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Alan & Angie

The Fall Walks kick off this month and we are ready to see the amazing path that God has in store for our beloved pilgrims. We hope you are covering the walks in a blanket of prayer to insure that God's agenda is carried out to completion.

The prayer vigils are online and ready for the community to fill in the holes. Below are the links to take you directly to the prayer vigil. Please sign up today!

Men's Walk #76 (September 15-18, 2011)

25 holes in the prayer vigil

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=5980&commid=556>

Women's Walk #77 (September 22-25, 2011)

41 holes in the prayer vigil

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=5981&commid=556>



In addition, please prepare to bring your agape (baked, pillow, and table agape) to send off. You will need 70 pieces of table and pillow agape for each walk (140 total for the set). If you need to drop off your agape in advance, please contact Gloria Dubberly at [912-237-3061](tel:912-237-3061).

As always, we hope the community will participate fully in all community events: Send-Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. May the pilgrims see Jesus in each of us.

The Meaning of True Servanthood

I have never sought to be a lay director. I see myself as a follower, a helper, I do not like the spotlight. In the 16 years I have been involved in Emmaus I can count on one hand the number of times I have said: My name is Diane Freeman, I went on the Dayspring walk to Emmaus #10, table of Sarah. However, when asked, (after



saying NO twice) I realized that this is probably the first time I have truly followed a call to servanthood. True, I have served on probably 20 teams, have been on numerous mission trips and see my vocation as a Christian call, but those have always been My choice, My timing. Though this role finds me completely out of my comfort zone, I have been blessed to see the Body of Christ come together in a powerful way to create a team of Christians I will serve with, not standing out in front but beside those who have stepped up to be a part of Walk #77.

Thank you Lord, for this opportunity to serve!

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Leaving the World Behind and Following God's Plan



It's hard for me to believe it's almost been six months since the last walk. What's even harder for me to believe is I'm going to be the Lay Director for Walk #76. I know the Lord has each of us right where he wants us to be, right when he wants us to be there, so I know the team of walk #76 is God's team and I'm truly blessed to be part of it. The prayers of the community for the pilgrims and for the servants of these walks is overwhelming and the feeling of peace and comfort from everyone's support and love is what makes these weekends so meaningful to so many people; from the pilgrims, to the sponsors, to all the workers, and to anyone that does anything during a walk weekend. There's a blessing one way or another for everyone that's involved with an Emmaus weekend. I've heard servants say that they got more from the walks they've worked than they did when they were a pilgrim. It really hit me or a better way put is I realized what it means to be the LD when I opened the weekend schedule notebook and the first words on page one is "my name is _____ and I'll be serving as the Lay Director for Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #____." I sat there and thought about that for a little bit, shed some tears for this honor and opportunity God and the community is giving me, and thanked God for not giving up on me, loving me unconditionally, and protecting me. The Walk to Emmaus and the Dayspring community has without a doubt been life changing for me. The Lord uses a lot of different people in a lot of different ways to accomplish his desire, and I can tell each of you I love you and you had and still have a part in my journey and shaping my Christian life. Glory be to God on this upcoming walk, and praise Him for letting us have a part in

sharing His good news and maybe bringing someone a little closer to Him. I recall coming to work a walk one weekend and was having a hard time getting away from Statesboro that Thursday, but as I was heading south on 301 and crossed the bypass the Lord told me I was coming to help bring some men closer to Him. It brought a sense of peace and comfort over me that can only be of God and I left the rat race at the bypass.

We have had three great meetings so far, two conference room and one full team and have previewed some heartfelt and emotional talks. The speaker's testimonies and their messages I know will be well received and meaningful to the pilgrims. There will be a talk that individually one pilgrim is there to hear and the testimonies of the speakers will be the first time some of the pilgrims have ever heard anyone talk openly about a life situation that he may be struggling with. God's team for walk 76 is ready. We have one more full team meeting that will be at the campground which is clean up and get ready day.

I would like to take a moment to thank each one of you for your love, your prayers, and your desire to see people come to Christ. I would also like to thank all the servants for their sacrifice and willingness to serve. Please continue to pray for the pilgrims, the servants, and walk #76 and walk #77. I really appreciate this grand honor and opportunity to serve God and the Dayspring community. God bless all of you.

