

# Chatter Matters October

2015



## Dayspring Walk to Emmaus

### Community

To the Pilgrims of Walks #92 and #93: WELCOME to the Dayspring Community !!!

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

Luke 24:32



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**EMMAUS**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

## SPRING WALKS 2016

### Update

Mark your calendars and begin praying for the Spring Walks.

**Men's Walk #94      March 10-13, 2016**

**Women's Walk #95    March 17-20, 2016**

Lay Directors have not been selected and approved by the Board yet. We will announce soon.

"The Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the

Willing servant applications deadline is November 1,

hearts of the faithful and  
kindle in us the fire of  
your love. Send forth  
your Spirit and we shall be  
created. And you shall  
renew the face of the  
earth.

O, God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit did  
instruct the hearts of the  
faithful, grant that by the  
same Holy Spirit we may  
be truly wise and ever  
enjoy your consolations  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

2015!!!

Pilgrim applications deadline is January 1, 2016.

Please get your application online by going to:

[www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com)

Please scan and send completed and signed applications  
to:

[bethtakins@hotmail.com](mailto:bethtakins@hotmail.com) remember "t" after beth

or

[dayspringregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:dayspringregistrar@gmail.com)

or

Mail to:

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus

P.O. Box 1312

Statesboro, GA 30459

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

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## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

The October Community Gathering will be held at Brooklet United Methodist Church, 201 North Parker Avenue, Brooklet, GA on **Saturday, October 24, 2015**. We will begin with our covered dish meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by music, a Fourth Day Talk, and Holy Communion. Our annual business meeting will also take place at this Gathering.

We will not meet for a Gathering in November, but will meet for a November-December Gathering on Saturday, **December 5**, at Union United Methodist Church, in rural Bulloch County, 10957 Old River Road North, Statesboro,



### Looking Ahead to JOURNEY 2016

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 on a weekend ahead of the boys. The Journey "flights" take place at Tattnall Campground. Please note that the dates of the usual weekend for the Girls has changed. You can change a person's life by sponsoring a young adult on Journey!

**Girls' Journey Flight #30**                      **February 4-7, 2016**  
**Lay Director: Haley Higgs**

**Boys' Journey Flight #31**                      **February 18-21, 2016**  
**Lay Director: Bo Davidson**

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**

#### CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Christ needs you, your heart, your mind, your hands and feet. He needs you committed in faith, so that your life in grace may bear witness to that faith in Christ through your spiritual life, prayer, your study, and your action.

(The Group Reunion  
Card)

**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 "caterpillars" take place during the month of June. Girls go one weekend and boys the next. The Chrysalis flights for our area take place at Tattnall Campground. More information will be forthcoming as this draws nearer.**

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**"Pilgrim's Progress"**

by

**Freddie Brinson  
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #48  
Table of Paul**



**My relationship with Jesus Christ started long before my first or second marriage. It was long before I graduated from high school or the military. God touched my life as a child and my journey has been years of walking, running, and sometime flying; only to be knocked down so God could see if I would get back up again.**

**My faith in my Savior has always been very strong; my faith in**

my fellow man has been shaken to the core so many times I lost count. For years, I would not let anyone into my inner world for fear that I would be disappointed or hurt once again. For over 25 years I lived with that cancer, and I missed out on some great opportunities to develop relationships that I am sure my Savior had placed there for me.

In 1990, God started to mend my hardened heart by sending me the love of my life and the best friend I have ever had. Lucy Garvin replaced an emptiness that had been hollow for many years. It wasn't long until I knew that she was getting me to do things that no one else could have talked me into. Lucy and I talked about having children and the unlikelihood of having them naturally. I had two children from a previous marriage, but Lucy and I wanted to share a child between us. After a surgery that I had to undergo, my doctor looked at both of us and said, "under what we know medically, I can't give you more than a 5% chance of success." I told Dr. Tilson that day to do his 5% because God would do the rest. God blessed us with a girl and a boy, Adeana and Braxton. We are blessed with four children and three grandchildren.

