

**August News--Chatter Matters**

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### Dayspring Walk to Emmaus



#### FALL WALKS UPDATE

We are very thankful for your prayers!!! If there is a couple or single man who decides they can now go, get the paperwork in ASAP. The Conference Room Teams are continuing their training as they make preparations. Continue to pray for the Pilgrims, the Servants, and community involvement for the Walks.

**Men's Walk #96**    September 8-11, 2016  
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**Women's Walk #97**    September 15-18, 2016  
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#### **Attention Sponsors:**

**SPONSORS PLEASE READ**  
"THE PILGRIMS NEEDS" below.  
Make sure if any

**medical or other medical dietary requirements**

**are needed to inform the appropriate Lay Leader as soon as possible.**



**Pilgrim's Progress,  
Sandra Powell**

All of my life God has been there for me. Even when I was a child going to Evergreen Baptist Church, sitting on the front pew by Mr. Gordon Thrift, a leader of our deacons, I felt God's presence working in my young life.

In 1984, I was working as a Secretary/Typist at Evans County DFCS in Claxton, Georgia. I have always been a very hyper person who works fast. Our Director, Eva Lou Shuman, was filling in at our office, and she told me she thought my hormones were out of control, and she told me to make an appointment with my gynecologist. I did not have one, but I made an appointment with Dr. Edward Biggerstaff in Savannah. I went for the appointment and Dr. Biggerstaff found I had stage four cervical cancer. God was with me every step of the way, and I was fortunate enough to have a temporary director who got me to a doctor before it was too late. The doctor said in six months I would have been dead. Dr. Biggerstaff was able to remove all of my cancer. I prayed eight days in the chapel at the hospital, and God heard my prayers and saved my life.

I went back to work a month after my surgery, and I still could not slow down and focus on my job duties because I was only getting two hours of sleep at night. I was referred to several types of doctors, but they could not help me. Finally, Dr. Biggerstaff referred me to a psychologist, Dr. Adele Geffen. Fifteen minutes with Dr. Geffen, and I was diagnosed as Manic Depressive/Bipolar! After hospitalization and the right medication, I finally got the help I so desperately needed. Praying to God helped me to get well. God was working in my life once again.

Two years ago, I was distraught and humiliated by one person in my church. I had always been a leader in my church as an Adult Sunday School Teacher, WMU Director, and a member of other organizations at Evergreen Baptist. This person did not respect one of my decisions, and he turned members of my church against me that I believed were my good friends. He tried to make my life so unbearable at church that I would leave after being there for over sixty-two years. I was not

respected any more, and I felt all alone. I was very depressed and heartbroken about my church.

One Sunday, I met a woman that became my good and dear friend. She told me a little about the Walk To Emmaus, and asked me if I would be interested. I said yes I would, and that was one of the best decisions I have ever made. My Walk to Emmaus was three days walking with Jesus. I was finally able to forget and forgive, and the hurt feelings I had for this one person and my church members began to fade away because I could finally give it all to God. I am truly a blessed woman, and it is only because of God's love for me.

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Ministry Headline



**If You or Someone You Know are  
sponsoring a Pilgrim,  
please READ!**

It is a true blessing to be a Sponsor of a Pilgrim. There are also responsibilities that go along with being a Sponsor.

**Please read carefully "Information a Pilgrim Needs".**

## **Information a Pilgrim Needs**

### **1. What is "The Walk to Emmaus?"**

It is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." (Luke 24: 13 - 35). The weekend can give the participant an intensely felt awareness of God's grace, the power of prayer, and Christian love.

### **2. What happens on a Walk?**

Your Walk experience will involve a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of 15 short talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be "the church." The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus Community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72 hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. The Emmaus Walk typically begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday evening. Men and women attend separate weekends. Sorry, no hiking involved.

### **3. What is the facility like?**

The sleeping arrangements are camp style with a number of beds in a large room and a bathroom with about 4 stalls and 4 showers/dressing areas. The beds are bunk beds ? there are plenty of bottom bunks. Do let your sponsor know, however, if you cannot handle a top bunk. There is a separate building at which the talks and meals and most of the worship times will be held.

### **4. What do you need to bring?**

You will need to bring your own bed linens, sleeping bag or blanket in case the weather or the air conditioning is too cold, pillow, towel, wash cloths and toiletries. Enjoy wearing comfortable clothing - no need to dress up. Be casual: jeans, t-shirts, shorts, slacks, etc. are appropriate. You might want to be a little dressier on Sunday, but still very casual. This is a time to rest in the Lord and learn what He has for you for the weekend. You may also want to bring a jacket or sweater in case the air conditioning is too cool for you. Bring your Bible and a devotional book if you would like. Bibles are provided in the conference room however, so you will only need those in your dorm room

### **5. What is the daily structure of the program like?**

There are short talks from speakers, then time to discuss the talk with your small group, into which you will be placed at the beginning. There is a time to share, as well as singing and meditation. Remember there is something God wants you to learn. Ask Him to open your ears, your mind, and your heart so that you will know what He wants to you learn.