Earl Dabbs

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Reminders for Sponsors for Men's Walk #76 and Women's Walk #77

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 Tattnall 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 (October 4), other gatherings, and make sure they are plugged into a Reunion Group. If there are any 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](tel:912-764-4543). Thank you for your prayerful Sponsorship and we will see you at Send-Off!

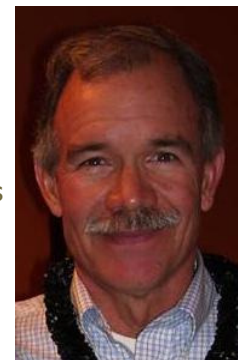
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Letter of Encouragement

It was great to see everyone at the Gathering at Oak Grove UMC. For those of you in attendance, please forgive me for repeating what I said, but I believe it speaks to us all about the importance of the Walk to Emmaus.

In his book, *Classic Christianity*, Bob George, tells the story of how his wife, Amy, was raised in Ukraine during the 1930's during the famine years of that country. Amy did not have a pair of shoes until she was 8 years old. One day, someone gave her a pair of worn shoes that they thought she might be able to wear. "She crinkled up her little toes to get her feet into those shoes, which were too small for her. 'How do they fit?' her mother asked.

'They fit great!' exclaimed little Amy with a big grin. She was so thankful to have any shoes at all-plus, having no previous experience, she had nothing to compare them to."



If asked about her shoes, Amy would have said, "They're those things that make your feet hurt, but enable you to go outside in cold weather."

When the day came for Amy to get a pair of shoes that fit it was amazing! They didn't hurt anymore! What she had accepted as normal wasn't normal at all, that shoes could be made to fit and not hurt your feet.

I believe for many of us, the Walk to Emmaus has opened the eyes of our hearts to a new normal. The things that we left at the cross at dying moments on Saturday, like a pair of ill-fitting shoes, has freed us to enjoy the abundant life Jesus talks about in **John 10:10, "I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly."**

Please pray for the upcoming walks, the pilgrims, the servants, the lay directors, all who will be making sacrifices to share God's magnificent love with others as they received.

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Chap Cromley
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Pilgrim's Progress: Where I've Seen Jesus

Chap often asks us this question at the end of our Emmaus board meetings. And so, I have a story to share:

Sunday was unbelievably HOT! It seemed as though the heat just radiated from everywhere and I was pleased to finally be able to shut the door to the sanctuary where I was greeting and let the air conditioner work its magic. About 10 minutes into the service, a youth came in. He was dripping with sweat and did not look well at all. I asked him if he was ok. He shook his head, "No." I got him to a seat and started to fan him while Justin went for some ice water. He had overheated. The youth said his alarm had not gone off and he ran to church because he didn't want to miss it. I was humbled by this. I had to admit to myself that, had that been me, I probably would have rolled over in bed and decide I would go next Sunday. But he didn't.

This particular child and his brother are often in church. One came and when he was given a pecan pie for being a first time visitor, asked if his brother came, would he be given a pie



too? Absolutely. So, the next weekend, his brother came and a pie was given. Justin has them working with him in the sound booth and they love it. So, each Sunday morning, they walk down highway 80 (in the heat and the rain) to church. On Sunday, it was the blazing heat and this child paid a physical price to be in service. But this was not the only payment...

As I passed the offering bucket around, he dug deep into his pocket and put in all money he had: a nickle. Again, this sobered me up. I thought of the widow and the mite and how well pleased God is with this young one. He is giving of himself--perhaps he doesn't understand it all (and truthfully, I don't either), but he is on God's path.

I appreciated the service and the sermon--it was a good day to be in God's home. But I have to admit that the greatest lesson I learned on this day was from the youth that wanted to be in church so badly that he ran all the way there in the heat of the summer.