When our younger children were old enough to fend for themselves, Lucy and I went on our Walks. I was hesitant; she was excited. Since our Walks, Lucy has served in multiple behind-the-scenes areas, the Conference Room, and as Women's Lay Director. I have also worked multiple Walks, but hang out in the kitchen or housing. God has kept my fire burning since my Walk to be a servant. He has answered my "Dying Moments" prayer, which was to tear down those walls I had placed between those who desired to know me on a deeper level. God (and Lucy) can be very convincing. My Emmaus family had grown so much that I had forgotten how big it was. That is until November 10, 2014...

That day was no different from any other day it appeared. I was on my regular work schedule and like so many times before, I decided to go home for lunch. As I entered my back door, I realized someone had broken in the French doors off of our back porch. I stopped briefly to listen and at that moment a young, black man appeared in the doorway of the foyer, which was across the room from where I was standing. He yelled at me and told me not to move. I watched him as he raised a 9mm pistol with a laser. Knowing that he intended to

shoot me, I chose to turn and run. I am not as fast as I once was, and he shot me in the back. Lying on my back porch in severe pain from the bullet that had entered my spine, my mind started to race. For a few seconds while this man repeatedly tried to reload his gun and watching him move through my kitchen and back toward me, I knew my life was going to end. What I did not realize "at that moment" was that God had me; Satan had him and God always wins! The robber could not reload his gun and left with the items he felt were valuable.

That few seconds God revealed to me how close He was walking with me even though I was not walking with Him all of the time. As I said earlier, I was going home for lunch--I never take my phone in the house during lunch. That day I had my phone in my pocket! That is a God thing. As I found my phone, a calmness overcame me as I dialed 911. I began to explain my situation to the dispatchers; they dispatched a call for all law enforcement in the area. That took 22 seconds; that is a God thing! As I lay there answering questions and giving all of the pertinent information I could give to the dispatchers, a first responder stepped over me and began work. It took this first responder two minutes and 58 seconds to get to me; that is a God thing! Even though I had made my peace with God and told Him I was ready--He wasn't! The only people who responded quicker and longer during my recovery were my family, my wife's "sister friends," my co-workers, and the Emmaus Community as a whole. The prayers that were lifted up on my behalf are the reason I am here today.

The last eleven months have been a journey filled with God's world that I never fully appreciated. Because of this incident, I am trying to be a better husband, a better dad, a better friend, and a better servant. I am so thankful for what God has shown me through all of this. I have no anger, no vengeance, and no ill will to the man who shot me. If God ever gives me the opportunity to talk to the man, I would like to tell him two things--first, "what you meant for evil and harm, God meant for good." The second thing I would tell him is "I forgive you."

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Freddie Brinson

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**Please mark your calendars now for these upcoming events in our Community.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015**

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| <b>October 1</b>  | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Emmaus Board Meeting</b>  |
| <b>October 24</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Community GATHERING<br/>(Brooklet United Methodist Church)<br/>Annual Elections to the Board of Directors</b> |
| <b>November 1</b> | <b>SERVANT Applications Deadline for<br/>Spring Walks</b> |  |
| <b>November 5</b> | <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  | <b>Emmaus Board Meeting</b>  |
| <b>December 5</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Community GATHERING<br/>(Union United Methodist Church--Bulloch Co.)</b>                                      |

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**CALENDAR of EVENTS 2016**

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| <b>January 1</b>      | <b>PILGRIM Applications due for Spring<br/>Walks</b> |                            |
| <b>January 23</b>     | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>                                     | <b>Community GATHERING</b> |
| <b>February 4-7</b>   | <b>Girls' JOURNEY</b>                                |                            |
| <b>February 18-21</b> | <b>Boys' JOURNEY</b>                                 |                            |
| <b>February 27</b>    | <b>6:00 p.m.</b>                                     | <b>Community GATHERING</b> |
| <b>March 10-13</b>    | <b>Men's WALK</b>                                    |                            |
| <b>March 17-20</b>    | <b>Women's WALK</b>                                  |                            |

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