

Chatter Matters



January 2014

From the hymn "Another Year Is Daw ning"

"Another year is daw ning, Dear Father, let it be,
In w orking or in w aiting, Another year w ith Thee;
Another year of progress, Another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days."

Thanks to the following servants who are rotating off the Board. They have served our Community faithfully for the last three years:

Gloria Dubberly

Chuck Hendrix

Becky Livingston

Joey Stanfield

Ken Warnock

We welcome to the Board the following servants who will serve a three year term:

Roxella Ball-Training

Keith Barnard-Kitchen

George Beasley-
Worship

Kim Brown-Secretary

Diane Freeman-
Chairman of Board

Ellen Kingery-Agape



From our new Community Lay Director and Chairman of the Board

After serving as Lay Director I was unsure as to how to get involved in the Community again after sitting out therequired year. Walking into Candlelight this past fall lprayed that God would show me the way to reenter theCommunity. Be careful what you pray for, folks! Within a week of that prayer I got a call to consider being Chairman of the Board of this wonderful Emmaus Community. I have always seen myself as more of a follower than as a leader, but have learned I need to "follow" God's call on my life and not try to decide what I can or can't do without seeking His guidance. I have been a coach for over thirty years and in that role my leadership style is very corporate. That is the style I will bring to this Board. The Board is a compilation of wonderful servant leaders and I am honored to serve with them and all the members of the Dayspring Emmaus Community.

**Diane Freeman, Community Lay Director and Chairman of Emmaus Board
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #10, Table of Sarah**

Pilgrim's Progress--Thoughts on a "New Year"

by Kate Keith
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #10
Table of Elizabeth

The New Year has always been associated with a blank slate, a fresh start, and an opportunity for change. It possesses all the sparkle, glitz, and finery of the world's greatest celebrations. Ironically, New Year's for me has been a tough spot, a time of depression. I watched each year disappear and fretted over the missed opportunities. Life was passing too quickly. On that night, I replayedmy big fears and failures, sensing that every year would carry the same sadness. I hadn't been enough, done enough, or tried enough. A few years ago I realized I needed to stay present and stop assessing my past. When the disciples asked why they could not drive the demon from the boy, Jesus replied, **"Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have**



faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20-21

I'll admit I've never moved a mountain, but this verse inspired me to look at the power of my words. I once read a study that said seven positive comments must be made to balance one negative comment--and that is human measurement. I wondered what happened in the spiritual realm. Imagine the potential in encouraging others. Imagine the dramatic shifts in our world that occur with a friendly smile, a kind word, and assurance that God is creator of the universe and master of our little selves. If with faith in God our words can move a mountain, what can be done in the life of another? Because of Jesus Christ, we are offered opportunity to personally change and to CREATE real change, every day! Change for **"Good and not for evil, to give us a future and a hope."** Jeremiah 29-11

With each new day, I look for opportunities to speak God's goodness into the lives of others. I'm not the best at quoting Scripture; and I don't always hear and heed the whisper of God's direction. But, I try to look at others through Christ's eyes--to see the need of their souls. I am thankful that He trusts me with small ways to make the world brighter by revealing His goodness.

I am now excited about the adventures ahead. I no longer waste time counting my missteps in the year. Instead, I am filled with the awe and wonder of a Savior who isn't bound by time, space, and human ability. Because of Him, I have the chance to live in the company of other believers--shining His light in a darkened world. Sometimes all it takes to encourage another is a simple, soft touch and the intentional acknowledgement that we are on this journey together with Christ. **"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."**

Matthew 5:14-16

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Getting to Know Our New Board Members

Traditionally, our new Board members are asked three questions about themselves to share with the Community. We will feature three this month and three next month.

Meet Roxella Ball

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #43
Table of Rebekah

1. ***Tell us a little bit about yourself in 10 words or less.***

Married to Warren Ball, blessed with three children:
Will-25, Catherine-22, Mitchell-18.

2. ***Where is your favorite place to pray? Why?***

It may sound strange, but my favorite place

to pray is in my closet. I have a nice, big, walk-in closet and I am able to go in there and close the door and not be disturbed or distracted. I have a big picture of Jesus in there that I bought at a garage sale at our church and I keep my Bible, journal, and notebook of favorite Scriptures on a shelf in there as well.

3. **What are you currently reading?**

Warren just gave me the book, Killing Jesus by Bill O'Reilly and I started reading it Christmas night.

Meet **Diane Freeman** (pictured at top)

1. **Tell us a little bit about yourself in 10 words or less.**

My calls from God are wife, mother, coach, nurturer of children.

2. **If you were able to have a conversation with a person from the Bible other than Jesus, who would it be and what would you discuss or ask?**

I would talk to Mary, mother of Jesus.
I would ask Mary, "How were you able to intimately love your child and yet give him to the world?"

3. **What is your favorite hymn or praise song? Why?**
"Here I Am Lord" It draws me.

Meet **George Beasley**
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus 70
Table of John

1. **Tell us a little bit about yourself in 10 words or less.**

Married 28 years, 2 children, live in Statesboro, attend First Baptist Church of Statesboro

2. **If you had an opportunity to travel backwards or forwards in time, where would you go and what would you do?**

It would be interesting to move forwards in time to see how life would be for my grandchildren and great grandchildren.