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Gatherings

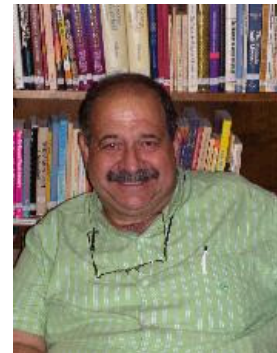
It is time to sign up to host the Gatherings for 2012. Please contact me ASAP at 541-2499 or email me at donnabrigman@frontiernet.net. Statesboro Primitive Baptist has already signed up for January 28, 2012.



Thanks So Much,
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Journey Update

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on!" (Pass it On/ The United Methodist Hymnal)





In 1993 I was honored to have one of the greatest experiences of my life, my Walk to Emmaus. That weekend I truly experienced agape love like I had never known before. The fact that so many people that didn't even know me were willing to give of their time and talents to show me God's Love was truly a "once in a lifetime" experience.

Thankfully, over the past 18 years, I have been given many opportunities to reciprocate and use my time and talents to be part of a team of Christian brothers and sisters who have been able to show others Christ through our actions. To be able to serve our Lord and bring his love and word to others is a very special part of belonging to the Emmaus community.

I know you remember your Walk. I know you remember how you felt when you were the beneficiary of the agape love shown by so many "strangers". I know that you have heard the fourth day experience of many who were deeply touched and their lives forever changed because of their Emmaus experience. Just think how your life might have been had you been given the special opportunity to experience His agape love and grace and the Emmaus experience as a teenager or young adult.

You have a very special opportunity to be part of a team who can bring this Emmaus experience to the teenagers and young adults of the Dayspring, Coastal, and Golden Isles communities. You can participate in the Journey and Chrysalis experience for these young people. The Journey is focused on young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 while the Chrysalis is focused towards the teenagers between 15 and 18. Our "Flights" (the youth version of your Walk) provides an opportunity to share the Emmaus experience to these young people. Hopefully, through these efforts, our youth are focused and directed to know and follow our Lord.

There are many opportunities you can take advantage of. We are presently in the process of picking the teams for the February Journey Flights. These flights will be held at Tattnell Campground the weekends of February 09-12 (girls) and February 16-19 (boys) We need willing servants in EVERY position. You can find a servant application by following the link on the Dayspring website. We need these ASAP. You can send these directly to me at the address and email at the bottom of this page. WE NEED YOU-Please consider serving on one of the teams.

We are also in the process of searching for dedicated people to serve on the Dayspring Journey / Chrysalis Board. Our board consist of 18 people who plan and direct the activities for the Journey and Chrysalis. We are divided into 3 classes (years) and each class has four (4) adults, one (1) youth or young person, and one (1) clergy. Since we represent all three of

the Emmaus Communities in our area, we try to have at least one person from each community serve in each class. The new board members will take office in January and will serve a three (3) year term. If you are really interested in the youth of our area and you have a desire to serve on the Journey / Chrysalis board, please let me know ASAP. We need some new, dedicated individuals to step forward and work for our youth.

There are many other opportunities to serve. One of the best ways you can participate with the Journey and the Chrysalis is to be a Sponsor. Each and every one of us knows a youth or a young person who is deserving of the Emmaus experience. We should have a waiting list for each of the flights. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a young person so that they can have this special experience. Someone thought enough of you to sponsor you, now it is time to "pass it on."

During the Flights, we need you to participate in the send-offs and closing and we especially need you to attend the Candlelight. Our youth are our future, and there is no excuse why we cannot have an overflow crowd at these important parts of the flights. Agape love is what we are charged to show those that are strangers to us. What better way to serve and show agape love than to participate in the weekend events for a Journey or Chrysalis. I hope that the send-offs and closings and especially the Candlelights for the February Journey flights will have a "standing room only" crowd. We do it for the Emmaus Walks, why can't we do it for the youth Flights?

God has given all of us certain gifts and talents. We need all of you to share your time and your talents with our youth and young people and fully support the Journey and Chrysalis program. We Need You!!

If you are willing to be considered for the Dayspring Journey / Chrysalis Board, please send me your name and contact information so that I can share this with the nominating committee. You can send this to me at Carroll E Gay, 5027 Hwy 23 South, Millen, Ga 30442 or email to me at cgay@gsba.com.

