

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus

CHATTER MATTERS



December 2015

"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



Spring Walks Update

Servant Teams are being formed and training dates have been set. Please continue to remember all aspects of the Walks in your prayers. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a Pilgrim or a couple to go on these Walks-- it is a gift that continues to give! Remember that Pilgrim applications are due by **JANUARY 1, 2016!!!**

Men's Walk #94 **March 10-13, 2016**
Lay Director, Brent Durrence

Women's Walk #95 **March 17-20, 2016**
Lay Director, Julianne Hearn

Please get your application online by going to:
www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Please scan and send completed and signed applications to:

bethtakins@hotmail.com remember "t" after beth
or

"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

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,
Beth Akins at [\(912\) 682-3340](tel:9126823340).

**A Special Note of THANKS
from**

**Ann Jacobs
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #67
Table of Sarah**



It has been my privilege to serve as Communications Director for the Emmaus Board these last few years. This is my last issue of Chatter Matters and my last month to send out various notices to the Community. I want to thank each of you that has submitted a "Pilgrim's Progress" article during this time. You were always a "willing servant" when asked and there have been some remarkable stories you have shared. Thank you also for sharing your book titles last year for the "Book Shelf."

I want to remind you that you can reread any back issue of Chatter Matters by going to the Community website www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com and look for the Chatter Matters archives. Miriam Edenfield will be coming on the Board as Communications Director in January and I ask that you pray for her as well as all the Board members who give of their time to serve God as they serve the Emmaus Community.

A special thanks to Diane Freeman who has served as our Chairman of the Board of Directors for the last two years. The Board has elected Michelle Barton to lead the the Board and serve as Dayspring Community Lay Director beginning January 1, 2016.

I also want to thank these individuals as we have served along side of each other for these last three years. Thank you to Brent Durrence who has served in Housing. Thank you to Sharon Durrence who has served

"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."

Isaiah 9:6

as Reunion Groups Coordinator as well as Historian. Thank you to Lonnie Johnson for your inspiring devotionals at Board meetings as well as serving as Clergy for the Community. Thank you to Vicky Riggins for serving in Music and thank you to Annette Smith who has served as Gathering Coordinator.

Eddie Boulineau serves as Prayer Coordinator and sends out the Community prayer requests. At anytime you may submit a prayer request by sending your request to dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com . Thank you to Justin Keith who will continue to serve as our Webservant.

We welcome to the Dayspring Emmaus Board of Directors the following individuals who will assume their new responsibilities as of January 1, 2016.

Freddie Brinson--Housing
Miriam Edenfield--Communications
Rev. John Forrester--Clergy
Regan Hayes--Secretary
David Jacobs--Gathering Coordinator
Ricky Turner--Music



DECEMBER GATHERING

December 5, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Union United Methodist Church*
10957 Old River Road North
Statesboro, GA 30461

* This is the oldest Methodist Church in
Bulloch County, GA.



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





"Pilgrim's Progress"

by
David Jacobs
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #66
Table of John

As we approach this Christmas season, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior. His gift of salvation is the greatest gift that God gave to us. One of the greatest earthly gifts that I have ever received was being sponsored to go on the Walk to Emmaus by two very special ladies from our church. It was a gift that continues to give to me every day of my life. I do admit that I went very reluctantly. After all, I was thinking, "how is a blind man going to manage on this "Walk weekend?" My wife wanted to go and I didn't think she could go unless I went ahead of her. God always goes before us and little did I know what God had in store for me!

Many years ago a lady from an organization to assist blind people came to our home and delivered a white cane. She instructed me how to use it. She also instructed Ann and I how to walk, maneuver through crowds, cross streets, etc. When I went on the Walk to Emmaus #66 in 2009, I had never used the white cane in public. I don't know why I hadn't used it. It was either my vanity or I was just ashamed, but basically I didn't want people to know that I was blind. Something told me to put the white cane in my bag as I packed for my "Walk weekend." On my Walk, I felt so much love and the men around me didn't pity me or feel sorry for me. They accepted me as I was and helped and supported me in every way. Dr. Jimmy High was the music technician on that Walk and he was also assigned to "look after me." I have always referred to him since as "my angel on High." From the Walk on, I started to use my white cane. Since then, I have used it without any sense of embarrassment for my disability.

