

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Chatter Matters



December 2014

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:10-12 NIV

Spring Walks Update

Teams are formed and training dates have been set. Please continue to remember all aspects of the Walks in your daily prayers. Prayerfully consider giving the gift of sponsorship this year--what a gift of a lifetime! Remember that Pilgrim applications are due by **January 1, 2015.**



Men's Walk #90 March 12-15, 2015
Lay Director, Neal Anderson

Women's Walk #91 March 19-22, 2015
Lay Director, Velvet Stanfield

"Now when Jesus was born
in Bethlehem...there
came wise men from the
east-
Matthew 2:1

Applications can be obtained on line by going to
www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Send in the completed application (signed by the pastor) to:

jddunn@frontiernet.net

FAX [\(912\)489-9840](tel:(912)489-9840)

Mail to: Dayspring Walk to Emmaus
P.O. Box 1312
Statesboro, GA 30459



"Pilgrim's Progress"

by
Bo Fordham

As the holidays approach and as I think over some recent events in my life, I am reminded of Christmas time at my Grandma Bertis' when I was a young boy. Each year on Christmas Eve, the whole Fordham clan would

gather at her small country home in Hopeulikit, Georgia. As I walked into her home, the smell of all the good food that had been prepared would overwhelm me. I would take a deep breath, not to smell the food, but to get ready to run the gauntlet of all the ribbing from uncles and of those hugs and kisses from aunts. If you tried to run, one of the uncles would block your path. Aunts that grew up hoeing cotton, tobacco, and washing clothes in a wash pot and wringing them out by hand developed a strong grip! They had a grip! There was no escape. They all had on fresh lipstick and the power to hug like an anaconda squeezing its prey. It was awful. My face looked like a clown and my poor little body was crushed by "lipstick-wearing anacondas." One good thing about it, Grandma was waiting on the other end. If I could just make it to Grandma! Grandma would always say, "All right now, ya'll have done enough, turn my boy loose!" Finally! I am in Grandma's arms! She would hug and kiss me. She always gave me a Christmas gift that I needed (usually a pair of socks). Grandma loved me and I loved her! Looking back, going through the gauntlet wasn't really that bad. Over the years, I came to enjoy those hugs and kisses.

"There wasa
multitude of he heavenly
host praising God."
Luke 2:13

Over the past six months, I have been running through a gauntlet again. My occupation has required me to be out of state. I have been working long hours away from my family during the week, only to come home on the weekends. This has been very frustrating. The "anacondas have been squeezing" and I don't like it one bit. As I have been going though this time, I have been looking on the other end. I have been looking for Jesus. For some time, I couldn't see Him. I couldn't see Him because I was looking for the end instead of looking right beside me. Jesus, just as He promises, has been there all along. I have not liked being away one little bit, but as I look to Him, I see that during this time away from home, He has revealed things He wants to change in my life. I just had to be in a place where He could show me. He has given me opportunities to share my testimony of what He has done in my life at a church in South Carolina as well as sharing with many people I have come in contact with through my occupation. Through this time, I have a deeper dependence on Him and I know that He will soon say, just as Grandma did, "All right now, ya'll have done enough, turn my boy loose!"

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Bo Fordham
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #74

December GATHERING

**Saturday, December 6, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

**Union Bulloch United Methodist Church*
10957 Old River Road North
Statesboro, GA 30461**



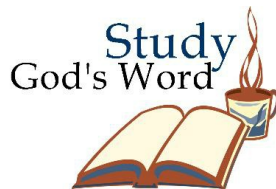
***This is the oldest Methodist Church in Bulloch County.**

Jesus was born in
Bethlehem of Judaea in
the days of Herod the
king. Matthew 2:1

**Please contact Mrs. Annette Smith, Gathering Coordinator, if
your church is willing to host a Gathering in 2015.**

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The BOOK Shelf

The books in this list have been shared throughout the year by various community members. These books were shared as being influential in their Christian walk.

If you have read a book that has greatly influenced your Christian walk, please share it with the community. Please email the title and author to be put on next month's list to adjacobs@frontiernet.net .

The Year In Review--2014--Thank you, Community for sharing these great titles with us. Since there were over 50 books that were shared this year, I will only share half of them in December and will list the other half in January. Thank you so much. This may help you with your Christmas shopping!

Deep and Wide by Andy Stanley

There Were Two Trees in the Garden by Rick Joyner

Unwritten by Charles Martin

24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton

Life Interrupted: Navigating the Unexpected by Priscilla Shirer

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

"We have seen his star in
the east, and are come to
worship him."
Matthew 2:2

Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby
Jesus the King by Timothy Keller
What's So Amazing About Grace by Phillip Yancey
Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers
The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson
A Work of Heart by Reggie McNeal
Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle
Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore
Outlive Your Life by Max Lucado
Nearing Home by Billy Graham
Prayer by Charles Stanley
You'll Get Through This by Max Lucado
Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering by Timothy Keller
The Nevertheless Principle by Marion Bond West
Weird by Craig Groeschel
Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman
gods at War: Defeating Idols That Battle for Your Heart
by Kyle Idleman
Stations of the Heart: Parting With a Son by Richard Lischer
Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo

Journey 2015 Update



Journey is the young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for ages 19-24 and is geared toward college age adults. These "caterpillars" take their flights in February. Girls go one weekend ahead of the boys. The Journey takes place at Tattnall Campground.

Girls'	February 12-15	Lay Director: K.K. Oswald
Boys'	February 19-22	Lay Director: Scott Morgan

Applications can be found at www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

"And she brought forth
her firstborn son...and
laid him in a manger.
Luke 2:7

Send applications to: feliciaodum81@gmail.com

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245 Sam Green Road
Claxton, GA 30417

For more information for workers and flights, please call [\(912\) 282-0678](tel:9122820678)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Union Bulloch United Methodist Church Statesboro, GA 30461)
January 1, 2015		PILGRIM Applications due for Spring Walks
January 8, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Emmaus Board Meeting
January 17, 2015	8:15 a.m.	All Team Training (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
January 24, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church)
January 31, 2015	8:15 a.m.	Conference Room Training (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
February 5, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Emmaus Board Meeting
February 12-15, 2015		Girls' Journey Tattnall Campground
February 19-22, 2015		Boys' Journey Tattnall Campground
February 21, 2015	8:15 a.m.	Conference Room Training (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
February 28, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING
March 5, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Emmaus Board Meeting
March 7, 2015	8:15 a.m.	All Teams Set-Up (All Walk Activities will be held at Tattnall Campground)
March 12, 2015	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Men's Walk #90
March 14, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight
March 15, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing Men's Walk #90
March 19, 2015	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Women's #91
March 21, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight
March 22, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing Women's #91

March 27, 2015 ----- **7:00 p.m.**

**PIO Party for Walks #90
and #91 @ Tattnall
Campground**

March 31, 2015 ----- **6:30 p.m.**

**Sustaining the Spirit
(Statesboro First United Methodist
Church)**

**To God's glory and honor,
Ann Jacobs, Communications
DWTE#67, Table of Sarah**