

March Chatter Matters 2019

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Chatter Matters
March 2018



The Spring Walks Are Almost Here!

The teams are trained again, the Pilgrims are ready once more, and the calendar is moving on toward the Spring Walks. Keep the Pilgrims and Willing Servants in your daily prayers. Please, if there is an individual man or woman or couple who wants to go on the walk contact them and Wanda Lee. See the info below.

Table and baked agape are always needed and appreciated for both Walks. We look forward to seeing you at the Community events at the Campground. May the Pilgrims see Jesus in each of us.

Men's Walk March 7-10, 2019
Lay Director Aaron Walden

Women's Walk March 14-17, 2019
Lay Director Ann Jacobs

"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

Ways you Can Support the
Upcoming Walks

The Send Off Song

"Behold what Manner of Love"

For the men.....

"Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us.

Behold what

manner of love the Father has given unto us,
That we should be called the sons of God, That we should be called the sons of God."
(Repeat all)



If you are like many of us, your walk was special in many ways. That didn't just happen. There were people who made **table Agape**, **food Agape**, **ATTENDED send off**, **candle light** and **closing**. There were also people who prayed. They may have **SIGNED UP** for the **Prayer Vigils** or prayed at home. Please participate in the above activities so that these Pilgrims will feel and see the face of Jesus. You may also go

to:

www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Praying the Prayer Vigil

Here is a wonderful outline to follow when you find yourself at a lack of words while praying for the Walk...

Begin by asking God to clear your mind from all outside distractions. Place your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the event you have come to ask Him to bless.

Be silent for a few moments and begin to feel His presence with you. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend-you are! Ask Him to bless with His spirit the buildings, the grounds, and all things used to bring those present to an awareness of Him.

Pray for the lay director, if not by name, by duty. He/She must walk in His spirit for anything he/she may be called upon to solve.

Pray for the assistant lay directors in much the same way. Pray for the spiritual director, that he/she may truly be an instrument of His spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors in much the same way. Pray for the board representative, that he/she may have the courage to keep the purity of the event and not let personalities keep him/her from doing what he/she promised God he/she would do.

The Send Off Song

Pray for the speakers. Pray that they: remember Whom they represent, lay down self, and glorify God.

"Behold What Manner of Love"

Pray for the talks-for the message they give, for the giver, and for those who hear, that they may hear according to their need.

Pray for the musicians, that their music may bring God's message and soothe troubled souls.

For the Women....

Pray for the pilgrims; the ones who can't leave their thoughts behind, the ones uneasy in that setting, the ones who can't sleep, the ones that feel forced to come, the ones looking for magic and not miracles, the ones who are open and receiving, and for all conditions known only to God.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us.

Pray for the fun and the fellowship-that it may warm hearts and keep focused on God. Pray for the cooks and all who minister in unrecognized ways.

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us,

Pray for the team assistants that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.

Pray for the table leaders and assistant table leaders. Pray that their subtle guidance and emptying of self will lead their pilgrims directly to Christ.

Pray for all the agape gifts, for all the hands that made them and for the blessings they bring.

Pray for the sponsors.

Pray for special times of the weekend-you know what they are.

And, lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected, not only those mentioned, but for families and for changes in the church and community.

End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children.

Amen.

(Repeat all)

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

~1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Learning More about Our New Board Members



We continue to learn more about our new Board members! Please continue to pray for the Board as they make decisions for our community.

On the
Road to
Emmaus

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

Luke 24:13-18

Upcoming Men's Walk Aaron Walden, Lay Director #104



God Called Who?

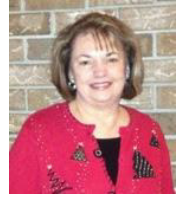
That question pretty much sums up my self-assessment as being the upcoming lay director for the Spring Men's Walk, and with that comes the image of someone who feels stretched too thin to be called available for such a time as this. From project manager, part time softball coach, deacon of my church, devoted husband and daddy to three little girls and a little boy on the way, many times I question not only my ability but also availability to each aspect of my hectic life. However, it is in the hustle and bustle of every day that I find God in those still, small moments. I have never really regarded myself as one who could be used by Christ. I have always felt very unqualified. I often feel a minute fraction of what Moses felt when God spoke to him through the burning bush, "*Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent... I am slow of speech and tongue... Please send someone else.*" ([Exodus 4:10-13](#)). However, God provides opportunities for His glory to be shown through the things that we think are mundane. When I slow down to tell a coworker that I am praying for them and invite them to church, I make myself available and share the love of Christ. When my wife needs a helping hand or my girls need their Daddy, I make myself available and try to extend the same love that Jesus has for His church.

So many times, we count ourselves out of the work that God can do in us and through us because of our self-titled, "insufficiencies" and not having the time. I am so grateful to God that in the fall of 2012 I slowed down long enough and made myself available to be a part of a life-altering experience called the Walk to Emmaus. Jesus (through this process) has allowed me to create lifelong friendships as well as provided me with the courage to speak in front of others.

