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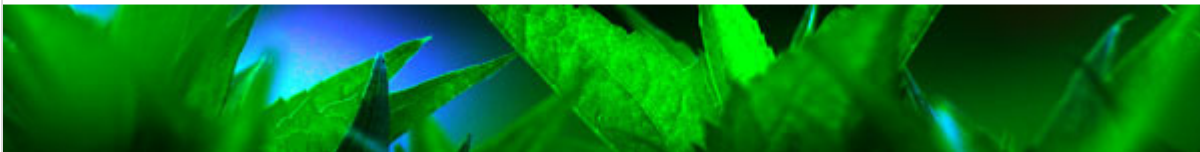
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# Chatter Matters

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**Dear Kate,**

We are excited that February will host the Young Men's and Women's Journeys. Please remember to support the Journeys and caterpillars with your prayers, presence at all special events, and agape!



## News

### Journey

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## Journey

Mr. Leon has lovingly placed all of the candles from the back door of the conference room to the Tabernacle; the lights have been extinguished; the caterpillars have learned "The Jesus Song" and have lined up for a "nightly walk". But, whoa, there seems to be a problem!! There is no one there to greet the caterpillars and to hold a candle for them!



But, that's really not a problem, because no one thought it was important to offer a blessing and sponsor a young adult for the weekend so there is no one to walk out the door and greet the Dayspring Chrysalis Journey Community.

The Dayspring Chrysalis Journey is the youth version of your Walk to Emmaus.

You remember how blessed you were to have been sponsored for one of the greatest experiences of your life. What better way to pass this blessing on than to sponsor a young adult between the ages of 18 and 24 so they can experience what you experienced on your walk.

The Dayspring Chrysalis Journey will be held next month at Tattall Campground. The ladies go first and their weekend will be February 11 through February 14 and the men will be February 18 through February 21. The Girls LD is Lucy Barlow and the Boys LD is Jason Hinely. They, and the team they have asked to work, have put in many long hours preparing for the young men and women who will be coming here for their blessing.

Dayspring Community, we need your help. First, we need sponsors. Each of us knows some deserving young adult who could benefit from this special experience. Why not give a gift and sponsor them for the Flight? The purpose of the Chrysalis and the Journey is to help provide the young people with a Christian experience like they have never experienced. Just as the Walk to Emmaus strives to strengthen church leaders, the Journey and Chrysalis strives to help bring the young people closer to Christ and help them see that they can serve HIM in many ways.

Second, we need your help. The Journey and Chrysalis communities are very, very mobile. The high school students who go to the Chrysalis are often away at college when other Flights are held. With the Journey, many have graduated from college and moved to other areas where hopefully they have become involved in an Emmaus Community. Because of the mobility of the community, we are dependent on the Emmaus Communities to support our flights. We need agape, especially food agape-the college age kids can really eat. But most importantly, we need your attendance at the send-offs, candlelight, and closing. Can you imagine how your Emmaus weekend would have been if no one was there to greet you at Candlelight? Please help us make sure that this does not happen for the young men and women that YOU are going to help sponsor.

Please, mark these dates on your calendar. It is not too late to sponsor that young man or woman and give them a gift that they will always remember. If your Emmaus experience truly changed your life, please help us offer this experience and change the young people of today-our church leaders of tomorrow.

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Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus #22  
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## Introducing our New Community Lay Director

by David Jacobs

*C hrist-like*

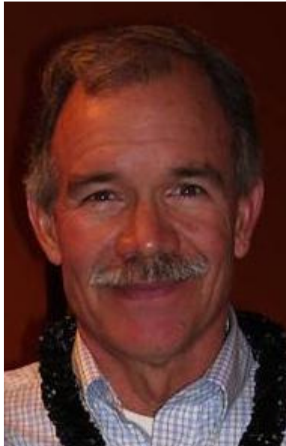
*H*umble  
*A*uthentic  
*P*rayerful

*The first time I met Chap Cromley, I was working with Charles Deal. Charles introduced Chap to me as his friend, neighbor, and customer. I remember thinking at the time, "This is a nice young man." It was over 25 years later before our paths crossed again. This time I was introduced to Chap by the Holy Spirit. It was on the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #66, Table of John. Chap was my Table Leader.*

