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WALK TO  
**EMMAUS**  
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## March 2023 Chatter Matters

# THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:

Renewing Christian Disciples,  
Strengthening Local Churches

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

### Praying the Prayer Vigil

*Here is a wonderful outline to follow when you find yourself at a lack of words while praying for the Walk...*

Begin by asking God to clear your mind from all outside distractions. Place your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the event you have come to ask Him to bless.

Be silent for a few moments and begin to feel His presence with you. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend-you are! Ask Him to bless with His spirit the buildings, the grounds, and all things used to bring those present to an awareness of Him.

Pray for the lay director, if not by name, by duty. He/She must walk in His spirit for anything he/she may be called upon to solve.

Pray for the assistant lay directors in much the same way. Pray for the spiritual director, that he/she may truly be an instrument of His spirit.

Pray for the assistant spiritual directors in much the same way. Pray for the board representative, that he/she may have the courage to keep the purity of the event and not let personalities keep him/her from doing what he/she promised God he/she would do.

Pray for the speakers. Pray that they: remember Whom they represent, lay down self, and glorify God.

Pray for the talks-for the message they give, for the giver, and for those who hear, that they may hear according to their need.

Pray for the musicians, that their music may bring God's message and soothe troubled souls.

Pray for the pilgrims; the ones who can't leave their thoughts behind, the ones uneasy in that setting, the ones who can't sleep, the ones that feel forced to come, the ones looking for magic and not miracles, the ones who are open and receiving, and for all conditions known only to God.

Pray for the fun and the fellowship-that it may warm hearts and keep focused on God. Pray for the cooks and all who minister in unrecognized ways.

Pray for the team assistants that they do not tire. Pray for their renewed strength.



Pray for the table leaders and assistant table leaders. Pray that their subtle guidance and emptying of self will lead their pilgrims directly to Christ.

Pray for all the agape gifts, for all the hands that made them and for the blessings they bring.

Pray for the sponsors.

Pray for special times of the weekend-you know what they are.

And, lastly, give it all to our Lord and Friend, who sees and knows, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected, not only those mentioned, but for families and for changes in the church and community.

End by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children.

Amen.

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
~1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

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### Agape Needs & Prayer Vigil sign-up

Agape is very much appreciated for the walks. It shows that someone has sacrificed their time and resources to further the pilgrims' walk with the Lord. It reminds them of God's love. Thank YOU! If you intend to provide agape, please send in 65 pieces for the Women's and 65 pieces for the Men's Walk!

We appreciate the amount that you send in and are starting a new system to get the left-over agape back to you to be used on future Walks. Starting this walk, you may pick up left over agape at closing. See the Agape head serving for the weekend. If you are not able to be at the closing to pick up, then get in touch with DWE Agape Head, Phyllis Smith at 912-237-1428. Also, at the next two Gatherings you may pick up left over agape. Any extra Agape not picked up after the second subsequent Gathering will be discarded.

We are thankful for the colorful placemats, the chicken costume, and the Cluck cups that have been provided by community members.

Also, Prayer is such a strong part of the Emmaus experience.



With that in mind, I extend an invitation to for you to participate in the prayer vigils for the upcoming walks by signing up NOW. Our goal is for the prayer slots to be filled by March 2, for the Men's Walk and March 10, for the Women's. The pilgrims see the Vigil in the conference room on Saturday of the Walks. Having the prayer vigil completed and printed before the walks help the Agape team tremendously. We will update you as the days go by, so that we can meet this request.

Last, Don't forget that baked agape is always appreciated.

Prayer Vigil Dayspring Men's Walk 114

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A8AA29A4F9C07-dayspring2>

Prayer Vigil Dayspring Women's Walk 115

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A8AA29A4F9C07-dayspring3>



## LAY DIRECTOR NOTES

**Brad Chandler**  
**Lay Director**  
**DWTE #114**

I want to begin by giving God all the praise and glory for this weekend movement called the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus! I am so thankful that He allowed me to go on this walk and begin my journey in this community over 8 years ago now. Little did I know the freedom that was in store for me and the end of that weekend and how it would change my relationship with God, MY RELATIONSHIP with God, not how it would enhance my religion. As we set out on this weekend, I pray that we would all be reminded that as the purpose of the walks is to build up leaders of the church, we allow God to work in building the relationships that he has with the pilgrims and with each of us. That we would not get in the way of God moving in the hearts of the pilgrims that will be on this walk, but we would see such a move in them that we would be changed as well. We look forward to seeing everyone at all the events that will take place over the course of the weekend as well as the support that takes place behind the scenes through the prayer vigil, supplying baked goods and agape, and regular daily prayer for the walk.

