Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Chatter Matters



November 2014

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name,

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. " Psalm 100:4-5

It seems a lot of people missed reading your November Chatter Matters. I am resending it to you along with some special updates. Chatter Matters goes out on the 1st day of each month and contains updated information for the community as well as a Calendar of Events. Please look for December Chatter Matters on December 1, 2014.

Please note that the November-December Gathering is on Saturday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Union Methodist Church in rural Bulloch County. Directions will be provided in the Gathering Notice which will go out on Monday, December 1, 2014.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!!!

"...I look upon a field of wheat And thank God for the bread we eat: I watch the benedictive rain On low-bowed heads of flower and grain. A friend drops in, a neighbor calls, The lamps are lit, night gently falls; Contentment settles with the sun In labors of the day well done. So many little altars there, So many simple calls to prayer, So many reasons for thanksgiving--the sacraments of daily living.

(From the poem, Rejoice by Helen Lowrie Marshall)

New Emmaus Board of Directors Members Confirmed

Several new board members will begin their three year term January 1, 2015. The following were elected at our annual Community business meeting held at the Gathering on Saturday, October 25, at Brooklet United Methodist Church. Congratulations to the following:

Beth Akins Buddy Anderson Michelle Barton Larry Bird Randy Brigman

The following will be rotating off the Emmaus Board of

Directors as of January 1:

Randy Carlson JD Dunn Julianne Hearn Tom Osborne Kevin Rackleff

"I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful ad quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

I Timothy 2:1-2 NIV

"I will give thanks to the

LORD because of his

righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High."

Psalm 7:17

We thank these individuals for their dedicated service to our Community for the past three years.

You may see the current Board of Directors by going towww.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will <u>not</u> be a Gathering in November. The combined November-December Gathering will be on Saturday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. at Union Methodist Church--this the oldest Methodist church in Bulloch County, Statesboro, GA. Directions will be sent to you on Monday, December 1 in the Gathering announcement.

Please contact Mrs. Annette Smith, Gathering Coordinator, as soon as possible if your church is willing to host a Gathering for 2015.

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Spring Walks Update

Plans are being made for the Spring Walks. Please continue to pray for all aspects of these Walks--sponsorship, servant teams, as well as the Pilgrims God will send.

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

March 19-22, 2015

Men's Walk Lay Directo

> Women's Walk #91 Lay Director, Velvet Stanfield

Willing servant applications are due by November 1, 2014.

Pilgrim applications are due by January 1, 2015.

Please get your application online by going to www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com.

Please scan and email to iddunn@frontiernet.net

Or FAX or Mail

(912)489-9840 Dayspring Walk to Emmaus P.O. Box 1312 Statesboro, GA 30459

"I will lift my eyes to the hillswhere does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1



"Pilgrim's Progress" by Sally Finch

"A Time To Give Thanks"

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord!" Psalm 92:1

Hello, my name is Sally. I am farmer's wife and I live on the family farm. Harvest time gives me the perfect background to reflect on being thankful. Our farm has produced its crops; peanuts, soybeans, and cotton. The smell of fresh plowed peanuts lying on top of the ground takes my breath away and the sight of them lying on top of the ground thrills me. The cotton fields look as if a fresh layer of snow has just fallen on them and covered them in a white blanket. The glistening bright gold soybeans are eagerly awaiting the combine to gather them. Multicolored leaves are dancing across the road before me as I drive. There is a chill in the air. Oh, what a glorious time of the year! This time of year is truly a time to give thanks to the Lord.

One of the things I am most thankful for is the Emmaus Community. I am thankful that I am a part of this group. I was blessed to go on one of the first Coastal Walks. It was a life changing experience. The Walk changed my personal walk with Jesus. That Emmaus Walk continues on in my personal relationship with Him to this day. My Reunion Group has been not only a source of accountability, but a source of strength as well.

In the late fall of 2011, I had my most challenging life experience. I lost a son. The grief journey I have been on has been very difficult. At times it seems to be almost unbearable for me. But, Jesus has been on this trek with me and my family every step of the way. He has used very special Emmaus

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

> the hymn--"The Doxology"

people along this arduous journey to reflect His love and care for us. The Emmaus Community has rallied around me and mine in our time of great need. Their care for us continues on.

The first Thanksgiving was a community effort. It was a time to recognize and give thanks to the Lord by the Pilgrims for their first successful harvest. The Pilgrims shared the bountythe Lord had given them as they partook of plenty. The Emmaus Community is an extraordinary group of giving, sharing, caring, praying, and compassionate individuals who reflect their love of Jesus in their everyday walk with Him.

As you bow your head and give thanks at this very time of year, please remember to give a special "thanks" for our Emmaus Community and the wonderful individuals that make it up and for the exceptional job they do for our Lord Jesus Christ as they walk out their faith.

I give thanks!

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"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD, Praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6 Sally Finch
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Journey 2015 Updates

Journey is the young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for ages, 19-24 and is geared toward college age young 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 atwww.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Scan and send applications to feliciaodum81@gmail.com

Mail applications to Felicia Odum

245 Sam Green Road Claxton, GA 30417

For more information for workers and flights, please call (912) 282-0678.

The BOOK Shelf

One of the Talks on the Walk is "Growth Through Study." We want the Community to share resources that have helped to "renew our mind." Of course, we all know that the Bible is the greatest book ever written because it is "God-breathed." The books we will mention here are in addition to your daily Bible reading.

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

Thanks to Ashley Lynn Tankersley for sharing with us this month.

<u>The Love Dare</u> by Lawrence Kimbrough, Stephen and Alex Kendrick

Next month a "year in review" list will be included here for the benefit of the new Pilgrims as well as all of you. This list may be beneficial for Christmas shopping.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1, 2014

SERVANT Applications Due for Spring Walks

November 6, 2014

6:30 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting

December 6, 2014

6:00 p.m. Community GATHERING (Union Methodist Church)

Statesboro, GA

January 1, 2015	PILGRIM Applications Due for Spring Walks	
January 24, 2015	6:00 p.m. Community GATHERIN (Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church	
February 12-15, 2015	Girls' Journey Tattnall Campground	
February 19-22, 2015	Boys' Journey Tattnall Campground	
February 28, 2015	6:00 p.m. Community GATHERIN (TBA)	1G
March 7, 2015	Walks Set Up Tattnall Campground	
March 12-15, 2015	Men's Walk # 90	
March 19-22, 2015	Women's Walk # 91	
March 27, 2015	PIO Party for Walks #90, #91	
March 31, 2015	Sustaining the Spirit (Statesboro First United Methodist)	

To God's honor and glory, Ann Jacobs, Communications adjacobs@frontiernet.net Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #67 Table of Sarah