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FALL WALKS UPDATE Pilgrims Needed!

*There are still **available spots** for **Pilgrims**. **NOW** is the time to fill those applications out and **fax** or **mail** them in. We are very thankful for your prayers!!! The Teams are continuing their training as the fall dates approach. Continue to pray for the Pilgrims, the Servants, and community involvement for the Walks.*

Men's Walk #110 **September 10-13, 2020**
Lay Director: David Smith

Women's Walk #111 **September 17-20, 2020**
Lay Director: Kim Brown

INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS IS LISTED BELOW!

There are several articles concerning Sponsorship!



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Important Information for Sponsors

Covenant - a formal serious agreement or promise

As part of the Dayspring Walk Application there is a covenant agreement between Dayspring Walk to Emmaus. Many are not turned in with the applications. If you inadvertently did not send it in, please do so now.

Sponsor's Information to remember.

If your Pilgrim has a medical or medical dietary need it is very important that the Registrar is aware before the Walk.

- 1. Suggest to bathe Thursday before coming to the Campground.**
- 2. Please make arrangements (allowing enough time for **dinner** if you are taking your Pilgrim somewhere to eat) to get to the Campground for Send-Off between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. on Thursday of the Walks.**
- 3. Sponsor's Hour will take place in the Tabernacle as soon as the Pilgrims have gone into the Conference building. This is important that you attend.**
- 4. Please be aware of any needs the family of your Pilgrim may have during the weekend and offer assistance in any way you can.**
- 5. It is very helpful if you will bring your Agape letters on Thursday night. Discreetly put them in the basket at the back of the Tabernacle. Any more than 12 will be placed in the "Take Home" bag. Please **mark the twelve** most important ones with numbers 1-12 or indicate **spouse, parent, child, sibling, etc.** in the **left hand corner** so those will be the ones read in the Conference Room before Closing.**
- 6. Closing is on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.**

Also, be sure to bring your Pilgrim to the **PIO Party on the Friday following the Walks. This is very important as it now includes **Sustaining the Spirit** where they will learn more on the Emmaus movement, how to become a worker and how to Sponsor a Pilgrim.**

If there are any changes in the status or needs of your pilgrim, please call the Raquel Collins at 912-531-3721.



SPONSORING A PILGRIM? PLEASE READ!

**It is a true blessing to be a Sponsor of a Pilgrim.
There are also
responsibilities that go along with being a
Sponsor.**

Information Your Pilgrim Will Need:

WALK TO EMMAUS WEEKEND PILGRIM CHECKLIST

- Bible, devotional material
- Bed linens, for twin bed, sleeping bag and/or blanket, pillow
- Personal toiletries
- Towels, wash cloths
- Rain gear, jacket or coat, **ENCOURAGE RAINBOOTS**
- Shower shoes
- Flashlight
- Medicine, dietary articles
- Insect Repellant, Skin-so-Soft

The weekend begins with check-in on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and ends at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is **VERY** important to have the Pilgrim(s) at the Campground on time. If one is missing it will effect the schedule for everyone. To maximize your Pilgrim's experience, it is important they have no interruptions during the entire three days.

Please have your Pilgrim leave watches, cameras, phones and **ALL** electronic devices at home. Please assure them that you will contact the campground if needed. We want them to be focused without distractions.

Encourage your pilgrim to bring comfortable, casual clothes. Most of the weekend will be spent in the conference room; however, occasional walks outdoors may require a sweater, jacket, or coat depending upon the weather.

As a reminder, your Pilgrim's fee if not already paid will be due at registration as you arrive on Thursday. Please make check in the amount of \$100.00 payable to *Dayspring Walk to Emmaus*.

AUGUST GATHERING



WHEN: Saturday, August 22, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Tattnall Campground

Please join us for the August Gathering at Tattnall Campground on August 22nd at 7pm. We will not have a meal together, but you are welcome to come early and bring a sack lunch and eat on the grounds. The Gathering can also be seen on the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Facebook page on August 29th at 7pm.
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What Emmaus Is

The Walk to Emmaus Is:

- A place where a person learns how to become a better servant to fellow believers in Christ (Philippians 2:1-11)
- A place where a person sees the love of Christ in action
- A time of spiritual renewal and re-dedication to Christ as Lord
- An opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ
- A place to be reminded of one's "first love", Jesus Christ
- A gift of God's love for you
- An opportunity to re-evaluate your priorities in life
- A place to experience God's power and direction in your life
- A time of prayer, fellowship and communion
- An opportunity to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ
- A discipleship group to encourage you after the Walk
- A program to strengthen leaders in the local Church
- A call for unity among believers

What Emmaus Is Not

The Walk to Emmaus is Not:

- A cult
- An exclusive club for 'super Christians'
- A replacement for a person's home Church
- A place to fix emotional, psychological, social and marital problems
- A reason for a person to act as if they are better than others

What Do You Tell a Pilgrim

1. What is "The Walk to Emmaus?"

It is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." (Luke 24: 13 - 35). The weekend can give the participant an intensely felt awareness of God's grace, the power of prayer, and Christian love.