God has used my story to reach others who may be going through some of the same things that I have experienced. I leave you with this quote from Max Lucado's *God is With You Everyday*: "God stampeded the first-century society with swaybacks, not thoroughbreds! Their collars were blue, their hands were calloused, and there is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they were smarter or nicer than the guy next door. The one thing they had going for them was a willingness to take a step when Jesus said, "Follow me." With that, I choose to Follow Him and honor Him with my life...God bless and De Colores!

Aaron Walden
DWTE #80

**Upcoming Women's Walk
Ann Jacobs, Lay Director, Walk #105**

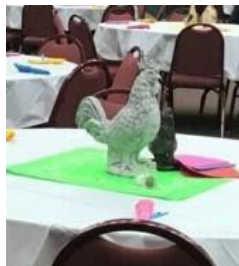


It has been my privilege and blessing beyond measure to experience God doing His work as we have prepared for this Walk. The Women's servant team is of His choosing and He orchestrated every detail in putting it together. I want to thank you, the Emmaus community, for all that you will do to support these upcoming Walks with your presence at Send Off, attending Candlelight, and Closing. I thank you for your various acts of agape you will do, but most importantly I thank you for your prayers for each team member, each talk, each activity, and most especially for each pilgrim and their sponsors.

Most recently at a Gathering, the Fourth Day speaker's topic was the Emmaus story from the 24th Chapter of Luke. I too have read and reread that story many times recently. I want to challenge each member of the Emmaus community to reread the Emmaus story, Luke chapter 24 in preparation of our hearts for the upcoming Walks. May it again, as God's breathed Word, personally speak to each of you.

As you know, the Emmaus Walks are so undergirded by prayer and the Holy Spirit is always present at the Campground. I am so thankful for each of you as you will keep the vigil going each moment of these upcoming 72 hour weekends. Please continue to support every facet of these Walks with your prayers, your presence, and your many acts of agape love. May the pilgrims experience God's grace and love revealed through you.

DeColores,
Ann Jacobs,
DWTE#67



**GATHERINGS
BASICS**



The Emmaus Community consists of all persons in a locality who have attended the Walk to Emmaus. Each month the entire Emmaus Community is invited to attend a covered dish event beginning at 6:00 p.m. at a host church within reasonable driving distance within the Dayspring Community.

The event begins with fellowship and a meal. We then go into the Sanctuary of the host church to praise and worship with those special songs and music leaders from your Emmaus Walk. We have prayer for those in need in our Community, listen to a Fourth Day Talk, and then partake of Holy Communion. What a blessing for those who attend!

These Gatherings take place usually on the fourth Saturday night of each month and is announced in the Chatter Matters. PIO parties are held on Friday nights following the Spring and Fall Walks at the Campground and are considered Gatherings.

The purpose of the monthly Gatherings is to celebrate God's grace and to keep alive the enthusiasm for living everyday-your Fourth Day-as a walk with the Risen Christ.

Your place has been set at the table and you will be missed if you are not there!! "Keep the fire burning!!!"

DeColores!

Peggy Spandle, DWTE #73, Table of Sarah, Dayspring Community Gatherings Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

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Activities with the Walks will take place at Tattnall Campground. Please check Chatter Matters if Gathering location is not listed		
March 5	6:30	Board Meeting
March 7	6:45	Send-Off Men's Walk #104
March 9	8:00	Candlelight #104
March 10	4:00	Closing Men's Walk #104
March 14	6:45	Send-Off Women's #105
March 16	8:00	Candlelight #105
March 17	4:00	Closing Women's #105
March 22	7:00	PIO Party/Sustaining the Spirit
Tattnall Campground		
April 4	6:30	Board Meeting
April 27	6:00	Gathering
Brooklet United Methodist Church, Brooklet, GA		
May 1	Willing Servant Applications for FALL WALKS Are Due	
May 2	6:30	Board Meeting
May 18	6:00	Gathering
Guyton United Methodist Church, Guyton		
June 6	6:30	Board Meeting
TBA		Set Up Chrysalis
TBA		Boy's Chrysalis
TBA		Girl's Chrysalis
June 22	6:00	Gathering
Pittman Park United Methodist Church, Statesboro, GA		
July 1	Pilgrim Applications for FALL WALKS Are Due	
July 11	6:30	Board Meeting
July 20	6:00	Gathering
Camp Meeting at Tattnall Campground		
August 1	6:30	Board Meeting
August 24	6:00	Gathering
Nevils United Methodist Church, Nevils		
September 5	6:30	Board Meeting
September 12	6:45	Send-Off Men's Walk #106
September 14	8:00	Candlelight Men's Walk #106
September 15	4:00	Closing Men's Walk #106
September 19	6:45	Send-Off Women's Walk #107
September 21	8:00	Candlelight Women's #107
September 22	4:00	Closing Women's Walk #107
September 27	7:00	PIO Party/Sustaining the Spirit
Tattnall Campground		
October 3	6:30	Board Meeting
October 26	6:00	GATHERING
Rehoboth Missionary Baptist Church, Claxton, GA		
November 7	6:30	Emmanuel Board Meeting
December 7	6:00	GATHERING
TBA		

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