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Chatter Matters

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Happy Easter!



Dear Kate,

The Group Reunion

Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Dayspring Emmaus Community:

DeColores!

My name is Gary McCorkle, and for those who may not know it, I'm the Reunion Group Coordinator for Dayspring Emmaus. I especially want to welcome new pilgrims from the recent walks #70 and #71.

I recently heard a talk by a Pastor attached to our Emmaus Community. He compared the Walk to Emmaus as a "vehicle" Jesus Christ is using to bring His people to Himself. He elaborated that we walk by faith like a car driving at night with its headlights on...we can't see the road ahead, but the "headlights" of our faith is what keeps us on the road headed for our ultimate destination: fellowship with Jesus forever! As singer Carrie Underwood once sang, "Let Jesus Take the Wheel." Let's point our vehicle toward Him and let Jesus "start it up." I am humbled to be a servant part of the Dayspring Emmaus community.

Points I made during a previous talk on Reunion Groups:

So you've been to Emmaus and have been touched by the "FIRE" of the Holy Spirit that surrounds the Walks. You don't want the experience to end. You want to stay connected to the Emmaus Community.



One way is becoming a member of a Reunion Group (also called Fourth Day Groups or Accountability Groups). We have around 30 such groups associated with the Dayspring area. As I am writing this, we are having some website issues that list groups that have notified us. I can get you a copy if you notify me: garymccorkle@bulloch.net, phone 912-687-1816.

Here are a few frequently asked questions about Reunion Groups:

1. How do I contact current groups to see how they are set up or if they allow new members or visitors?

Point of contact info is on the chart we give you, with names, phones, e-mail, etc. Contact me if you are interested. The Emmaus model recommends you limit the size of groups to keep them intimate. You remember Jesus had a lot of followers, he had 12 in a small group, and His "inner group" was really Peter, James, and John.

2. What is the approximate size of these groups?

Most groups are 4 to 6 people. This size, as we said, keeps the groups intimate, sharing. Remember your tables during the walks? Some bigger groups meet, then they split off into smaller groups for discussion.

3. How often do they meet?

Most meet weekly, but this is not written in stone. Some meet monthly, some meet twice per month but email almost daily.

4. What is the format for meetings?

The Service Sheet/Card you got at Emmaus is a good format to use. . Some groups do use different formats; however the sheet goes through service, accountability to Christ and each other as Christians, projects, directions, etc. This sheet is used 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. Where do groups meet?

They meet anywhere, really. Some meet in churches, some fellowship halls, some restaurants, some at people's houses, some urban, some rural.

7. Why should I join or start a Reunion Group?

As a Christian, we are designed for fellowship. Heb 10:25 says we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. But we need the accountability, directions and encouragement that comes with those that have experienced Emmaus. Without accountability, we have a tendency to "DRIFT" in our daily walk. I like that Song "While I'm Waiting" from the Movie "Fireproof" so much that I loaded it on my personal IPOD so I can listen to it any time. That song helps me to realize that we're all working, waiting for that day when the Lord comes, and, like my Pastor Frank

Morris says: "I want to be on the first bus load leaving." Emmaus is helping ME get READY for the TRIP.

I like the church sign I saw once that said: "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. It's like that quote from James 4:8 I like that says: "Draw closer to God, and He will draw closer to You." Reunion Groups and the Emmaus fellowship fire helps us to draw closer to God and each other (which to me is what a preview of Heaven may look like).

8. Finally, you might say: "I can't find a group in my area, none are open, or I don't fit in, etc."

START a NEW group. Use your service sheet as a starting point format. Invite people you know from different Emmaus events, such as Gatherings, Walks, your area, people from your walk or table, or look up people you know have been to Emmaus. It only takes a spark to make a candle burn. You can call me, or e-mail me, and I'll meet with any group you have to help you start, give advice or direction, etc. The Community or Board of Directors will help in any way possible.

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Gary McCorkle, Reunion Group Coordinator

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Sustaining the Spirit

Sustaining the Spirit night will be Tuesday, April 6, from 6:30 to 8:30, at Statesboro First United Methodist Church on the third floor. This is a special program designed for all sponsors and pilgrims of Walks #70 and 71, but of course other members of our Dayspring Community are welcome to attend as well. It will be an interesting, informative and enjoyable evening with music, talks, fellowship and...you guessed it...food! We will learn more about Emmaus and our Dayspring Community. Most of us leave our Walk with a desire to continue growing in the life of grace. We long to "sustain the spirit" that we felt during the weekend. There are many ways to stay connected and to grow and serve in our own churches and communities. Please make your reservation now to join us and enjoy this time together.

A nursery will be provided. A light supper will be served. We need to know the number attending in order to plan the meal and have materials available. We also need to know how many children will need childcare. If you have not already made a reservation please contact

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See you there!

