
APRIL NEWS--Chatter Matters 2020

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"With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see
The petals shall have bloodstains marked in brown
And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.
All who see it will think of Me, nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.
Protected and cherished this tree shall be--
A reflection of all of My agony."
(From "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree" Author unknown)

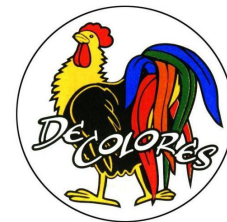
But blessed is the man
who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence in
him.

Jeremiah 17:7

For I am convinced that
neither death nor life,
neither angels nor
demons, neither the
present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither
height nor depth, nor
anything else in all
creation, will be able to
separate us from the
love of God that is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

**APRIL GATHERING
HAS BEEN
CANCELLED.**



Helpful Terms to Know

Chrysalis--the youth and young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for **ages 15-18** and is geared toward high school students. The "**caterpillars**" take their "**flights**" in June. Girls go one weekend and the boys go the next weekend. The Chrysalis flights in our area take place at Tattnell Campground.

Journey--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 of each year.

Girls go one weekend ahead of the boys. The Journey flights take place at Tattnall Campground.

Walks--the adult Walk to Emmaus weekends. The adult "**walks**" of "**Pilgrims**" take place twice a year. The **Spring Walks** take place in **March** and the **Fall Walks** take place in **September**. The Men's Walk takes place ahead of the Women's Walk. The Walks for our area take place at Tattnall Campground.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31



Pilgrims Progress

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Anyone that knows me very well knows that I'm not a flashy, fancy type of fella. I'm just a regular ol' guy. My story may sound basic and

boring, but this is it!

I was raised going to church since I was born. I attended Swainsboro FUMC until I met my wife Kelli. We then went to church where she was raised while we were dating in our first couple years of college. We both attended UGA, and I'm quite embarrassed to say that church wasn't a top priority for me. I did not attend church on the weekends that we stayed in Athens; I only attended when we came home. Once we graduated and moved back home after college, we attended church regularly at the church Kelli was raised in. We were married, and the Lord blessed us with two children in the next few years. We then felt we should get involved in a church with an active children's program, so we joined the church back in Swainsboro where I was raised as a child.

Before I was approached about going on the walk, I had been praying that God would make things "real" for me. Ironically, shortly thereafter, I was asked by a church member about going on the walk. I agreed to go and signed my paperwork. "Real" is an understatement for what I personally experienced. To be completely honest, I do not think I completely realized the depth of God's love for me until I attended. The Emmaus walk really opened my eyes to just how stale my walk with Christ had become. I realized that I had been so selfish with my time, effort, and energy to do the Lord's work. My eyes were opened to where my priorities were and where they should be. I had no idea just how strong the world's pull on me was until I got back on Sunday and began my work week the next morning. I realized that I had so many opportunities every day to serve the Lord, and I had been too self-centered to realize it before. I've been able to find several positions in the church I attend that I could fill. A "servant heart" is truly a blessing from

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrew 12:8

God, and although I fail miserably sometimes, I strive to do better at this daily.

For the ones that know me, farming is a passion of mine. It's what I do to support my family. I love to work the land, watch the crop grow and mature, and then be able to harvest that crop. All of the land that I farm is "dryland" (no irrigation), and I am completely dependent on God to supply the rain that is required to make a crop every year. Farming has taught me two important life lessons that are directly related to my relationship with Christ.