It is truly humbling to be able to serve as the lay director of walk #114 for the Dayspring community. I said that I never wanted to be the lay director and just wanted to stay at the table with the pilgrims; but as often is said – “tell God your plans and watch him laugh”. I am blessed to have made some of the most meaningful friendships that I have at this rural campground. With nothing more in common than a love for Jesus Christ



and a desire to make disciples for him, we serve those who He calls here this weekend just as we have in the past walks and all the walks to come. A special thanks to Mrs. Miriam Edenfield who has kept me in line and never let's anything slip past us as we have prepared for each meeting and event. There is no doubt that God intended for us to talk this journey together as our hearts have been united on our desires for these walks this spring.

I can't wait to see how God moves this March!  
De Colores!

**Brad Chandler**  
**Dayspring walk to Emmaus #90**  
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### MARCH GATHERING/PIO Party

TIME: 7:00 pm  
WHEN:  
Friday, March 24, 2022  
WHERE:  
Tattnall Campground

Join us for the PIO Party & March Gathering on Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm at Tattnall Campground. We will have a 4th day speaker. Please bring dishes for the meal and join us at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be provided.

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### LAY DIRECTOR NOTES



Miriam Edenfield  
Lay Director  
DWTE #115

It has been a humbling experience to prepare for serving as Lay Director for Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #115. God's handiwork is seen in each and every Walk. But to see Him put together a team is awesome. The process will draw you closer to Him and increase your faith. I have heard people say, "You don't go on the Walk before it is your time." I have seen that people don't work in an area for unless God has His hand on it.

There is no other experience like being a part of the Emmaus community. There is a bond formed with the people on your Walk whether a Pilgrim or a Servant. But there is also a bond formed with those you serve with on other Walks. You may not see a person regularly, but when you do there is kinship like no other. I believe it is because we have shared seeing the love of Jesus in action. We have received it, as well as given this love in action to others in serving.

To me, Emmaus is the example of what should be important, the love of Jesus, and being His hands and feet as a servant. When you are at Emmaus, your income, job title, race, where you live or go to church, does not matter. It is the love of Jesus shining through. In 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:18 it says we are not to just say we love each other but to show it in our action. We do that in Emmaus.

Please continue to be in prayer for the teams working and the Pilgrims who will attend each Walk at that Holy place called Tattnall Campground. I know God has got something special planned for both Walk #114 and Walk #115.

"There will be joy and songs of thanksgiving, and I will multiply my people, and I will honor them."  
Jeremiah 30:19

De Colores!

Miriam Edenfield

## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DATE TIME EVENT/LOCATION

March 2 6:30 Board Meeting  
March 4 8:15 Campground workday  
March 9 6:45 Walk #114 Send-off  
March 11 8:00 Walk #114 Candlelight  
March 13 4:00 Walk #114 Closing Ceremony  
March 16 6:45 Walk #115 Send-off  
March 18 8:00 Walk #115 Candlelight  
March 19 4:00 Walk #115 Closing Ceremony  
March 24 7:00 PIO PARTY/Sustaining the Spirit/Tattnall Campground  
April 13 6:30 Board Meeting  
April 29 6PM Harmony Church, Gooseneck  
May 1 **Willing Servant App. For Fall Walks are due**  
May 4 6:30 Board Meeting  
May Gathering/TBA  
June 1 6:30 Board Meeting  
June 8-11 Girl's Chrysalis  
June 15-18 Boy's Chrysalis  
June 17 Gathering/TBA  
July 1 **Pilgrim App. For Fall Walks are due**  
July 6 6:30 Board Meeting  
July 22 Gathering/TBA  
Aug 3 6:30 Board Meeting  
Aug 26 Gathering  
Sept 7 6:30 Board Meeting  
Sept 9 Set up Day @ Campground  
Sept 14 6:45 Walk #116 Send-off  
Sept 16 8:00 Walk #116 Candlelight  
Sept 17 4:00 Walk #116 Closing  
Sept 21 6:45 Walk #117 Send-off  
Sept 23 8:00 Walk #117 Candlelight  
Sept 24 4:00 Walk #117 Closing  
Sept 29 7:00 Pio Party  
Oct 21 Gathering/TBA

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