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**Chatter Matters**

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# THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:

Renewing Christian Disciples,  
Strengthening Local Churches

<http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/>

2022 Spring Walks

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATES!!!

Dates for the upcoming Walks:

March 5 Work Day  
March 10-13 Men's Walk  
March 17-20 Women's Walk  
PIO Party March 25

**We are beyond excited to announce these dates and prepare to move forward after several postponements.**

**Please pray how you, as the community, can become involved in the preparations for these special weekends!!! Pilgrim sponsorship. Being a Willing Servant for one of the weekends. Table agape. Homemade food agape. Attending send-off. Attending candlelight ceremony. Attending closing ceremonies. Please support our pilgrims and servants as God has led you to do so.**



David Smith  
DWTE #13  
Table of Matthew

As far as my testimony goes I don't have a great personal tragedy or a Damascus road experience to share. In fact, I can't remember the precise moment of my conversion. I report this with neither regret, nor pride. I asked Jesus to come into my heart, and was given the gift of faith at such an early age that I don't ever remember living without it. Even though I don't recollect the moment that I received salvation, I remember many times throughout my life that I have been strangely warmed. I have been red hot for Christ, luke warm, and in the valley of dry bones. I have gone through seasons with questions about theological and doctrinal differences, while at the same time, trying to understand the unfathomable, I realize that man created denominations, but God created grace; and, with that I have never doubted God, and I have always believed that Jesus is who he said he is.

There have been many points in my life as I mature that I have become frustratingly unfilled, and realize that turning the page was the best course of action. I understand that there is so much more than the page that I was stuck on. I, like you, am on a journey. As my fourth day continues, I inherently understand that Jesus Christ is always on time. Even though I at times I'm a little impatient, I am still learning to wait on the lord.

As far as my secular journey goes, my resume is like most others. It is overstated and embellishes educational accomplishments, civic involvement, a plethora of church service, professional associations, and it highlights a few awards that I have received along the way. (I can promise you that the only plaque that I have in my office is on my teeth.) I keep these tokens in a box of junk at the bottom of my closet where I keep my shoes, boots, diplomas, and other odd things that I don't have a place for, but can't throw away.

I am a proud 1979 graduate of Glennville High School. I started my career with Rotary Corporation in 1981 as a part time employee while completing a BBA in Management at Georgia Southern College. During this 40 year association with Rotary I have served in several capacities: Sales, Marketing, Quality Control, Safety Director, Product Research, Technical Services, Director of Purchasing and International Buyer. God certainly has

a sense of humor by allowing me to work with the same company for so long. My wife, Phyllis is a reading recovery teacher at Ft. Stewart and still loves the children that she teaches. We live in Glennville, and our boys live in Statesboro. Hunter works for Gulfstream and Keaton has a year left at Georgia Southern. We are members of the Glennville United Methodist Church.

I love my church and enjoy my occupation, but Tattall Campground is a special thin space with curtains that are often held open by willing servants that unveil a portal where the Holy Spirit allows us to receive momentary glimpses of heaven.

Whether its campmeeting, snatching down a welcome home sign in the conference room during the life of piety talk, working behind the scenes, or sharing my clothes with a fledging freshman kitchen worker that forgot to bring his, God has certainly blessed me with access to this sacred space. He is also leveraging these opportunities on these holy grounds to prepare all of us for our next seasons of growth.

His word says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labors are few." He loves us and calls us through Emmaus, and other daily circumstances to be obedient. In fact, He loves us and died for us even while we were still sinners. Amen!

I am one of the biggest sinners in the church. **I am a filthy rag sinner; that's who I am!**

At sixty years old Jesus Christ is my exit strategy. "Christ is counting on me, and I am counting on Christ." I don't know when I will retire, but I can visualize my next promotion. My title will be Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Jesus Christ in the greater Glennville area, where I will work out of our home promoting Him. This will be the toughest, most challenging, but best job that I will ever have. As the song says, "I'll be somewhere working for my Lord." If you're not extremely cautious and guarded, the Dayspring community will instill a servant's heart in you, and you won't even see it coming. That's what y'all have done for me. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Interesting facts – I am an identical twin. (Gary McCorkle and I still laugh at the time that he tried to hug my brother in Alco. Both Gary and Daniel took a step back and out of Gary's desperation he blurted out De Colores. Then Gary realized from Daniel's unwilling demeanor, and his less than unenthusiastic expression that this man must not know me. You just can't make this stuff up!) I met my wife on a blind date. I assisted David Copperfield in making a 57 Chevy appear on stage. I sing in the shower. I grew Vidalia

onions for ten years. I am longwinded, and can't take a hint. I am determined to finish strong. If you asked the people that I work with if I talk too much, they would sarcastically say, "If you ask David what time it is, he will tell you how to build a watch." Because I often interrupt, and I am inconsiderate with their time, my friends and colleagues have learned use the lightening round technique with me. If they have a couple of questions, they will ask as I am walking out of the door for lunch. With this I have to answer quickly, and with some semblance of brevity. In this spirit I will use the lightening round to finish up this madness of introducing myself to a community that knows me all too well.

Favorite movies? *Cool hand Luke, The Sound of Music, Shaw Shank Redemption, Forest Gump.*

Wrestling, real or fake? Fake.... except for Dusty Rhodes and Rick Flair.

Praise and worship, or hymns? Yes....Both, hymnal and praise and worship. I also like Lynyrd Skynyrd, Simon and Garfunkel, and all genres A to Z..... I like Welcome to the Jungle, and In the Garden. Trust me, I love music.

