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Chatter Matters

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A Reunion Group Connection

To the Dayspring Community (Especially pilgrims of Walks 68 and 69)

So, you've been to Emmaus and have experienced the "fire" of the Holy Spirit that "envelopes" the Walks. You don't want it to end. You want to stay connected to the Emmaus Community. One way to do this is by becoming a member of a Reunion Group (also called Fourth Day Groups or Accountability Groups). We have around 30 active groups attached to Dayspring Emmaus. (We have also checked current, active groups for our Dayspring website listing. We strive to keep information current.)

Some frequently asked questions about Reunion Groups:

1. How do I contact current groups or determine if they are taking new members?

Individuals who are serving as contacts are listed on the website. There is also a brief description of the groups. Contact them to see if they accept new members. It is important to limit the size of groups to emulate your table at Emmaus.

2. What is appropriate size of a group?

Most groups are recommended to contain 4 to 6 people. This size keeps the group intimate. Some bigger groups gather, then split into smaller groups for discussion.

3. How often do they meet?

Most groups meet weekly, but this is not "written in stone." Some groups meet less often.

4. What is the format for meetings? (I'm shy at first.)

The Service Sheet you got at Emmaus is a good format to use. It goes through service, accountability to Christ and each other, projects, directions, etc. Some groups use a different format. The service sheet format is used more by groups because it stresses prayer like the Walk itself does. (Prayer vigil, prayer chapel, etc.)

5. What are the demographics of the groups?

Some are men only, some women only, some couples, some mixed.

6. Why should I join or start a Reunion group?

As a Christian, we are designed for fellowship... but we also NEED the accountability, direction, and encouragement that comes with those that have experienced Emmaus. Without accountability, we have a tendency to "drift" in our daily walk. Reunion groups help prevent this and foster a daily, intentional walk "with" and "toward" Jesus Christ.

7. I like the quote that says: "What happens TO us is NOT as important as what happens IN us." What happened IN us at Emmaus is rekindled by the reunion group experience. I also like the scripture from James 4:8 that says: "Draw closer to God and He will draw closer to you." I think Reunion fellowship groups help us to draw closer to God and each other. (A little preview of heaven?)

8. What if I can't find a group, none are in my area, none are open to new members, or I don't fit in any near me, etc.?

Start a new group and use your service sheet from the walk to establish a format for the meetings. Invite folks you see at gatherings, from your table, from your walk, from your home town, etc. to join your new group. The Dayspring Emmaus Board can also help. As Reunion Coordinator for the Board of Directors, I can help. Contact me at garymccorkle@bulloch.net or 912-852-5662, and I will meet with you, help set up groups, give direction, etc.

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Gary McCorkle, Reunion Group Coordinator
Dayspring Walk #56
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Sustaining the Spirit

I hope that all of you agree with me that the Walk to Emmaus is a precious gift we were able to be a part of. This gift does not come without responsibility. It is up to us to sustain the spirit Christ placed in us on our Walk. On Oct. 6th, you are invited to join us at Statesboro First United Methodist Church at 6:00pm for Sustaining the Spirit Night. This night will help you understand more about the Emmaus Community. At this meeting, you will get information about how to sponsor a pilgrim in the upcoming Walks, Reunion



Groups and other important information about Emmaus. A light supper and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there so that together we can continue to bond with a spirit of servant hood and humility that we experienced on our Walk to Emmaus.

If you plan to attend, please email us at wwball@bulloch.net so that we can plan accordingly. Please let us know how many adults as well as the number of kids and their ages. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Warren Ball, Training
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus#42
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The Journey Ahead

Team selection and planning has been coming along very nicely. It is always encouraging to see the willingness and servant hood of so many Christians. My Spiritual Director, Rev. Chip Strickland, and I have met to discuss team selection, particularly the spiritual team. They are so vital in ministering to the young men during the weekend along with team members. Then, we turned our attention to the Assistant Lay Directors (ALDs) and Table Leaders (TLs). Due to my feeling of inadequacy as Lay Director (I guess this is normal for LD's), I wanted to shore up the ALD's and TL's with a group that had "been there, done that." I've already had some commitments from seasoned Journey and Walk to Emmaus workers. My goal now is to plug in some youth ATL to continue to feed the food chain. Background team members are also coming along well. Due to the 2009 Boy's Journey cancellation, I ask all Walk to Emmaus communities, Chrysalis, and Journey to band together to recruit and promote the 2010 Journeys (both young men and women). The college aged group is a very difficult group to reach (as most of you probably experience in your churches). However, this is also a critical time in their faith to decide whether they are on board or off. I would be glad to hear from the communities as to ideas of ways to reach this group. Thanks and I look forward to serving as LD for the 2010 Boy's Journey.