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A Call to Love

Hello my name is Craig Zacok and I am a 19 year old student who had the wonderful opportunity to attend Journey. And I say opportunity for myself, but even more so it was an absolutely incredible time of reconnection between God and myself. To call me back to Him and illustrate love in a real and tangible way through the Emmaus community, both hidden and seen. This is a verse that I was particularly reminded of as I left Journey.



Matthew 6:1-4

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them... But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

As He has called his stewards to serve, so also has he called us to love. And Journey was truly that. It was just as much a call to love as it was a picture of love. Throughout the weekend I felt spoken too, cared for, and encouraged by and for Christ. All the actions and efforts of the leaders and anyone involved in Journey pointed heavenward.

All in all, the weekend was an encouraging, powerful, and Christ driven time of love, worship and fellowship. And I look forward to serving and loving those around me as I grow in Christ, being His light in the world.

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Flying with Christ



My Dayspring Journey was one that I will never forget. I went on my Journey not knowing what was about to happen to me, or the impact the walk would have on my life. The entire weekend I was continuously blown away by the love and kindness of strangers - all of the hard work that the Kitchen crew, Agape team, Secret Angels, and Walk leaders put into making me feel so incredibly cared for and valued. To me, every single person that worked my Walk became a magnified reflection of God's endless grace and unconditional love for me. The candlelight ceremony was definitely an unforgettable event. As my wonderful Sunday school teachers (and my sponsors!) told me later: it just might be the closest

to Heaven you'll get while you are on this earth! I also met some incredible people on my Journey that I hope to keep as longtime friends and Sisters in Christ. One of my favorite parts about my Journey was the Agape letters I received - they may just be the best surprises I've ever gotten! I couldn't believe the volume and variety of letters I received. There were so many of them - some from my Emmaus family, some from my close family and friends, and even some from people I haven't spoken to in years. Every single one of those letters is a treasure to me now, as are the people who wrote them and everyone that played a part in my Journey walk! I never thought that I could learn so much, grow as a person and in my relationship with Christ, meet so many great people, and have so much fun in just a few short days! My Journey experience is one that I will cherish and carry close to my heart in all of my 4th Days. I am not a caterpillar anymore - I choose to fly with Christ!

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If you have tried to go to the old Dayspring Emmaus Community website lately, you were probably a little bit confused. Unfortunately, our website host went out of business unexpectedly and we had to find a new home. You may now find the Dayspring Emmaus website at www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com. The newest look and the latest news is currently up and working. We are installing all of the information you need. We hope that the new website will be another way to keep our Dayspring Emmaus community connected. Please email me if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the new Dayspring Emmaus Community website! Come visit us online!

De Colores!
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A Word of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dayspring Journey/Chrysalis Board of Directors for the allowing me the great honor and privilege of leading the past girl's flight at Tattall County Campground. Even in small numbers, I witnessed the Holy Spirit move in mighty ways as lives were changed and young women were transformed into even more beautiful women throughout the weekend. As the snow fell from the sky that cold Friday night, it was representative of the cleaning that was taking place behind the walls of the chapel as the blood of Jesus "washed us white as snow."

My thanks go out to the awesome team that came together from various geographical areas to be the hands and feet of Christ for these young women. The team was unbelievable as they worked in various areas as separate parts representing one body - the body of believers that helped show each and every

caterpillar the love of the Lord as they formed new wings with which to fly high.

I would also like to thank the Dayspring, Coastal, and Golden Isles Emmaus Communities for all the prayers, support, and gifts that were showered upon this weekend. Because of the unity of love, the lives of 11 precious women will never be the same, nor the memories forgotten. Thank you all for the generous acts of agape that were so evident throughout the weekend. And, most importantly, I cannot thank the Lord enough for giving me the privilege of being a part of this wonderful experience.

God Bless and I hope to see you at upcoming work and flight events!

In His Service,

Lucy Barlow

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Upcoming Events:

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
(Millen United Methodist Church, Millen)**

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)

Note: All Flight Activities are Held at Tattnall Campgrounds

June 17, 2010 8:00pm Girls' Chrysalis Flight Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

June 19, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering
9:00pm Candlelight Ceremony

June 20, 2010 4:00pm Closing of Girls' Chrysalis Flight

June 24, 2010 8:00pm Boys' Chrysalis Flight Send-Off
Followed by Sponsor's Hour

June 26, 2010 6:30pm Emmaus Gathering
(Harmony United Methodist Church, Glennville)

June 26, 2010 8:00pm Community Gathering
9:00pm Candlelight Ceremony

June 27, 2010 4:00pm Closing of Boys' Chrysalis Flight

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.

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