Zodiac Sign: Libra, the symbol of the scales. I don't believe in this type of thing, but I am a Libra to a fault. I have a fixation on balance and harmony. I am consumed with symmetry and strive to create equilibrium in all areas of my life. In laymen's terms I have OCD.

Dogs or cats? I love both; can I say both? I must be bipolar.

Broadway Play or Braves? Play, just lost my man card, and made 80% of you mad.

If you could live any time during history, when would that be? Now.... I can watch Netflix and vicariously enjoy other times, events, and cultures; I sometimes get overwhelmed with technology, but I know that God has a purpose in my life and he decided to make me for these times. Can't argue with that.

Pet Peeve: Running out of tartar sauce, disingenuous people, bullies, and I don't like lazy.

Sit it out or dance? Dance, I can still move for my age.

Biggest fear: Losing a child, Cancer, ALS, Alzheimer's, giving the marriage talk for journey.

First crush: Susan Day (Laurie from "The Partridge Family.") I hope that I did not break her heart when I put her down for Olivia Newton John.

Sushi or cooked: Deep Fried.... I will go with you to eat sushi, but not twice in the same week.

Fantasy Date: Phyllis Durrence, “Yes, I would do it again if we could meet as strangers.”

Most embarrassing moment: The night that I helped save several people’s lives after an explosion in Statesboro, and discovered that it was a disaster drill to train EMT’s.

Who was the most influential person in your life? My Mama and Daddy

Funny or serious? Very uptight in a serious comedic way.... I use humor as a defense mechanism.

Favorite food: Old fashion southern home cooking with cracklin’ corn bread cooked at [108 Greenwood Drive](#) in Glennville. As for eating out, I like shrimp, steak, Japanese, Mexican, and Chinese. My favorite snack is Mascot chocolate covered pecans, peanut M&M’s, and ice cream .... I like lasagna night at Emmaus and always have a second helping.

Favorite game show: “Name That Tune.” I can name that tune in three notes. David Smith, name that tune. “It is well with my soul.” You win eternity with Jesus Christ.

Biggest regret: Hurting the ones that I love the most without knowing, or understanding their feelings and finding out several years later, or not finding out at all. Forgive me for I know not what I do.

Favorite scripture: The one that fits the predicament that I am in at the moment.

Any advice to your Emmaus brothers and sisters: Hold on to your agape letters. Most of the people that sent letters to me have passed away. I still have the memories, but the letter is something tangible that you can hold on to as you read and reflect.

Describe yourself in one word: Unworthy

You said that you would like to finish strong, how might this look? I hope to add some measure of grace to the world, and finish up as a bankrupt philanthropist giving all that I had.

What’s your favorite color? All, “De Colores”



## Welcome!! New Board Members

**Doty Dunn, Secretary**

**DWTE #49**

**Table of Hannah**

**1. Tell me a little about yourself in 10 words or less.  
Pilgrim, prodigal, and beloved daughter of God, our  
Creator**

2. **Where is your favorite place to pray? In my bed first thing in the morning and last thing at night which has been my practice since childhood.**
3. **In our daily lives, many responsibilities and people demand our time. How do you find the balance between what God wants with what the word wants of you? This is a daily struggle for me. Only through the power of the Holy Spirit can I even begin to do what God wants of me.**



## WELCOME! NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Brad McKenzie, Clergy

DWTE #70

Table of Peter

1. In our church families, there are many obstacles to overcome. What do you find is the best and first strategy for overcoming any obstacles?  
**Prayer**
2. One of the talks of the Emmaus weekend is "Changing Our World." How do you find that you are changing your world? **Being a daily disciple**
3. What is your favorite hymn or praise song? Why? **Standing on the Promises of God**



## Board Member Notes

What has Emmaus meant to me?

Oh my, I could write a book about what the Emmaus family means to me. I went on the walk in September 2002 not having a clue what was ahead. One memory I do have is it was 1 year after the World Trade Center attack. 3 nights, 3 whole days without my kids, no cell phone. I wasn't too sure I was doing the right thing, but my husband was willing to keep the kids so I said adios, see ya Sunday!

When my sponsors dropped me off I was so nervous I couldn't see straight. I wanted so badly to run and never look back. Still want to do that to this day with certain things. BUT, praise the Lord I gave in and God worked through me those 3 days in ways I needed. Those days formed me 100% into the person I am today and praise the Lord he is still working on me. I'm a work in progress, and will be until the day he takes me. He knew exactly what I needed, me not knowing in a million years the trials & obstacles I would face in the many years ahead. He was preparing me for those and he is still preparing me for many ahead that I haven't faced yet.

Emmaus has been family, support, friends, love, small groups, great food, beautiful singing, peace, prayer partners, and so much more. All these things we all need in our daily lives.

I challenge you daily to be open to any and all that God has for you. He is probably preparing you for many things ahead that you don't even know yet. Listen to him daily even if it's not what you think is best, he always knows what is best for us. Find good in all you do! Smile a lot! With the good there is bad, with the bad there is good, that's life! Find Joy in the slightest things! Keep your head high always, and lean on him daily to help you stay focused on his word and him. How you look at the day is your choice to make, try to face every encounter by looking for something positive to cling to!

I hope and pray I am always involved with Emmaus, till the day God takes me. Thanks to all my Emmaus friends for being the positive, christian friends that I need in my life daily!

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Jodie Hendrix  
DWTE #45  
Table of Elizabeth

#### FEBRUARY GATHERING/BOYS JOURNEY CANDLELIGHT

TIME: 7:30pm

WHEN: Saturday, February 19, 2022

WHERE: Tattnall Campground

Join us for the February Gathering on Saturday, February 19 at 7:30pm at Tattnall Campground. We will not have a meal before the Gathering. Please plan to stay for the Journey Candlelight.

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