1. **Humility**-Just when you think you have things figured out, the Lord will sometimes reveal to you that you don't. I, as a man, can only do what I can do (i.e. plant, fertilize, keep weeds out, etc) but without the Lords blessing of rain, all my labors are useless and the crop won't produce a harvest. It's a constant reminder to me that I am far from being in control. This leads me to my next life lesson I've come to learn.
2. **Faithfulness/Trusting God** - I can't honestly say that I make a bumper crop of cotton and peanuts year in and year out. Crop yields have been bad, I've been through droughts and hurricanes. If you can name it, I've probably seen it. However, there is a constant... God always provides a way. It may not turn out like I expected or how I would want it, but the way God would have it to play out in his plan. I'm a firm believer that sometimes hardships come our way because God wants to teach us a lesson. Sometimes it's an emotional roller coaster doing the work I do, but I haven't went lacking yet. As I said, God always makes a way. Do I get frustrated? Yes! Do I get down sometimes? Yes! Do I want to give up sometimes? Yes! Have I given up? NOPE! Has my relationship with God been strengthened thru the tough times? **ABSOLUTELY!**

For light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:17

I understand not many of you that are reading this may have been involved in production agriculture, and it may sound boring to some. However, I have come to realize thru the Walk to Emmaus, that everyone, no matter your background, occupation, marital status, etc, has struggles of some sort. As believers, we are all in this together, so encourage one another. You never know what your neighbor/colleague/coworker/etc may be going through any given day. The Walk to Emmaus was a wonderful experience for myself as well as my wife, Kelli. It really relit a fire that had somewhat fizzled and needed to be stoked back up.

I'd like to leave y'all with this nugget... Keep the faith, continue pushing on when things get tough or look bad, encourage one another, look for opportunities every day to serve, strive to be a Christian example to your children, show God's love to those around you on a daily basis, and never ever stop praying.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all.

! John 1:7

Pray Continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Dayspring Communications

There are questions and concerns about "Why don't I receive my Chatter Matters?", "How do I send Prayer Concerns?" and "I have a Praise I need to share with the Community." These are just a few. Here are some of the answers! Please share with those who ask these questions. If you don't find what you need please email or call, Gayle McKenzie @ (478)331-8322, gaylemckenzie@gmail.com.

Website: www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

This site contains Chatter Matter Newsletters, applications for sponsorship and servants, calendar of events, Journey and Chrysalis information, Board of Directors contact information, Prayer Vigil links and more. Susan Brown is currently our Web servant and serves as a subcommittee of communications. You can find their information on the website should you need to contact them.

Chatter Matters

The Chatter Matters is a monthly newsletter produced by the Dayspring community. It will contain the latest information on our community, Emmaus Walk, Journey, and Chrysalis news, testimonials, notes from the Board of Directors, monthly events, and other updates. To save funds, we send the bulk of the newsletters electronically using email. In this case, BE SURE TO add dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com to your list of personal contacts. This should prevent the newsletters from going to your spam or junk folder. It is best to use a personal email as some worksites do not allow email from other businesses. However, if you do not have email, you have only to ask and we will mail yours using the US Postal Service. Gayle McKenzie is currently our Communications Chair and produces the newsletter. You can find her information on the website should you need to contact her in any way.

Praises and Prayer Requests

The Dayspring community is complete with Prayer Warriors. We believe in staying connected with God and each other through the power of prayer. Should you have any praises or prayer concerns to share, please do not hesitate to email them to dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com so that they can be sent to everyone. Ed Boulineau is currently our Prayer Coordinator and serves as a subcommittee of worship. You can find his information of the website should you need to contact him in any way.

Business Only List and All Other Concerns

You will automatically be set to receive all Dayspring news AND Prayer Concerns/Praises. Should you find at any time that you are receiving too many emails, you may email us at dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com to request to be placed on the Business Only distribution list. The Business Only list still receives all news directly related to the walks, but you will not receive any Prayer Requests or Praises. This is a simple change in our system and you can always request to go back to receiving everything when you are ready. It is never our intention to overwhelm or frustrate our members. Just let us know.

Should you have any other concerns or questions, don't hesitate to email us at dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com . We are usually quick to respond and provide the help that you need

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION
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 TBA		Set up Chrysalis
June TBA		Boy's Chrysalis
June TBA		Girl's Chrysalis
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/Nevils 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
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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