3 What does "In God We Trust" mean to you?

We can and should put all our trust in God. We need to practice what we say.



******Looking Ahead to Men's Walk #86**

by David Jacobs, Lay Director of Walk #86
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #66
Table of John

I have been led around and assisted at Tattnall Campground by many pilgrims, conference room team members and many community members--all who have become very special to me.

Being blind makes it easier for me to live out the Scripture of 2 Corinthians 5-7 "Walk by faith and not by sight." I am looking forward to Walk #86. As Lay Director, I am looking forward to serving the Pilgrims. The journey from Pilgrim to Lay Director has been showered with countless blessings all the way. Let's join in as a Community to serve the Pilgrims in any way we can for the upcoming Walks--whether it is sponsoring, attending Send-Off, Candlelight, Closing, baking agape or praying. Thank you again for assisting us in all the activities as the Pilgrims "eyes of their hearts are opened." (Luke 24:31)

Looking Ahead to Women's Walk #87

by Becky Livingston, Lay Director of Walk #87
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #67
Table of Elizabeth



One of the favorite stories of the Bible for all of us who have attended the Walk to Emmaus is found in Luke 24. It is not until verses 28-30 that these disciples walking on the road to Emmaus actually recognize Jesus Christ as the risen Savior. They have walked along with him and had conversation with him. They have heard him give intricate details of the stories recorded in the Bible

from the Books of Moses, including the books of the Prophets. It was only when they put into practice the most basic premise that Jesus taught during his earthly ministry that they recognized Jesus for who he was--only when they did as Jesus taught in 25 Matthew--in the Parable of the Judgment when Christ told his disciples that God would separate the sheep from the goats, that they truly understood.

It is clear that this Parable of the Last Judgment identified that the criteria of dividing the two groups was not that the sheep had confessed their personal relationship with Jesus Christ while the goats did not, but rather that the sheep were committed to carrying out the greatest commandment to love one another and help the sick, the imprisoned, the poor, and the vulnerable. When our Christian lives find us serving the marginalized and those in need, serving anyone whether in need or not, only then will we find ourselves separated from the goats.

In carrying out what Jesus had taught these disciples, Cleopas and the other unnamed disciple on the road to Emmaus exercised what they had been taught to do and they had an encounter with Jesus--the risen Jesus. They offered him a place to rest and a meal, and it was during the blessing and the breaking of the bread that they saw Jesus.

As we approach the Spring Walks to Emmaus, I am praying that God will remind us that we too can encounter Jesus, our risen Lord, but only if we carry out the commandment to love one another--to share in a conversation, a meal, a visit, a kind word, a gift of great price, or a piece of bread that has been broken--it all brings us to the place where we can encounter Jesus. That my friends, is the Experience of the Walk to Emmaus.

Will you join me as we walk the road to Emmaus and serve a risen Savior by reaching out to be the blessing God called us to be in this Community of Faith during Walks 86 and 87? Whether it is baking agape, praying the vigil, serving as a servant on the campground of Tattall, sponsoring a Pilgrim, or simply praying on your own, let us carry out the teachings of Jesus in all we do.

It is an honor to serve the Dayspring Community of Emmaus and most importantly to serve our Lord and Savior.

JOURNEY TAKES FLIGHT THIS FEBRUARY

Journey is for college age 19-24 young adults. All weekends are held at

Tattnall

Campground in Tattnall County. Applications for Caterpillars and Servants can be

downloaded at <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001dUYsoZRUM0pvV1ITOfGc7OR5aWD2PPfW0TrsQx7aerNbZHluO8kg-4NeqbA2sQ6ulpto1ArQLzlgxyxSsm eOlu3tyjJ3kEXeaf359hVidGb49fPWs7L-A==>.

February 13-16, 2014

GIRLS' JOURNEY

Lay Director: Christina Turner

Spiritual Director: Chip Strickland

February 20-23, 2014

BOYS' JOURNEY

Lay Director: Charles Cox

Spiritual Director: Dorsia Atkinson

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2, 2014 6:30 p.m. Dayspring
Emmaus Board Meeting
(Statesboro First United Methodist
Church)

January 11, 2014 8:15 a.m. Whole Team
Meeting for Walks #86 and #87
(Statesboro First United Methodist
Church)

January 25, 2014 6:00 p.m.
Emmaus Community **Gathering**
(**Statesboro Primitive Baptist
Church**)

February 1, 2014 8:15 a.m. Conference
Room Only Walks #86 and #87
(Statesboro First United Methodist
Church)

February 6, 2014 6:30 p.m. Dayspring

Walk #86 Send-Off followed by

Sponsor's

Hour

(Note: All Walk Activities are held at Tattnall Campgrounds)

March 15, 2014 8:00 p.m. Community
Gathering and Candlelight

March 16, 2014 4:00 p.m. Closing of
Men's Walk #86

March 20, 2014 6:45 p.m. Women's
Walk#87 Send-off followed by
Sponsor's
Hour

March 22, 2014 8:00 p.m. Community
Gathering and Candlelight

March 23, 2014 4:00 p.m. Closing of
Women's Walk #87

March 28, 2014 7:00 p.m. PIO Party for
Walks #86 and #87
at Tattnall
Campground

"Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely... think on these things"
(Philippians 4:8)

In Christ,

Ann Jacobs, Communications, 2014-2016

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #67

Table of Sarah

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