

# Chatter Matters October 2014



## Dayspring Emmaus

### Community

**Welcome to the Dayspring Community, the Pilgrims of Walks, #88 and #89!**



### Looking Ahead to Journey 2015

"The Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**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 "flights" take place at Tattnall Campground.**

**Journey-- Girls' February 12-15, 2015 Lay  
Director: K.K. Oswald**

**Journey-- Boys' February 19-22, 2015 Lay  
Director: Scott Morgan**

**Applications may be found at [www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com)**

Scan and send completed applications  
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For more information for workers and flights, please  
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## Spring Walks 2015 Update

**Mark your calendars and begin praying for the Spring Walks.**

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"  
Luke 24:30-32

**Men's Walk #90  
Women's Walk #91**

**March 12-15, 2015  
March 19-22, 2015**

**Lay Directors have not been selected and approved by the Board yet. We will announce when that occurs.**

**Willing Servant applications deadline is November 1, 2014!!!**

Please get your application online by going to [www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com).

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Or FAX  
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**Our annual Community Business meeting will be held as part of the GATHERING on Saturday,**

**October 25, at 6:00 p.m. which will be held at  
Brooklet United Methodist Church in Brooklet,  
GA.**

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## **"Pilgrim's Progress"**

**by  
Ed Ellis**

**Ten years ago I attended the Walk to Emmaus, #46, Table of Mark. Coming into Emmaus, I knew that I was a forgiven sinner. I had been baptized at the age of 56. I was hungry for God's word, but I was not fully committed to serving God. Well, God was going to take care of that this weekend--big time!**

**CHRIST IS COUNTING ON  
YOU**

Christ needs you: your heart, your mind, your hands and feet. He needs you committed in faith, so that your life in grace may bear witness to that faith in Christ through your spiritual life, prayer, your study and your action.

(The Group Reunion Card)

**Through the Emmaus community of unselfish service and love, my eyes were opened to some of my personal shortcomings. Pride and thinking I was "self-sufficient and independent" were just a few of these. You might say that I was a good "lukewarm Christian." None of these traits were shown anywhere at Emmaus--just the opposite was everywhere. Love, honesty, serving others, and humility were all on display. We sang more songs than I knew existed--and it was great fun. We all gained weight because every meal--every bite--was served with an extra portion of love. This was especially good to me, since my loving sponsors had convinced me that food would be really scarce! They even stopped at the country store in Bellville to let me stock up on snacks.**

**The Talks really touched my heart because each Talk was straight from the heart of the person giving it. My "Dying Moments" was a very powerful experience--it brought me face to face with some of my personal shortcomings. The Emmaus experience is a direct reflection of part of God's plan for each of us to learn to totally depend on Him. Humility is the characteristic that reflects Christian actions. We made great new friends and a new "best friend." My table shared some deep personal hurts and we all grew closer and were stronger from the sharing.**

**At the end of the Walk, I remember trying to talk and**

cannot remember exactly what I said, but I knew exactly what I committed to at that moment. I committed to try to bring others the joy of knowing Jesus--as it was such a joy for me to experience during the Walk.

My Fourth Days came and for some time God allowed me to "coast" on my commitment to Him. I wasn't as serious about serving Him as either He or I wanted me to be. God's timing is perfect, He uses every detail in our lives--every incident, every experience, whether a triumph or failure to incorporate into His plan for us. He takes care of the details; our job is to realize that we are to do **SOMETHING** for God that will bring glory to Him! Some of us are harder to reach than others--I was one of the harder ones, but God reached out to me one day with a total "body slam." Out of the blue I fainted and became very weak, could hardly walk, and became the weakest physically that I have ever been. God had my full 100% undivided attention for many months. I wound up at the Mayo Clinic several times. Through lots of tests, and lots of doctors, all were mystified of the problem. I honestly thought I was going to die. But, by God's grace, mercy, and a whole lot of your prayers, I finally got better in time.

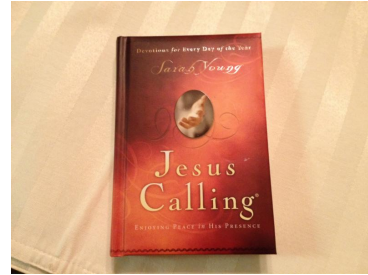
Through that trial, using the avenue of pain and hardship--God spoke clearly to me. He gave me "a calling." Through misery came ministry. When I was so weak that all I could do was read a book that had been given to my wife by a good friend, God spoke. At first I misunderstood "His call." I thought that God wanted me to build crosses and place them all over--I had been a builder for almost 40 years. After discussing this with my wife--she suggested that was great, but felt we needed to earnestly pray about this for a few weeks. Through those prayer times--very shortly--I knew exactly what my calling was to be. For a man who disliked books all through high school and college--God gave me a Christian book ministry. God did not want me to build crosses all over--He wanted me to be feet and hands for Him all over--by furnishing Christian books. The book that spoke to me every day during that time and still speaks to me now every day is *Jesus Calling* written by Sarah Young. I have tried to keep my book ministry anonymous--It is His ministry. He allows me to be His feet and hands. He enables and furnishes everything for the ministry--It is His. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY--GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!"

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--*

***and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."***

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

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"Pilgrim's Progress" belongs to all the Community--Walk to Emmaus, Journey and Chrysalis. If you would like to submit an article to be a witness and tell of the great way that God has been working in your life as a result of the Walk to Emmaus, Journey or Chrysalis, please send it to Ann Jacobs at [adjacobs@frontiernet.net](mailto:adjacobs@frontiernet.net). Please let me know what month you would like to submit. We all have a story and we are called to be His witnesses! Three hundred words is considered ideal length. Thank you for your kind consideration of sharing your heart with the Community.

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## **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 at [adjacobs@frontiernet.net](mailto:adjacobs@frontiernet.net).

Thanks to Becky Livingston for sharing these books from another source that were pivotal in their Christian walk.

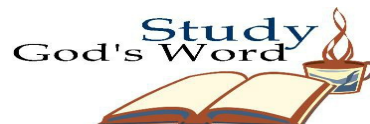
**Basic Christianity by John Stott**

**Knowing God by J.I. Packer**

**Loving God by Charles Colson**

**Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald**

**The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>September 30, 2014</b>             | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Sustaining the Spirit<br/>(Statesboro First United Methodist Church)</b> |
| <b>October 2, 2014<br/>Meeting</b>    | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Emmaus Board</b>   |
| <b>October 25, 2014<br/>GATHERING</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Community<br/>(Brooklet United Methodist Church)</b>                     |
| <b>November 1, 2014<br/>for</b>       |                  | <b>SERVANT Applications Deadline<br/>Spring Walks</b>                       |
| <b>November 6, 2014<br/>Meeting</b>   | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Emmaus Board</b>   |
| <b>December 6, 2014<br/>GATHERING</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Community</b>  |
| <b>January 1, 2015</b>                |                  | <b>PILGRIM Applications Due for Spring<br/>Walks</b>                        |

To God's honor and glory,  
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Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #67  
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