

Chatter Matters December 2019

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CHATTER MATTERS**



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"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:10-12 NIV

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend on us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today."

A Nativity Prayer



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Spring Walks Update

Servant Teams are being formed and gearing up to start training.

Love has a name. JESUS
Love has a place.
Our hearts.
Love has a story.
And it's not finished yet.

PEACE IS . . .

~ gazing at the stars with the knowledge that you know their Creator.

~ closing your eyes in sleep without fear of tomorrow.

~ the stillness in your heart when trouble swirls around you.

~ a quiet mind in a raging world.

- unknown

The Son of God became a man to

Men's Walk #108
Lay Director

March 12-15, 2020
Corbitt DeLoach

Women's Walk #109
Lay Director

March 19-22, 2020
Kim Brown

It is not too early to think about sponsoring someone for the spring Walks for 2020. Remember the deadline is January 1.

Please get your application online by going to:

www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Please scan and send completed and signed applications to:

wandalee2005@yahoo.com

or

dayspringregistrar@gmail.com

or

Mail to: Dayspring Walk to Emmaus
P.O. Box 1312
Statesboro, GA 30459

If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Wanda Lee at 912 531 6780.

DECEMBER GATHERING

December 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
[1215 Fair Rd, Statesboro, GA 30458](http://1215FairRd.com)
(912) 681-2053



Come start the Christmas season with singing, worship and an inspirational talk.

Bring a covered dish, purple Worship Book and wear your name tag. Childcare will be provided.

enable men
to become
the sons of
God.

-C.S.Lewis
(Mere
Christianity)



If You Look for Me at Christmas

If you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of me amid the
celebrations.

You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for
you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness as I'm whispering your
name.

Love, Jesus

A Prayer for
Christmas
Morning
-by Henry van
Dyke.

The day of joy
returns, Father in
Heaven, and
crowns another
year with peace
and good will.
Help us rightly to
remember the
birth of Jesus,
that we may
share in the song
of the angels, the
gladness of the
shepherds, and
the worship of
the wise men.
Close the doors
of hate and open
the doors of love
all over the
world?



Where Is Your Bethlehem?

Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem... He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. Luke 2:4, 5

As the crow flies, it was a journey of approximately 100 kilometers but traveling over hills, through villages and around rivers would likely have made the trip even longer. Christmas pictures always show Mary riding a donkey but we really have no idea of their mode of travel. In any case, whether on foot or on the back of a swaying brown animal, it wasn't an easy journey, especially for a woman nearing the end of her pregnancy.

Why did she go? True, government officialdom decreed a census and that everyone must go to one's "own city," the place their families called home, for this official registration and counting. Perhaps Mary was also quite ready to leave the village of Nazareth where tongues were wagging about her pregnancy and unmarried status.

But Mary and Joseph knew they were going far from

Let kindness
come with every
gift and good
desires with
every greeting.
Deliver us from
evil, by the
blessing that
Christ brings,
and teach us to
be merry with
with clean
hearts.
May the
Christmas
morning make us
happy to be thy
children,
And the
Christmas
evening bring us
to our bed with
grateful
thoughts,
forgiving and
forgiven, for
Jesus' sake.
Amen

"For to us a child is
born, to us a son is
given, and the
government will be
upon his shoulders.

And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."

family and into a city whose streets would be clogged with traveling strangers. They were assured of no warm welcome, no cozy place to birth the expected child. Perhaps they hoped for a small house or a distant relative or a way for Joseph to earn money for their keep, but in almost every way, they were traveling into the unknown. The journey was long and hard, the destination uncertain.

Nearly nine months before their arrival in Bethlehem, Mary spoke life-changing words to God, words that were to comfort her in the many uncertain years ahead. "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." With those simple words of faith, she could endure the long journey on the back of a donkey, the cold streets of Bethlehem, the staring faces of strangers, and even the crude stable with its straw-lined manger.

Where is your Bethlehem? Has the path been long, the people uncaring, the circumstances burdensome? When we submit ourselves as servants to a loving God, we can in quietness and confidence add "May it be to me as you have said" no matter the place or position in which we find ourselves.

by Marilyn Ehle

A [Prayer](#) to Put Jesus First This Christmas Season

By Debbie McDaniel

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." [Luke 2:7](#)

No room for them. No vacancy. No place.
Words that still seem to hang close, even today.

In a world that seeks to crowd Jesus out, where busyness abounds, and hearts are stirred to focus on other things, it can be hard sometimes to choose to keep Him first. It's all too easy to get caught up in the whole hurried dash of the holidays, and to give our attention to what seems more urgent. Our focus gets blurred; and the most important gets pushed aside.

It takes an active and daily choice to put Christ first, especially in a culture that says you're too busy to focus there. Or that life is too full. And there's no more room. May God help us to choose wisely, what voices we listen to, and where we give our attention today.

He is the One who brings true meaning to Christmas.

He is the One who brings real peace in this all-too-often hectic season.

He is the only One worthy of our time and attention as we slow down the maddening rush around our lives.

We can know all of this in our heads, but may He help us to really believe it in our hearts...and choose to live it out this season.

Isaiah 9:6

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
Luke 2:14

Renewed.
Refreshed.
Making room for Him, first.

Dear God,

Help us to keep our focus first on Christ this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time and attention on other things. Help us to reflect again, on what Christmas is really all about. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy.

Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness. Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care. We choose to press in close to you today...and keep you first in our hearts and lives.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019/2020

Activities with the Walks will take place at Tattnall Campground.

December 7	6:00	GATHERING Statesboro Presbyterian Church, Statesboro, GA
January 1		PILGRIM Applications Deadline for
Spring Walks		
January 2	6:30	Board Meeting
January 25	6:00	GATHERING Statesboro Primitive Baptist
Jan 31-Feb 2		Girl's Journey
Feb 7-9		Boy's Journey
February 6	6:30	Board Meeting
February 22	6:00	GATHERING Harmony UMC
March 5	6:30	Board Meeting
March 12	6:45	Walk #108 Send-off
March 14	8:45	Walk #108 Candlelight
March 15	4:00	Walk #108 Closing ceremony
March 19	6:45	Walk #109 Send-off
March 21	8:45	Walk #109 Candlelight
March 22	4:00	Walk #109 Closing ceremony
March 27	7:00	PIO PARTY/Sustaining the Spirit Tattnall Campground
April 2	6:30	Board Meeting

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."
Luke 2:10

"There were shepherds
abiding in the field,
keeping watch over
their flock by night."
Luke 2:8

April 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 Chrysalis
June		Boy's Chrysalis
June		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
August 6	6:30	Board Meeting
August 22	6:00	GATHERING Nevils UMC
September 3	6:30	Board Meeting
Sept. 10-13		Walk #110
Sept. 17-20		Walk #111
September 25	7:00	PIO PARTY/Sustaining the Spirit Tattnall Campground
October 1	6:30	Board Meeting
October 24	6:00	GATHERING Reidsville UMC
November 5	6:30	Board Meeting
December 5	6:00	GATHERING

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