*If I were to describe Chap, I would start with humble, righteous, godly, spiritual, Christ-like, disciple, and a servant's heart. I believe if you looked for a person to "sum up" any of these words, you would find Chap Cromley. Just being around Chap Cromley inspires me to be a better person. You can truly see Jesus in him. He lives his life that way. His lovely wife, Barbara, is the perfect complement for Chap. In his new role as Community Lay Director of Dayspring Emmaus, we can be assured that he will seek God to lead us all in the right direction.*

## **"Let Brotherly Love Continue." Hebrews 13:1**

*by Chap Cromley*



When I think about what Emmaus means to me, my first thoughts are all the brothers and sisters in Christ who I now have as friends. I look forward to seeing each and every one at our Gatherings or the events surrounding the Walks. We can come with no pretense or facade because we are about God's business. Isn't it great to be involved with an organization whose common bond among us all is our love of God? It doesn't get any more genuine than that.

I think of the friends I have in different towns and communities that Dayspring community encompasses. I think about the close friendships of people of a different generation than I, both older and younger. I think about how different denominations, different occupations, how all these things are so irrelevant and how our love for Jesus Christ is so unifying. Oh, what a Mighty God we serve! It was said by one of the pilgrims at closing, "I came looking for differences, but what I saw was the love of Jesus Christ."

My vision of Dayspring Walk to Emmaus can be summed up in our stated purpose in our bylaws, "...to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience."

Babe Ruth was once asked how he could get so many hits in clutch situations. He replied, "I just keep my eye on the ball." I pray we all keep our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ.

In closing, to witness lives changed so powerfully over a 72 hour period can only be by the grace, love, and omniscience of our loving Father. Three days, just three days, in relation to an entire lifetime, how about that for an investment that will last forever!

***"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"  
Romans 11:33***

De Colores

Chap Cromley, Community Lay Director/Chairman of the Board  
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #7  
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## Why We Do What We Do

### *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*

With the issuance of new Reunion Group cards by the Upper Room -- in which the Prayer to the Holy Spirit has two word changes, we thought it a good time to share some background with regard to the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

First, the prayer~

*Note: The words that have been changed have been made smaller, and the new word that replaces it is in bold. The revised prayer is, therefore, much more personal.*

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them **us** the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they **we** shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Background information about the Prayer to the Holy Spirit~

In explaining the format of the weekly group reunion, it is written, "The group begins the meeting by reciting the prayer on the card. The 'Prayer to the Holy Spirit' is a centuries-old prayer paraphrase of Psalm 104:30, which celebrates God's sovereignty over humanity and the Spirit's recreative work in this world. The opening prayer is a reminder that the reason for meeting is not only to be with one another; it is to gather with openness to the renewing presence of the Holy Spirit. The prayer signifies the group members' recognition that the Spirit accompanies them in their daily walk and in their weekly gathering, just as the

spirit of Jesus accompanied the two disciples on the walk to Emmaus that first Easter afternoon."

~Emmaus Library Series booklet, *The Group Reunion*, page 17.

Here is the Bible verse from which the prayer originated~

***Psalm 104:30, KJV: "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth."***



## Why I Do What I Do

I have been a "server most of my life", I just never knew why until I was fortunate enough to be offered the opportunity to go on the Emmaus Walk #63, Table of Leah. I love to see the face of a person who fully did not expect to receive a tangible blessing. Or the person who expects to be helped, but the help happens before the asking is done. To see the expression of love on the face of an older person when they receive a blessing of ANY kind, is worth all of the "doing" it took. And Children....all they want is attention, one-on-one. Even the child who is loved by grandparents, parents, uncles and aunts...to have an adult who is not family show love gives self worth to that child. Being a server can become an addiction; caution has to be used to make sure we do it for the right reason. To be more like our Father God; to be his hands and feet here on earth; to take care of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Or at least that's what I feel.