The Walk made many other differences in my life. Since the Walk, God put a burden on my heart to share and tell how good He has been to me. God has always been there for me, but I had never put Him front and center of my life as I should have. God provided people on my Walk who have become close friends. They have mentored and taught me so much about walking close to God daily. I was not the student of the Bible as I should

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

have been and since then I have been more intentional about studying and growing in God's grace and knowledge. Prior to the Walk, I did not have the consistent prayer life that I should have. God has shown me how important it is to seek Him first in the morning. Since the Walk, my wife and I pray together each morning as we seek His guidance and offer thanksgiving and intercessory prayer for each other, our children, grandchildren, our church, needs of others, and our world. In 2007, my wife and I experienced our life's greatest challenge and the deepest valley when we lost a son in a tragic automobile accident. The Walk experience strengthened us both in our faith that has helped us to continue to heal and deal with that loss.

In 2010, I was asked to be an assistant table leader on the upcoming Walk and give a talk--I was very apprehensive at first. God provided the help I needed. I worked many Walks--God always sent brothers in Christ to assist and help me while working. I was blessed beyond measure to be the Lay Director on Walk #86! Emmaus continues to bless me in many ways--attending Gatherings, fellowshiping with the body of Christ, praising through music, as well as working Walks. Going on the Walk totally changed my walk with the Lord. I can never repay the Emmaus community for what they have given to me. I have a Great God and great wife that looks after me--what more could I ask for! I hope that the Body of Christ has blessed each of you as it has me.

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David Jacobs
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**JOURNEY 2016 is coming soon!!!**

**JOURNEY is the young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for ages 19-24 and is geared toward college age young adults. These "caterpillars" take their flights in February of each year.**

**Girls go one weekend ahead of the boys. The Journey flights take place at Tattnall Campground. You can change a young person's life by sponsoring a young adult to go on Journey!!**



"There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their

flock by night."  
Luke 2:8

Girls' Journey Flight #30  
Lay Director, Haley Higgs

February 4-7, 2016

Boys' Journey Flight #31  
Lay Director, Bo Davidson

February 18-21, 2016

Please go to [www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com) to find an application for Journey.

Workers and caterpillars are needed!

Send completed Journey applications to:

Roxanne Durrence at [roxannedurrence@gmail.com](mailto:roxannedurrence@gmail.com)

or

Mail to: Roxanne Durrence  
P.O. Box 2004  
Reidsville, GA 30453

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Chrysalis is the youth and young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for ages 15-18 and is geared toward high school age students. The

flights of Chrysalis take place during the month of June at Tattnall Campground. Girls go one weekend ahead of the boys.

The dates for Chrysalis 2016 are:

Girls Chrysalis June 9-12, 2016

Boys Chrysalis June 16-19, 2016

For more information contact Roxanne Durrence at roxannedurrence@gmail.com

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015**

December 3 ..... 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting

December 5 ..... 6:00 p.m. Community Gathering  
(Union United Methodist Church--Bulloch Co.)

"We have seen His star  
in the east, and have  
come to worship Him."

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016**

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| <b>January 1</b>      | <b>PILGRIM Applications due for Spring Walks</b>                               |
| <b>January 23</b>     | <b>6:00 p.m. Community Gathering<br/>(Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church)</b> |
| <b>February 4-7</b>   | <b>Girls' JOURNEY</b>                                                          |
| <b>February 18-21</b> | <b>Boys' JOURNEY</b>                                                           |
| <b>March 10-13</b>    | <b>Men's WALK #94</b>                                                          |
| <b>March 17-20</b>    | <b>Women's WALK #95</b>                                                        |
| <b>June 9-12</b>      | <b>Girls' CHRYSALIS</b>                                                        |
| <b>June 16-19</b>     | <b>Boys' CHRYSALIS</b>                                                         |

Merry Christmas,  
Ann Jacobs  
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