

**December Chatter Matters 2017**

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CHATTER MATTERS**



**December  
2017**

"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



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**Spring Walks Update**

**Servant Teams for the Spring Walks are gearing up and refocusing after the cancellations of the fall Walks. Planning dates are in place. Please continue to remember all aspects of the Walks in your prayers.**

"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

**Men's Walk #100**  
Lay Director

**March 8-11, 2018**  
Brad Riner

**Women's Walk #101**  
Lay Director

**March 15-18, 2018**  
LisaHutchinson

**It is not too early to think about sponsoring someone for the fall Walks for 2018.**

**Please get your application online by going to:**  
[www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com)

**Please scan and send completed and signed applications to:**

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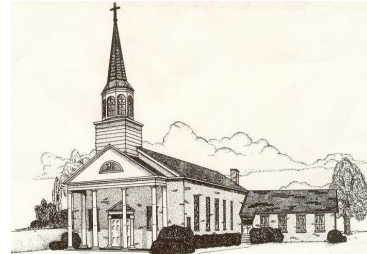
**If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Beth Akins at (912) 682-3340.**

## **DECEMBER GATHERING**

**December 2, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Metter United Methodist Church\***  
[30 West Lillian St](#)  
[Metter, Georgia 30439](#)



**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.**

"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



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## New Board Members

We would like to welcome the new Dayspring Walk to Emmaus board members. We thank them for their commitment to serve and direct

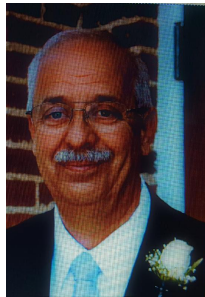
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Brian Deal	Purchasing
Brent Durrence	Lay Director
Raquel Collins	Registrar
Madonna Moore	Secret Angels
David Hibberts	Clergy

We would also thank those who have served on the Board for the time, and direction in keeping Dayspring Walk to Emmaus moving in the right direction.

Beth Akins	Registrar
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Buddy Anderson	Purchasing
Michele Barton	Lay Director
Larry Bird	Clergy
Randy Brigman	Secret Angel



**John Allen Smith**  
Day Springs Walk to Emmaus #94  
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The Walk to Emmaus was a great blessing for me, like all those Pilgrims before me and all those who will come. I know they will also gain more of God's mercy and grace like I did. After my walk it seemed every morning I witnessed a miracle to greet another day, a day that will let me grow closer to my Lord, is my prayer.

This past semester I had to write a paper that was titled "All About Me", in doing so it made me reflect back through the years of childhood. Growing up with Mom and Dad, who owned a restaurant and at the ripe old age of 6 my job was washing dishes. Not knowing at that time, Mom and Dad was teaching me to work hard at what you do, but more importantly they were teaching me

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

to be a servant to others, which has followed me throughout my life.

This past February I retired after 37 years of being a Public Servant. Wow what a blessing! God has blessed me so much in my years. All Glory to Him. May I ask each of you a question, what is your servanthood? Just look back you too will see it like I did. John Mason wrote *"Being a servant won't make you famous, Just Rich"*. Not material richness, but when you give of yourself to help others; you cannot help but be abundantly rewarded, and blessed. No one is truly a success in life until you have learned how to serve.

I have many Bible verse to share, but I mainly like the fifty-eighth book in the Bible, which is Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:35-36

"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise".

God wants us to be strong men and women of faith. We must face our times of weariness and worry. In our weary days and dreary nights, we must have perseverance and endurance to reach our goal to be with our Heavenly Father and to serve Him.

Over the last 10 years of being a single parent, When I have been on the mountain tops and even down into the valleys, my God has lead the way. It seems every step I did not walk alone because God was there.

Earlier I mentioned about being richly blessed with a beautiful daughter, and I am very thankful she is also following her Lord and Savior. I see her acts of kindness and her willingness to help others, and know she is a willing servant to.

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

As we come into this holiday season, remember what is important. It is not about what you get or receive but what you give away!

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John Allen Smith  
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# JOURNEY 2018 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!!

Girls' Journey Flight #34                      February 8-11, 2018  
Lay Director - Brandi Helton

Boys' Journey Flight #31                      February 15-18, 2018  
Lay Director - Prince Preston

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



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 2018 are Girls, June 14-17, 2018 and the Boys, June 21-24, 2018

For more information contact Roxanne Durrence at [roxannedurrence@gmail.com](mailto:roxannedurrence@gmail.com)

keeping watch over  
their flock by night."  
Luke 2:8

## 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.

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.



"We have seen His star  
in the east, and have  
come to worship Him."  
Matthew 2:2

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017/2018

Activities with the Walks will take place at Tattnall  
Campground.

Dec 2	6:00	Christmas Gathering	Metter Methodist Church Metter, Ga
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2018

January 1	PILGRIM Applications Deadline	Spring Walk	
January 4	6:30	Board Meeting	
January 27	6:00	GATHERING	
February 1	6:30	Board Meeting	Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church
February 3	Set Up	Journey	
February 8-11		Girl's Journey	
February 15-18		Boy's Journey	
February 24	6:00	Gathering	Rehoboth Baptist Church, Claxton
March 1	6:30	Board Meeting	
March 8	6:45	Send-Off Men's Walk #100	
March 10	8:00	Candlelight #100	
March 11	4:00	Closing Men's Walk #100	
March 15	6:45	Send-Off Women's #101	
March 17	8:00	Candlelight #101	
March 18	4:00	Closing Women's #101	
March 23	7:00	PIO Party/Sustaining the Spirit	

Tattnall Campground

April 5	6:30	Board Meeting	
April 28	6:00	Gathering	
May 1	Willing Servant Applications for FALL WALKS Are Due		
May 3	6:30	Board Meeting	
May 19	6:00	Gathering	
June 7	6:30	Board Meeting	
June 9		Set Up Chrysalis	
June 14-17		Boy's Chrysalis	
June 21-24		Girl's Chrysalis	
June 23	6:00	Gathering	
July 1	Pilgrim Applications for FALL WALKS Are Due		
July 5	6:30	Board Meeting	
July 21	6:00	Gathering	
August 2	6:30	Board Meeting	Camp Meeting at Tattnall Campground
August 25	6:00	Gathering	
September 6	6:30	Board Meeting	
September 13	6:45	Send-Off Men's Walk #102	
September 15	8:00	Candlelight Men's Walk #102	

<b>September 16 Walk #102</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Closing Men's</b>
<b>September 20 Women's Walk #103</b>	<b>6:45</b>	<b>Send-Off</b>
<b>September 22 Women's #103</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Candlelight</b>
<b>September 23 Women's Walk #103</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<b>September 28 Party/Sustaining the Spirit</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>PIO</b>
	<b>Tattnall Campground</b>	
<b>October 4</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>October 27</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>GATHERING</b>
<b>November 1 Meeting</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Emmaus Board</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>GATHERING</b>

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