God is Good, All the Time!  
Nancy Skinner  
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## Things to Remember

1. Sponsors, remember to gather no fewer than 12 letters for your pilgrims or caterpillars. All pilgrims and caterpillars must get the same number of letters to open during the walks/flights/journeys. Please hold any letters you obtain beyond the standard 12 as a 4th day gift.
2. **Prayer Praises and Concerns** (feel free to send the praises AND the concerns) can be emailed to [katekeith@nctv.com](mailto:katekeith@nctv.com) or call 912-856-3426 and they will sent out to the Dayspring community promptly.
3. Applications for caterpillars and pilgrims may always be found at <http://www.dayspringwalk.org/community/forms/>. **It is NOT TOO LATE to send in caterpillar applications for Journey this month.**
4. A free video to help you introduce the Walk to Emmaus to potential

pilgrims may be found at <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/>

5. A free video to help you introduce the Chrysalis Flights and Journeys to potential caterpillars may be found at [www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/](http://www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/)

6. Sign up on the Journey 72-Hour Prayer Vigils:

**Dayspring Young Women's Prayer Vigil (At the last count there were 43 empty spots) :**

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=4127&commid=625>

**Dayspring Young Men's Prayer Vigil (At the last count there were 45 empty spots):**

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=4128&commid=625>

If these links don't work for some reason, go to [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org) and you will find the vigils for all Emmaus experiences.



## Upcoming Events:

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

***Note: All Journey Activities are Held at Tattall Campgrounds***

***Also, please note that the Send-Off for Journey starts later than usual.***

**February 11, 2010 8:00pm Girls' Journey Send-Off  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour**

**February 13, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering  
9:00pm Candlelight Ceremony**

**February 14, 2010 4:00pm Closing of the Girls' Journey**

**February 18, 2010 8:00pm Boys' Journey Send-Off  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour**

February 20, 2010 8:00am Conference Room Only Meeting for Walks #70 & #71  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

**February 20, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering  
9:00pm Candlelight Ceremony**

**February 21, 2010 4:00pm Closing of the Boys' Journey**

**February 27, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering**

**(Swainsboro First United Methodist Church, Swainsboro)**

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

March 6, 2010      8:00am      Whole Team Meeting for Walk #70 & #71  
(Tattnall Campgrounds)

Note: All Walk Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

March 11, 2010      6:45pm      Men's Walk #70 Send-Off  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

March 13, 2010      8:00pm      Community Gathering  
9:00pm      Candlelight Ceremony

March 14, 2010      4:00pm      Closing of Men's Walk #70

March 18, 2010      6:45pm      Women's Walk #71 Send-Off  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

March 20, 2010      8:00pm      Community Gathering  
9:00pm      Candlelight

March 21, 2010      4:00pm      Closing of Women's Walk #71

FRIDAY, March 26, 2010      7:30pm      PIO PARTY Gathering  
(Tattnall Campgrounds)

April 1, 2010      6:30pm      Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

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

April 24, 2010      6:30pm      Emmaus Gathering  
(Harmony United Methodist Church, Glennville)

May 1, 2010      Servant Applications are Due for the Fall Walks

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

May 22, 2010      6:30pm      Emmaus Gathering  
(New Hope United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

June 3, 2010      6:30pm      Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

June 26, 2010      6:30pm      Emmaus Gathering

(Millen United Methodist Church, Millen)

July 1, 2010 Pilgrim Applications are Due for Fall Walks

July 1, 2010 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

July 24, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering  
(Metter First United Methodist Church, Metter)

August 5, 2010 6:30pm Dayspring Emmaus Board Meeting  
(Statesboro First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

August 28, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering  
(Nevils United Methodist Church, Nevils)

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

September 3-5, 2010 Emmaus/Chrysalis by the Sea  
(St.Simons Island, GA)

Note: All Walk Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

September 9, 2010 6:45pm Send-off for Men's Walk #72  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

September 11, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering  
9:00pm Candlelight Ceremony

September 12, 2010 4:00pm Closing of Men's Walk #72

September 16, 2010 6:45pm Send-off for Women's Walk #73  
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

September 18, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering  
9:00pm Candlelight Service

September 19, 2010 4:00pm Closing of Women's Walk #73

FRIDAY, September 24, 2010 7:30pm PIO PARTY Gathering  
(Tattnall Campgrounds)

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



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

**In the spirit of Journey...Fly with Christ,**

Kate Keith, Communications

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #10

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