
Chatter Matters

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THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:

Fourth Day Leaders Embodying Jesus Christ

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MAY GATHERING

MAY IN-PERSON GATHERING

WHEN: Saturday, May 22, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Grab your lawn chair and join us under the tent at Statesboro 1st UMC for the May Gathering on Saturday, May 22nd at 7pm. Feel free to wear your masks and practice social distancing. No meal and no childcare at this time, but children are definitely welcome! The May Gathering can also be seen on our Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Facebook page on Saturday, May 29th at 7pm. DeColores!

Board Member Notes

This time last year, our lives were disrupted in ways that we had never known before. Our full, busy schedules were quickly emptied. For me, all the colored dots that consumed my iPhone calendar started disappearing as I deleted things that were cancelled or postponed. Many were forced to work from home in less-than-ideal conditions while others were considered “essential” & had to go into our workplaces



with new worries and anxieties, trying to figure out how to implement the many changes that had to happen to remain open. Many of our churches closed their doors. Online broadcasting replaced face to face services. I found myself with tears streaming down my face Sunday after Sunday as we watched from home but longed to be worshipping in person, longed for the world to just return to “normal” and wondered just how long this would last. During the quarantine, God showed me many things. He showed me that I had really been a Martha when I should have tried harder to be more like Mary. My idea of life had been this “workaholic, fill up the calendar, sure we can fit one more thing in” lifestyle... & it had been killing me. Now, the pandemic had forced a general slowdown on us all. I challenged myself early on that when things did begin to return to normal, that I was going to be much more selective in how our time was spent. I was going to spend more time serving the Lord and simply “be still”. I was going to try to be more on the Mary side of things and ditch my Martha-like ways. As things have begun to reopen & people have been getting vaccinated, we have all enjoyed a slow return to “normal”, whatever our perception of “normal” might be. As a Board member, when the Emmaus walks had to be cancelled multiple times, those were some of the hardest votes I’ve ever had to cast. I longed to be at Tattnell Campground just like so many of you did. At our February board meeting, it was decided that the Fall Walks would happen no matter what & that each of us would march forward with great intention to rekindle the Emmaus spirit not just in ourselves, but in our entire community. We all decided that enough is enough. My dear friends, it is time to get back to the campground. It is time to show agape love to our brothers and our sisters in Christ. Maybe in this past year, God has been training us to appreciate the importance of community & meeting together. Maybe He has been training us to repent of our need to control things & to live in faith & prayer as He has instructed us. Maybe as we were forced into isolation, we were being prepared to come out of this caring for others & loving our neighbors more than ever, as Christ loves us. I urge you to begin praying NOW about the success of the upcoming walks. I urge you to be prayerfully considering who is on your

heart that God may be calling you to sponsor. When the time comes, I urge you to support the events of the weekends, to make agape for the pilgrims & baked goods for the snack carts & to sign up for the 24-hour prayer vigils. Do whatever it is that YOU can do to support the restart of our Emmaus walks. These Lay Directors have waited so long... & they know that these are God's walks, not theirs, & that the right people will be led to be there when the time comes. Life is short and there are many ways to squander the time we have, but there is only one way to redeem it: to love Jesus with our whole life and love Him above all else. It is a straight and narrow path that God has shown us. Let us not stray from what He has opened our eyes to. Let us go and serve with a joyful, thankful heart. After what this past year has brought to us all, what a joyous time it is going to be!

De Colores,
Leslie Akins, Treasurer
DWTE #101

Fall Walk Updates

Lay Leaders for Fall 2021 Walks:

Men's Walk #110, 09/16-19/21
Lay Leader David Smith

Women's Walk #111, 09/23-26/21
Lay Leader Kim Brown

Please be in prayer for David and Kim as they begin to seek God's guidance in planning for the upcoming Walks and for the Willing Servants who are to serve. God is already ahead of us in the planning. Let us listen to His guidance in the selection of the teams. Please be in prayer about working or sponsoring a pilgrim for the upcoming Walks. The applications for both are located on the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus website. Return the forms asap

Please complete Walk to Emmaus applications and send to:
Wanda Lee, Walk to Emmaus Registrar
Email: wandalee2005@yahoo.com or
dayspringregistrar@gmail.com
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Please note that all application fees are still only \$100.

Lay Director Notes
David Smith, Lay Director
DWTE #110

“I Can Only Imagine”

As we get older it is normal to consider our mortality. Mary is not the only one that ponders things in her heart; I know that I do. I had three people on my prayer list this morning that have only weeks to live, and two out of the three were gone before night fall. What will that day look like for you? Maybe for you there is a tomorrow. For them today was their last day on earth. There is so little time that we cannot waste it. What you do today matters in the moment and throughout eternity.