If you are willing to serve on either of the upcoming Journey teams, please complete the servants form and return ASAP. Please send the form to me at the address shown above so that I can share it with the board and the Lay Directors for these flights.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We need continued prayers and we need more support so that we can reach more of the youth and young people in our communities.

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Introducing a Member of the Journey/Chrysalis Board of Directors



1. Dale Tuttle
2. Position on Board - Secretary and Treasurer
3. Favorite books: Children books, Bible, Beth Moore studies, Mere Christianity, My Utmost for His Highest, Pilgrim Progress, Prayer books, In His steps, E.M. Bounds on Prayer, Bible Promises, My Jesus is Everything, Experiencing God, Christian fiction novels, Having A Mary Heart in a Martha World, Kay Arthur's Bible Studies, Women of Faith Bible studies, books on revealing how the Holy Spirit directs and heals the brokenness, abandonment, and God's redemption through the Savior Jesus Christ.
4. Favorite songs ...I enjoy a variety of Christian gospel, Christian Rock, Christian Praise and worship songs, the Psalms and Hymns. My mind is racing from childhood to adulthood. I praise God that through the Holy Spirit for each generation that freshness of the Great I Am is revealed through music and lyrics to penetrate a heart with His great love. In an older adult ministry, I have the opportunity to worship with the finest hymns. In the pre-school class of age's three to five, I have the opportunity to share in the modern songs about Jesus for precious children. I will list a few of my all time favorites, the Servant Song, Jesus loves me, Oh how He loves me, Jesus loves the little children, Come into my heart Lord..Jesus, Just as I am, How Great Thou Art, It is Well, God of this city, Revelation song, I can only imagine, the hymns, Glorious Day, I will follow, You are my all in all, My Savior lives. The Holy Spirit uses the lyrics to penetrate my heart as I seek forgiveness, shares joy, repairs the brokenness, gives peace, the courage to continue, but the greatest reason through the lyrics I receive His mercy, grace, forgiveness, and God's great love .
5. Favorite restaurant? Skip and Elizabeth's T-bone steaks on the grill.
6. Favorite place to shop? Book Stores
7. Favorite quote:"When I die, I shall then have my greatest

grief and my greatest joy; my greatest grief that I have done so little for Jesus, my greatest joy that Jesus has done so much for me." --William Grimshaw

8. Favorite verse: **Revelation Chapter 21: 4 - 6 "When our Holy God wipes away all tears...I attempt to imagine the Holiness of this moment...freely giving the water of life..."**

9. What do you enjoy about serving on the Dayspring Chrysalis/Journey Board? Think about the beloved disciples of the Rabbi Jesus; they witnessed Jesus being beaten, cursed; hung on the cross, buried in a tomb, risen, appearing to the disciples, Jesus eating, and teaching. He presents the great commission, As Jesus provides directives, He ascends in the heavens; The Holy Spirit provides the disciples with tools to share Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Skip arrived home from the walk to Emmaus. I marveled at Skip's encounter with Jesus. I was not so sure I wanted to be transformed. Just like Acts, people heard the believers speaking their native language. Through the short course on Christianity, the Holy Spirit taught Skip and me a similar lesson on comfort during grief. A few years had passed since our son, Lewis' death. His older sister, Elizabeth was growing in faith. God gave us a new language of loving and listening.

Amazingly, each person hears the same talk; the Holy Spirit fine tunes it to his or her language. The evidence is compelling of the unconditional love of the Savior, Jesus. I had some of the best times before, during, and after a flight or a walk.

Believers in Jesus Christ gathered at a restaurant prior to send-off. The delight to pray for the individual's cross. The opportunities for prayer, serving, standing in the candlelight, and listening to the closing testimonies. Many are added to the kingdom of God through acceptance of Jesus Christ during the walks and the flights.

I reflect on the faces of joy and happiness. When an individual shares I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. God is the great I Am. I pray for all to hear the voice of Jesus Christ and His message. I will rejoice when the lost draws near to our Savior and experiences salvation. Oh, how he loves us...I love because He first loved me.

Upcoming Events

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
(Millen United Methodist Church, Millen)

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

Kate Keith, Communications

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #10

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