Caterpillar Applications for Journey can be found at www.dayspringwalk.org

God bless-
Jason M. Hinely

Coastal Georgia Walk to Emmaus No. 68
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Dayspring Emmaus Website - Why Visit/What's There?

<http://www.dayspringwalk.org>

- h: History - of Dayspring; Emmaus Library
booklet: The Early History
- t: Team - application; Emmaus Library booklet
Spiritual Growth through Team Experience
- t: Training - Sponsorship, Letter Collection,
Dayspring Etiquette, Progression of
Servanthood
- p: Prayer - Prayer Chain, Prayer Vigil
:// (Upper Room Emmaus website)
<http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/>
- w: Walk - list of walks since 1993 with dates and
directors
- w: Walk Dates - Walk schedule through 2013 (and
Pio Party dates)
- w: Words - Send Off song (with music!); Servant
Song, Words/written music to Blessings
Before and After Meals
- .
- d: Dayspring Etiquette - when to wear/not wear
name button, cross, De Colores
shirts, etc.
Devotional: Bulloch Sportsmen's Devotional
Devotional booklet: Emmaus Library Booklet -
Walking Side by Side
- a: Agape - ideas and inspiration; how many items
to make; stationary; note cards
- y: Yarn - Just a Piece of Yarn - lanyard story
- s: Sponsorship - Hints and Responsibilities, etc.
Scripture - Basis for the Walk -
the Emmaus Story
Sponsor's Hour - when, where; importance of
Sponsor attending
Sustaining the Spirit -info about meeting
several weeks after Walks
- p: Pilgrims - Things A Pilgrim Going on the Walk
Needs to Know
Pastors - Other clergy contact info for if a pastor is
not familiar with Emmaus
Pio Party - Dates through 2013
Prison Ministries: Kairos, Epiphany
- r: Reunion Groups - information, Table of
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- i: Ideas -- for Agape
Information - Bulletin Board - info at a glance:
Important Times - Send Off, Sponsor's Hour,
Candlelight, Closing
International Emmaus Newsletter info
- n: Newsletter - Community newsletter -
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Note cards - to use if wish for agape notes;
also stationary
- g: Gatherings - When, where. Info for host church
and for Fourth Day speaker
- w: Weekends Related -- Journey, Chrysalis, Kairos,
Epiphany
- a: Area Map - area Dayspring Emmaus encompasses;
list of towns from which Dayspring
Community members have come (list
needs updating)
- l: Library Series Booklets for Emmaus - available
through The Upper Room Lists -- of pilgrims
before Walks
Letters - How to go about collecting letters for
your pilgrim
- k: Kairos -- Kairos and other related weekends
.
- o: Other Communities Worldwide
- r: Responsibilities of Sponsorship
- g: Group Reunion - Emmaus Library booklet:
The Group Reunion

NOTE: To access the website once you type in the password, you must use your mouse to click "submit" to enter the site. Using the "Enter" button alone will not let you into the website.

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Helen Cashon, Webservant
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #18
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Reminders and Additional Support

Servant Applications for the Spring Walks are due November 1. For both sets of Walks we need new servants, experienced servants, and those in between. You may download applications from www.dayspringwalk.org then go to "community" and finally "forms". If you have a new address or email, you might point that out on your application so registrar will be alerted to making the change in the data base. Blessings as you pray about serving.
~Pat High, Registrar

The October Gathering is the yearly Dayspring Emmaus Community Business meeting. New Board members will be elected at that time. All are encouraged to attend.

Additional 4th Day Support:

Claude Howard, Dayspring's Director of Housing, runs a ministry called Bulloch Sportsmen's Devotionals at www.bullochsportsmensdevotional.com . It is a free, weekly devotional from local people and more. Claude would like for you to consider writing a devotional(s) to be posted on the website. If you are interested, please contact Claude at cah_3@yahoo.com .

Upcoming Events:

October, 6, 2009 6:30pm Sustaining the Spirit
(First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

October 24, 2009 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering
(First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro)

November 1, 2009 Servant Application Deadline for Spring Walks

December 5, 2009 6:30pm Emmaus Christmas Gathering
(First United Methodist Church, Statesboro)

January 1, 2010 Pilgrim Application Deadline for Spring Walks

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Welcome again to the pilgrims of Walks 68 and 69! We are **SO EXCITED to have you as a part of our community!**

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

Kate Keith, Communications
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #10
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