Because he is God and we are not, we see through a mirror dimly, but one day we will see face to face. The song “I Can Only Imagine” is a powerful testimony that provoked a generation to consider what the beginnings of our heavenly reward may look like. To me this image comes to mind.....

As I separate from my earthly tent and succumb to the eternal, I can faintly hear my boys saying, “Daddy go to the light.” As I literally let go I hear their voices fade into white noise. My consciousness becomes like a WTOC broadcast in the early 1970’s immediately after the national anthem was played.

At this point, I can’t tell if time is passing or not. What is this concept of time anyway? Am I hovering over the thing that just moments before was considered to be my death bed? Where is the light? I can’t feel anything; not empty or full, not exhausted or relaxed, not confused or certain, not tormented or at peace.

Now, as my uncertain awareness fades and images become crystal clear, I realize that I am at Tattnell Campground. I’m sitting with pilgrims in the dining room eating with my back to the needs board. Buddy Morgan comes up behind me puts his hand on my shoulder and whispers in my ear, “finish up your supper, it’s time to go to the chapel to change.” It was so good to see Buddy, but I didn’t think that there would be a need for me to give the life in piety talk in heaven.

When I finish eating and move to the prayer chapel I get half way in my suit pants, one leg out and one leg in, Leon Waters who is working housing walks in and says, “Buddy, I am supposed to help you pray David up.”

Without warning, Lois and Eunice entered the prayer chapel. This was strange because I remembered reading about them in Timothy. Now, I inherently recognized them as Peter, James, and John recognized Moses, and Elijah, on the Mount of Transfiguration. Brother Leon, Buddy Morgan, Lois and Eunice showed up to pray. I was surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. I knew that Tattnell Campground must be a small part of heaven.

When we were done praying I thought about my old life, and how I would have been emotionally and physically depleted, yet I was not even tired. As I was escorted to the conference room, the lights were blinked, and the music team finished up the praise and worship song that they were leading. Then, after the second verse of “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord” Brother Leon released my arm, and Buddy Morgan opened the curtain, or the holy veil that must be opened to allow someone to enter into the holiest of holies. As I walked in I was in the presence of almighty God. When I cast my eyes upon Him I completely understood the trinity as I saw the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all in one. “That’s my God!” I now see clearly because I see face to face.....

Thank you Buddy Morgan and Leon Waters for paying it forward, paving the way, and planting seeds in my life. It has been said that you can count the seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the apples in a seed. I thank God for the seeds of faith that they planted in our community.

DeColores
David Smith DWE #13

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1, 2021	7:00 p.m.	April Virtual Gathering - Facebook
May 22, 2021	7:00 p.m.	May In-Person Gathering Statesboro First UMC
May 29, 2021	7:00 p.m.	May Virtual Gathering - Facebook

June 10, 2021	8:00 p.m.	Girls' Chrysalis SendOff
Jill Griffin, Lay Director		
(All Chrysalis Activities will be held at Tattnall Campground.)		
June 12, 2021	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Girls' Chrysalis
June 13, 2021	4:00 p.m.	Closing Girls' Chrysalis
June 17, 2021	8:00 p.m.	Boys' Chrysalis SendOff Rusty Thompson &
Ritchie Swindell, Lay Director		
June 19, 2021	7:30 p.m.	June In-Person Gathering Tattnall Campground
June 19, 2021	8:30 p.m.	Candlelight Boys' Chrysalis
June 20, 2021	4:00 p.m.	Closing Boys' Chrysalis
June 26, 2021	7:00 p.m.	June Virtual Gathering - Facebook
July 17, 2021	7:30 p.m.	July In-Person & Virtual Gathering Tattnall Campmeeting
		Tattnall Campground
August 2021	7:00 p.m.	August Gathering TBA
September 11, 2021	8:15 a.m.	SetUp Fall Walks
(All Walk Activities will be held at Tattnall Campground.)		
September 16, 2021	6:45 p.m.	SendOff Men's Walk #110
David Smith, Lay Director		
September 18, 2021	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Men's Walk
September 19, 2021	4:00 p.m.	Closing Men's Walk
September 23, 2021	6:45 p.m.	SendOff Women's Walk #111
Kim Brown, Lay Director		
September 25, 2021	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Women's Walk
September 26, 2021	4:00 p.m.	Closing Women's Walk
October 1, 2021	7:00 p.m.	PIO Party
October 2021	7:00 p.m.	October Gathering TBA
December 4, 2021	7:00 p.m.	December In-Person Gathering
December 11, 2021	7:00 p.m.	December Virtual Gathering - Facebook

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