2. What happens on a Walk?

Your Walk experience will involve a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of 15 short talks by lay and clergy on the

themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be "the church." The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus Community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72 hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends. Sorry, no hiking involved.

3. What is the facility like?

The sleeping arrangements are camp style with a number of beds in a large room and a bathroom with about 4 stalls and 4 showers/dressing areas. The beds are single and bunk beds. There are plenty of bottom bunks. Do let your sponsor know, however, if you cannot handle a top bunk. There is a separate building at which the talks and meals and most of the worship times will be held.

4. What do you need to bring?

You will need to bring your own bed linens, sleeping bag or blanket in case the weather or the air conditioning is too cold, pillow, towel, wash cloths and toiletries. Enjoy wearing comfortable clothing - no need to dress up. Be casual: jeans, t-shirts, shorts, slacks, etc. are appropriate. You might want to be a little dressier on Sunday, but still very casual. This is a time to rest in the Lord and learn what He has for you for the weekend. You may also want to bring a jacket or sweater in case the air conditioning is too cool for you. Bring your Bible and a devotional book if you would like. Bibles are provided in the conference room however, so you will only need those in your dorm room

5. What is the daily structure of the program like?

There are short talks from speakers, then time to discuss the talk with your small group, into which you will be placed at the beginning. There is a time to share, as well as singing and meditation. Remember there is something God wants you to learn. Ask Him to open your ears, your mind, and your heart so that you will know what He wants to you learn.

6. What is expected of you after you attend?

It is really up to you. During and after the three days, however, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world and in their local church.

7. You do not need to concern yourself with transportation.

Your sponsor will pick you up and take you to Tattnell Campground near Claxton, Georgia, on Thursday so that you get there between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. and they will bring you back on Sunday evening. This is part of the loving service your sponsor provides for you. Your sponsor will have communicated with you beforehand whether they will take you out to eat or if you should eat before they pick you up.

8. You might want to take a shower before you go on Thursday

The activities are such Thursday night that you won't have a chance to take a shower until Friday morning.

9. Please let your sponsor know several weeks before the Walk

if you need a special diet or medication regimen so they can pass that information on to the Lay Director.

10. You will be served 3 meals a day, plus snacks and drinks.

Restroom facilities are also readily available. You will be asked to please wait to go at designated break times out of respect for the speakers. You will have numerous break times, however, if you

must go, please do so quietly. You will be on a precise time schedule that is important for everyone to keep.

11. Please understand that your personal participation is requested from 7:00 p.m.

Thursday until approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Each event builds on the other, so you are expected to attend each and every event. This is part of the program and the reasons will become more evident during your walk. The walk is all about listening, learning, sharing, and being a servant of Christ.

12. The weekend is very structured and can be intense.

You will be on a precise time schedule that is important for everyone to keep.

13. Please also understand that this is a weekend for you to focus on God

and there is no contact with family or business except, of course, in an emergency. This is so that you can focus on your weekend without distractions. You deserve this time to be alone and focus on the Lord. (Please give the name and address and phone number of a close relative and friend to your sponsor, if you haven't already, and give your sponsor's information to them also.)

14. Please leave the following at home:

cell phones, pagers, radios, clocks, lap tops and cameras. Again, this is so you can focus on your weekend. It is a full weekend, and those items will distract from your experience. You may also be asked to take off your watch and put it in your suitcase or purse, or you may want to give it to your sponsor beforehand or leave it at home.

15. Please remember that your sponsor will be praying for you,

the Lay Director and Spiritual Director will be praying for you, fellow pilgrims will be praying for you, the Emmaus community will be praying for you, and all who will share in your pilgrim weekend will be praying for you

16. Please understand that each weekend is unique to each individual

and that each person seems to find what God wants each person to experience. There is no set reaction expected. You can look forward to gaining a new enthusiasm for serving God.

Other things you need to know:

You might want to read Luke 24 about the walk to Emmaus.

2020 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>
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

"Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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