell Dickey will be leading the Boys' Journey on February 17th-20th.

What do we need from you??

1. Please pray for these Journeys and the teams that will be working them as they are in the early stages of development.
2. Please help us to gather good caterpillar candidates for the Journeys. The Journey is for college-aged students, 18-23.

Applications may be found on the website at

<http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/JourneyAppsNRosters.html>

To contact the Dayspring Chrysalis Board of Directors, email us at dayspringchrysalisjourney@gmail.com

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Pilgrim's Progress

Charles Deal bounced into my Sunday School class a few years ago, waving some forms in his hand and grinning from ear to ear... He just got back from a weekend retreat; and, he wanted me and Chuck Hendrix to go on "The Walk to Emmaus." He wanted to sponsor both me and Chuck at the same time. He was "on fire" about it...



I had heard of The Walk to Emmaus several years before, but it was not really very much of a "priority" for me. I mean, I knew Jesus Christ. I served my church. I taught Sunday School, etc....In the past, my wife Judy always had meetings in the Spring (during the time of the Spring Walks) and Fall (during the times of the Fall Walks). Besides, three days seemed like a long time to give up of my already busy schedule to learn something I already knew "all" about... But, Charles Deal was persistent, and

Chuck Hendrix went on Walk #54.

Chuck came back "on fire," and he said "I will sponsor you to go on the next set of Walks." I finally relented. Besides, Judy's meetings that Fall had been pushed back a little; and, I went on Walk #56.

Looking back now, I know that God worked it out for me to be on Walk #56. However, I am sorry I waited even one minute, no less the three years it finally took me to get to Emmaus.... (But it's like the analogy I told Buddy Anderson one time: how do you explain the beauty of a rainbow to a blind man?) When Chuck came to get me Sunday at closing, I didn't need a vehicle. I could have "flown home." I had caught the Holy Spirit "fire" that surrounds the Walk to Emmaus. I'll admit I had so much pressure to tell Judy of my experiences (which they said not to spoil her Walk), that I almost cracked two teeth from the pressure.... But God, what an experience it was!

We both were lit by the Emmaus "fire." And like the song, "Pass It On" describes, we wanted to pass on the flame, but also stay lit ourselves. I encouraged my daughter to go through the Walk; and she finally relented. (She loved it like we all do.) We sponsored her and my mother-in-law a couple of years ago. I am presently encouraging others of my family and my Sunday school class to go on the Walk. Both my wife and I have worked several Walks and enjoy them so. I now serve on the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors through 2011.

What has Emmaus meant to me? It has become an integral part of my everyday life. I have described how the "fire" is passed one to another, kind of like sharing the Holy Spirit of God. However, Emmaus is what I expect Heaven to look like: fellowshiping with one another constantly and worshipping God. Now when it rains and I see a newly-formed rainbow, I smile and think of Dayspring Emmaus.

John 13:8-9 says: "Peter said, I will never let my feet be washed by you, never. Jesus said in answer; if I do not make you clean you have no part with me. **9** Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head."

I may have been drinking from the Holy Spirit fountain before Emmaus, but the Walk to Emmaus was like drinking from a Holy Spirit fire hose. I just can't get enough.... And, like Peter, it has washed my feet, my hands, my head, and my heart. I pray it washes yours, too.

And may all your Day(spring)s be filled with Rainbows,

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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 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.

A Note To Sponsors...

Sponsors, please check with your pilgrims to be sure they are receiving email correspondences and that their names are spelled correctly in the system. I am not convinced everyone is connected properly. If they are not, have them email me at katekeith@nctv.com and then keep checking with them again until you are sure that they were added successfully. If your pilgrim does not have an email address, make sure they receive the Chatter Matters by mail shortly after the first of the month. It is vital that you insure that your pilgrim gets connected properly. Thanks so much!

Calendar of Events

**October 5, 2010 6:30pm Sustaining the Spirit
(First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)**

October 7, 2010 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

**October 23, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering
(Brooklet United Methodist Church, Brooklet)**

November 1, 2010 Servant Applications are Due for the Spring Walks

November 4, 2010 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

December 2, 2010 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

December 4, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Christmas Gathering
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

January 1, 2011 Pilgrim Applications are Due for Spring Walks

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

January 22, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, Statesboro)

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

Note: All Journey Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

February 10, 2011 8:00pm Girls' Journey Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

February 13, 2011 4:00pm Closing of the Girls' Journey

February 17, 2011 8:00pm Boys' Journey Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

February 20, 2011 4:00pm Closing of the Boys' Journey

February 12 & 19, 2011 8:00pm Community Gathers for Candlelight Service

February 26, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro)

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

Note: All Walk Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

March 10, 2011 6:45pm Men's Walk #74 Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

March 13, 2011 4:00pm Closing of Men's Walk #74

March 17, 2011 6:45pm Women's Walk #75 Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

March 20, 2011 4:00pm Closing of Women's Walk #75

March 12 & 19, 2011 8:00pm Community Gathers for Candlelight Service

FRIDAY, March 25, 2011 7:30pm PIO PARTY Gathering
(Tattnall Campgrounds)

April 5, 2011 6:30pm Sustaining the Spirit
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

April 7, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting

(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

April 23, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(TBD)

May 1, 2011 Servant Applications Due for Fall Walks

May 5, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

May 28, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(TBD)

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

July 23, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(TBD)

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

August 27, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(TBD)

September 1, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro 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 7:30pm PIO PARTY Gathering
(Tattnall Campgrounds)
- October 4, 2011 6:30pm Sustaining the Spirit
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)
- October 6, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)
- October 22, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Gathering
(TBD)
- November 1, 2011 Servant Applications Due for Spring Walks
- November 3, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)
- December 1, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro United Methodist Church, Statesboro)
- December 3, 2011 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Christmas Gathering
(TBD)

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

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