### **6. What is expected of you after you attend?**

It is really up to you. During and after the three days, however, Emmaus leaders encourage participants to meet regularly in small groups. The members of the small groups challenge and support one another in faithful living. Participants seek to Christianize their environments of family, job, and community through the ministry of their congregations. The three-day Emmaus experience and follow up groups strengthen and renew Christian people as disciples of Jesus Christ and as active members of the body of Christ in mission to the world and in their local church.

### **7. You do not need to concern yourself with transportation.**

Your sponsor will pick you up and take you to Tattnall Campground near Claxton, Georgia, on Thursday so that you get there between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. and they will bring you back on Sunday evening. This is part of the loving service your sponsor provides for you. Your sponsor will have communicated with you beforehand whether they will take you out to eat or if you should eat before they pick you up.

### **8. You might want to take a shower before you go on Thursday**

as activities are such Thursday night that you won't have a chance to take a shower until Friday morning.

### **9. Please let your sponsor know several weeks before the Walk**

if you need a special diet or medication regimen so they can pass that information on to the Lay Director.

### **10. You will be served 3 meals a day, plus snacks and drinks.**

Restroom facilities are also readily available. You will be asked to please wait to go at designated break times out of respect for the speakers. You will have numerous break times, however, if you must go, please do so quietly. You will be on a precise time schedule that is important for everyone to keep.

### **11. Please understand that your personal participation is requested from 7:00 p.m.**

Thursday until approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Each event builds on the other, so you are expected to attend each and every event. This is part of the program and the reasons will become more evident during your walk. The walk is all about listening, learning, sharing, and being a servant of Christ.

**12. The weekend is very structured and can be intense.**

You will be on a precise time schedule that is important for everyone to keep.

**13. Please also understand that this is a weekend for you to focus on God**

and there is no contact with family or business except, of course, in an emergency. This is so that you can focus on your weekend without distractions. You deserve this time to be alone and focus on the Lord. (Please give the name and address and phone number of a close relative and friend to your sponsor, if you haven't already, and give your sponsor's information to them also.)

**14. Please leave the following at home:**

cell phones, pagers, radios, clocks, lap tops and cameras. Again, this is so you can focus on your weekend. It is a full weekend, and those items will distract from your experience. You may also be asked to take off your watch and put it in your suitcase or purse, or you may want to give it to your sponsor beforehand or leave it at home.

**15. Please remember that your sponsor will be praying for you,**

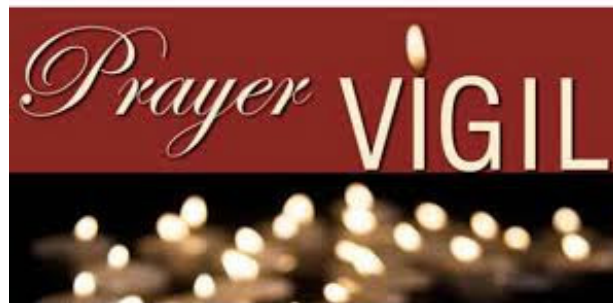
the Lay Director and Spiritual Director will be praying for you, fellow pilgrims will be praying for you, the Emmaus community will be praying for you, and all who will share in your pilgrim weekend will be praying for you

**16. Please understand that each weekend is unique to each individual**

and that each person seems to find what God wants each person to experience. There is no set reaction expected. You can look forward to gaining a new enthusiasm for serving God.

**Other things you need to know:**

**You might want to read Luke 24 about the walk to Emmaus.**



**72 Hour  
Prayer Vigil**

We need your help to get the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil completely filled. There are many spots available.

Please help us bathe the weekends in prayer.

Go to [www.daysprinkwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.daysprinkwalktoemmaus.com)

Click on Prayer Vigil tab to access the Vigil and then sign up for a time slot. You will be blessed as you pray for the Pilgrims and all aspects of the Walks.

## AUGUST GATHERING

Saturday, August 27, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Nevil United Methodist Church,  
8632 Groveland Rd, Statesboro, Georgia 30458



Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship, music, a Fourth Day Talk, and Holy Communion.

**Remember, childcare is provided.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

August 27	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Nevil's United Methodist Church)
September 8	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Men's Walk #96
September 10	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Men's Walk #96
September 11	4:00 p.m.	Closing Men's Walk #96
September 15	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Women's Walk #97
September 17	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Women's #97
September 18	4:00 p.m.	Closing Women's Walk #97
September 23	7:00 p.m.	PIO Party @ Campground
September 27	6:30 p.m.	Sustaining the Spirit (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
October 24	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Brooklet Methodist Church)
December 3	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Statesboro First United Methodist)

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