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FALL WALKS UPDATE

We are very thankful for your prayers!!! There is still room available but the paperwork needs to be gotten 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 #100 September 7-10, 2017
Lay Director: Brad Riner

Women's Walk #101 September 14-17, 2017
Lay Director: Lisa Hutchinson

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.



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**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".



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.dayspringwalktoemmaus.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

WHEN: Saturday, August 26, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: 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.

**Al Edenfield
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus**



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At the time off this writing I am recovering from total knee replacement. Being an outside person, inside looking out is not for me. But, a phone call one day reminded me of what I miss the most. An Emmaus

friend, Bill Akins, called me to see how I was doing. Now he and I are not "bosom buddies". Actually most of our conversations have been humorous, entertaining, amusing and lighthearted. The kind of conversations you have working the Walk and are part of the Emmaus community, the kind of conversations that build relationships. But, that call lifted my spirits. I knew there was more meaning in those lighthearted conversations, that a relationship had been made. It was then that I also realized just how much I miss attending my reunion group breakfast and the guys that attend. Those guys keep me grounded and accountable.

Another empty spot is New Beginnings in Garfield. I am involved in my church activities on Wednesdays during the year and summer is the time I can go to New Beginnings. Since the first time I went I felt so blessed to attend worship with the men there. Their prayers are so heart felt and uplifting. When you attend a worship service there, YOU WORSHIP! They feel the love and forgiveness of Jesus and don't mind showing it! Something we can all learn from.

But most of all, I have missed the Gatherings. Between family commitments and my knee surgery, Miriam and I have not been at the last several Gatherings. The food, fellowship, singing and the Talks help keep the Emmaus feeling and are renewing each month,

I encourage you to keep the Emmaus feeling fresh by being involved with a reunion group, working on a Walk, and attending the Gatherings. Support the people you have met through Emmaus.

My Walk, #68, changed my life in a great way. Then God gave me the people and the tools to grow spiritually. Not a day goes by that I don't think about a Walk I worked or someone that I met on a Walk. It is easy to wander from those things that help you grow spiritually when they are not in your everyday activities. (Though sometimes this can't be helped.....surgery.)

I am doing well with my new knee. God answered my prayers and those of others. Thank you for the prayers and calls. I am praying for the upcoming Walks for the Pilgrims and the Willing Servants. And, yes, I am working and looking forward to what God has planned.

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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 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.

What Emmaus Is

The Walk to Emmaus Is:

- A place where a person learns how to become a better servant to fellow believers in Christ (Philippians 2:1-11)
- A place where a person sees the love of Christ in action
- A time of spiritual renewal and re-dedication to Christ as Lord
- An opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ
- A place to be reminded of one's "first love", Jesus Christ
- A gift of God's love for you
- An opportunity to re-evaluate your priorities in life
- A place to experience God's power and direction in your life
- A time of prayer, fellowship and communion
- An opportunity to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ
- A discipleship group to encourage you after the Walk
- A program to strengthen leaders in the local Church
- A call for unity among believers

What Emmaus Is Not

The Walk to Emmaus is Not:

- A cult
- An exclusive club for 'super Christians'
- A replacement for a person's home Church
- A place to fix emotional, psychological, social and marital problems
- A reason for a person to act as if they are better than others



Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Memorial and Honorarium

**Donation given in Memory of Leroy Herbert Shackleford
by Roxanne Durrence.**

The Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Memorial/Honorarium Fund has been established for anyone wishing to remember the death of a friend or a loved one, or to honor someone living. The fund will be used for scholarships, projects or in

the area designated by the donor. This information will be listed in Chatter Matters unless requested not to do so. Please send the form and donation to Dayspring Walk to Emmaus, P.O. Box 1312, Statesboro, Ga. 30459. The form will be included in the form section at

dayspringwalktoemmaus.com

Emmaus Calendar 2017

Any activity with the actual Walks will take place at Tattnall Campground.

Aug 26 6:00		Gathering
	Nevels United Methodist Church	
Sept 7 6:45	Send Off	Men's Walk #100
Sept 9 8:00	Candle Light	Men's Walk #100
Sept 10 4:00	Closing	Men's Walk #100
Sept 14 6:45	Send Off	Women's Walk #101
Sept 16 8:00	Candle Light	Women's Walk #101
Sept 17 4:00	Closing	Women's Walk #101
Sept 22 7:00	Gathering	PIO Party Campground
Oct 28 6:00	Gathering	Brooklet Methodist Church, Brooklet Georgia
Nov 1	Willing Servant Applications Due for Spring Walks	
	No November Gathering	
Dec 2 6:00	Christmas Gathering	
	Metter United Methodist Church, Metter, Georgia	

"Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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