
Reminder: Chatter Matters

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**October 2021 Chatter Matters****THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:**

Renewing Christian Disciples,
Strengthening Local Churches

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Autumn is in the Air!

**BOARD MEMBER NOTES**

Please continue praying for Kim & David, the willing servants & pilgrims for the Fall/Winter/Spring/Summer (when ever it occurs) walks, as well as the board members and Emmaus community.

Everyone has been affected in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our struggles may differ, but our solutions are the same: seek Jesus. We can get thru this, but we must all bind together thru these perilous times.

The song that we sing at the end of our fellowship/communion keeps coming to mind:

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord,
Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord,
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
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We, as the Emmaus board, and community, are so ready to be back in face to face fellowship with each other and our pilgrims at the Tattnall Campgrounds. We want our "normal" back. We want things to be like "they always were". But we are slowly learning that we will now have to accept that things will probably never be what they used to be, and we must adapt to change. No one knows what tomorrow holds or how it will look, but we certainly know WHO holds tomorrow; and we will be just fine as long as we let the Spirit of God lead us.

Greatness is determined by how many you serve, not by how many serve you. So go out into your communities and serve others while we wait on the Lord. Go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus--to all you come in contact with. And remember, Christ is depending on you...

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OCTOBER GATHERING

**WHEN: Saturday, October 23, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Pittman Park UMC, Statesboro, GA**

Join us for the October Gathering on Saturday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm at Pittman Park UMC. No childcare is available at this time, but children are definitely welcome! The 4th Day Talk will also be available at a later date on our Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Facebook page.

Pilgrim's Progress

Approximately twenty-one years ago God radically transformed my life during Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #28. I made a true commitment to Christ and my life has never been the same. I was changed, I was transformed, and the phrase "being born again" had new meaning to me. God's grace and His love for me became crystal clear on that weekend. I remember praying to myself, "Lord, when I return home to my



family help me to be the spiritual leader in my home. When I return to the bank, help me to bring Christ into my workplace. When I return to Church let me seek ways to serve." I was committed to obeying the call of Jesus to "go and make disciples."

I was hungry for God's word and began reading scripture daily. I had always read bits and pieces of the Bible but had never read it cover to cover. I decided to begin with the New Testament, because I wanted to read the stories of Jesus and about His early church. I found myself hi-lighting my favorite scriptures when I felt God speaking to me, much like I did when I was in college. I expected my favorite scriptures to be the popular ones like John 3:16 or 1 Corinthians:13. But I found two short scriptures that touched my heart. Romans 10:9-10 told me that salvation involves not only inward belief, but also outward confession and the profession of faith through my witness. Titus 2:11-14 spoke to the effect that Grace should have on all believers and that Grace had on me.

I returned to my home as the Christian leader, leading my family spiritually by praying for and with them. I'm ashamed to say that my wife played that role prior to my Walk. Both of my children accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior shortly after I assumed my rightful role as the Christian leader in our home. Praise God!

I was determined to begin setting a Christian example for my employees and customers at the bank. I decided that every Monday morning, before opening the doors of the bank, our entire team would gather in the lobby to pray for others in the community, and to ask God to allow our customers to see Christ in us as we serve them. It set the tone for a great and productive week while encouraging our team members to share the love of Christ with customers.

When I returned to Church the Lord led me to become the Chairman of the Missions Committee. I asked our Pastor to send requests for financial and food assistance from the needy to my office, so that I could meet with them and provide financial advice on how to prioritize their expenses through effective budgeting. But more importantly, I used the time to witness to them about their need for a deep and personal relationship with Christ. We provided them with financial/food assistance, gave them a Bible, and always prayed with them prior to leaving. In almost every case, they would have tears in their eyes as they left my office. It is my hope that they left my office feeling the love of Christ.

The measure of our witness is not in immediate results. Some will plant, some will water, and some will harvest. As disciples, we are not called to be successful, but to be faithful; doing what we can, with what we have, right where we are. I challenge you to let Christ be your guide, with the talents that he has blessed you with, and be the faithful servant that He has called you to be. And on that glorious day when we stand before our Heavenly Father, He will say "Well done my good and faithful servant, well done."

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Milton Gray
Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #28
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 23, 2021 6:00 p.m. Gathering Pittman Park UMC
Statesboro, GA

Oct. 30, 2021 7:00pm Oct. Virtual Gathering Facebook

December 4, 2021 6:00 p.m. December Gathering
Connection Church, Statesboro, GA

December 11, 2021 7:00 p.m. December Virtual
Gathering - Facebook

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