

March 2020 Chatter Matters

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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.

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 12-15, 2020**
Lay Director **Corbett Deloach**

Women's Walk **March 19-22, 2020**
Lay Director **Kim Brown**

"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

The Send Off Song

"Behold what Manner of Love"

For the men.....

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

Ways you Can Support the Upcoming Walks

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Send Off Song

"Behold What Manner of Love"

For the Women....

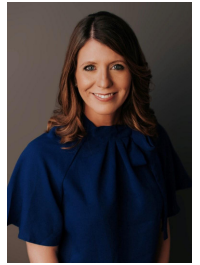
"Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us.

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

That we should be called the daughters of God, That we should be called the

(Repeat all)

Learning More about Our New Board Members



Leslie Akins
Treasurer

1. In our church families, there are many obstacles to overcome. What do you find is the best and first strategy for overcoming any obstacle?

I think overcoming any obstacle, no matter what type, begins first and foremost with prayer. As we prayerfully consider how we can help overcome obstacles, I think it is important to show the love of Jesus to everyone and to always be honest and transparent. Many "obstacles" come from our human natures and differences of opinion. We won't always agree with everything that goes on within our churches, but we can choose to pray for all involved whether we agree with them or not. We can actively seek to pursue peace as long as Christ is always glorified in our actions.

2. One of the talks of the Emmaus weekend is "Changing Our World." How do you find that you are changing your world?

I strive every day to show the love of Christ to those around me. I try to serve others in various ways.... from a Service League event to the little league ballfield, from the chaos of my office to the quiet of my small group each week... I strive to be kind and to be the hands and feet of Jesus anywhere I am needed. I try to be authentic in every aspect of life in how I share my relationship with the Lord with others and how His light (hopefully) shines through me so that others can see. There are days when life beats us down and that light may be dim, but we must continue to keep that light within us burning. I pray for others daily and try to be a true friend to every person that crosses my path.

3. What is your favorite hymn or praise song? Why?

Music is one of my greatest loves so this is a tough one! I grew up in a very small, traditional church with an "Old School Hymnal". If I had to choose one hymn, it would be "It is Well With My Soul". I love the meaning behind the song. As a small child, I can vividly remember my grandmother singing it, a cappella, and teaching me to sing alto with her. The lyrics are so powerful. Despite any circumstance, as believers, Jesus has made all things well with our souls if our faith is in Him. Contemporary worship songs are a part of my daily life, from the car to my office and in the church services I attend every Sunday. My current favorite is "King of Kings" by Hillsong Worship. It is amazing in that it covers Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection all in one powerful song. It is a declaration of praise to the majesty and glory of God.

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
Corbett Deloach, Lay Director #108

Looking back during my walk as a Pilgrim, I remember so many strangers loving on me, and showing me God's love over those 72 hours. I felt so loved that I was not ready to depart on that Sunday. My life has been different since my walk in 2007 when God used His disciples on earth to show me His grace and mercy. What a blessing!



God is omniscient of having total knowledge, the quality of knowing everything. He knew I would need the Emmaus walk for what was to come just a few years later in my life. I have told so many people that God prepared me for the two worst days that I would have to experience, in order to draw me closer to my dependance on Him. Through Him I have experienced a strengthening in my faith, my hope, my joy, and my love. The Emmaus family has been showing the priesthood of believers to me since the day I attended Walk #60, and beyond.

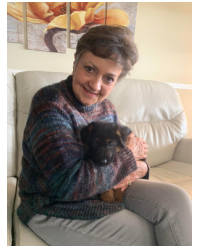
As we approach Walk #108, I pray our team will show that same kind of agape love to each Pilgrim that we all felt and witnessed in our individual walks.

I love my Emmaus family, and my Church family, and look forward to showing that love, God's love, to others now and in the future.

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Corbett DeLoach
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #60
Table of Paul

Upcoming Women's Walk
Kim Brown, Lay Director #109



When did I go on the Walk to Emmaus? I attended Walk #79, Table of Hannah in Fall 2012.

What has Emmaus meant to me? My Walk to Emmaus was a renewal and a return home to my Savior Jesus Christ. The weekend brought me much needed healing and focus which prepared me for the beginning of a whole new personal relationship with Christ. What an amazing journey it has been. I have worked most of the walks since my Walk, as well as serving on the Dayspring Emmaus Board. Previously, I would not have imagined the amazing blessings God provides when we serve on a walk either in the background or the conference room. The excitement, renewal and bonding with new and old friends who share a love for Christ is a continuing reminder of God's grace. Each Walk is a new opportunity to show the Pilgrims the face of Jesus as we love and serve them. I am humbled and excited to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #109. As a pilgrim I was the recipient to so much love and kindness. As a servant in several different roles I have been amazed at the different perspectives from which we are able to view the Emmaus Walk process. As Lay Director I am blessed to see the process come full circle in providing a path for believers to renew or deepen their walk with Christ. The blessings continue in the excitement of welcoming new members into our Emmaus Community on Sunday afternoon.

We have an amazing team of servants for Walk 109, both in the background and in the conference room. The team's willingness and excitement to serve is so appreciated and provides yet another example of the central focus of the Emmaus Community family who love Christ and love sharing His love with others. At this point, we are all excited to meet and get to know our special pilgrims who will attend Walk #109. Your prayers for this team and the pilgrims are so appreciated. Knowing you are out there praying before and during the Walks is a strong foundation for the weekend.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ, the pilgrims and the Dayspring Emmaus Community. As we often say, we know and trust that God will show up and show out on that special place we call Tattnall Campground. With much love and peace to each of you.

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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 2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>
Mar 5	6:30	Board Meeting
Mar 12	6:45	Walk #108 Send-off
Mar 14	8:45	Walk #108 Candlelight
Mar 15	4:00	Walk #108 Closing Ceremony
Mar 19	6:45	Walk #109 Send-off
Mar 21	8:45	Walk #109 Candlelight
Mar 22	4:00	Walk #109 Closing Ceremony
Mar 27	7:00	PIO PARTY/Sustaining the Spirit/Tattnall Campground
Apr 2	6:30	Board Meeting
Apr 25	6:00	GATHERING/Oak Grove UMC
May 1		Willing Servant Applications deadline for Fall Walks
May 7	6:30	Board Meeting
May 16	6:00	GATHERING/Swainsboro FUMC
June 4	6:30	Board Meeting
June		Set up for Chrysalis
June 11-14		Boy's Chrysalis/Tattnall Campground

June 18-21		Girl's Chrysalis/Tattnall Campground
June 20	6:00	GATHERING/Bellville UMC
July 1		PILGRIM Application deadline for Fall Walks
July 2	6:30	Board Meeting
July 18	6:00	GATHERING/Tattnall Campmeeting/Tattnall Campground
Aug 6	6:30	Board Meeting
Aug 22	6:00	GATHERING/Nevels UMC
Sept 3	6:30	Board Meeting
Sept 10	6:45	Walk #110 Send-off
Sept 12	8:45	Walk #110 Candlelight
Sept 13	4:00	Walk #110 Closing Ceremony
Sept 17	6:45	Walk #111 Send-off
Sept 19	8:45	Walk #111 Candlelight
Sept 20	4:00	Walk #111 Closing Ceremony
Sept 25	7:00	PIO PARTY/Sustaining the Spirit Tattnall Campground
Oct 1	6:30	Board Meeting
Oct 24	6:00	GATHERING/Reidsville UMC
Nov 5	6:30	Board Meeting
Dec 5	6:00	GATHERING/Emanuel Christian Ministries, Twin City

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