
Chatter Matters

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**September 2022 Chatter Matters****THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:**Renewing Christian Disciples,
Strengthening Local Churches<http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/>**Introduction of Lay Directors for Fall Walks:****Women's Walk #113****Donna Godowns, Lay Director**

It is amazing how time has slipped by so quickly. 11 years ago, I sat under that tabernacle at Tattnell Campground for the first time as a pilgrim. My sponsor told me that I needed to start the weekend with an open mind and that I did not need to anticipate what was going to happen next. About three days before sendoff, I tried to back out. I contacted my sponsor and told her that I was not sure about going on this walk and that I felt unworthy. Her response to me was, "if God was looking for perfect people, He would not have any servants." Thankfully, her words stuck. I attended Walk # 77 during the fall of 2011. What a weekend it was! There are always two questions that pilgrims are asked at closing. (1) What has this weekend meant to me? And (2) What are you going to do about it? I am not sure how I answered the first question, but my answer to the second one was, "wherever He leads, I will follow." In 2022, God has led me to be the Lay Director for Walk #113. It has taken two years to get here, and I know it will be worth the wait. God always has a plan, and His timing is always perfect. I have been humbled with the outpouring support from community members who have answered the call of willing servants. I know God is in full control of this walk and that I am only here to help organize it. If I had to describe Tattnell Campground and DWTE with a quote, it would be one from Pooh Bear. "Pooh, how do you spell love?" "You don't spell love Piglet, you feel it." I know that the pilgrims on walk #113 will understand that love is not spelled, but that it is felt by the time they get to Sunday afternoon. As for myself, it does not matter how many times I step foot on that campground, there is a feeling of love that doesn't compare to anything else. I am ever so blessed for the Piglets and Poohs who have crossed my path and traveled with me through this journey called Dayspring Walk to Emmaus.

DeColores,
Donna Godowns
DWTE #77



Men's Walk #112
Phillip Rehberg, Lay Director

I want to thank the Dayspring Emmaus Board and Community for the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #112. This has been a truly humbling experience watching God work. One of the things that has always stuck out about the walks is the amount of prayer that surrounds these weekends and this one has been no different. It has also been great to get to know and serve alongside Donna Godowns. What a blessing to have someone to help navigate on this journey!

Our team has discussed on several occasions that as everyone gets to the Campground on Thursday that regardless of our background, we all are equal in God's eyes. What a wonderful truth this is that as diverse as our paths on this earth are, the foot of the cross is level. This truth is one thing I took away from my own personal walk. I am reminded that this is not about me, or any one person. It is about a team of servants that are willing to serve, to share and to love the pilgrims that God is sending our way. I look forward to watching the Holy Spirit guide us through this weekend and give God all the glory for what He has done, is doing and will on on Walk #112.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you on this weekend. Please continue to pray for the Pilgrims and Servants of Walk #112.

DeColores,

Phillip Rehberg
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Prayer is such an integral part of the success of the Emmaus experience. With that in mind, the Board would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in the

prayer vigils for the upcoming walks by signing up NOW. Our goal is for the prayer slots to be filled by Sept. 5, for the Men's Walk and Sept. 12, for the Women's. The pilgrims see the Vigil in the conference room on Saturday of the Walks. Having the prayer vigil completed and printed before the walks help the Agape team tremendously. We will update you as the days go by, so that we can meet this request. Last, don't forget that baked agape is always appreciated.

Men's 112 Prayer Vigil

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8aa29a4f9c07-dayspring>

Women's 113 Prayer Vigil

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44a8aa29a4f9c07-dayspring1>



SEPTEMBER GATHERING/PIO PARTY

WHEN: Friday, September 23, 2022

TIME: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Tattnall Campgrounds

Please join us at Tattnall Campgrounds for our September Gathering/Pio Party on Friday, September 23. Please bring a dish and join us at 7:00 pm for the meal and fellowship. No childcare at this time, but children are definitely welcome! DeColores!

Helpful Terms to Know

Chrysalis--the youth and young adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. This is for ages 15-18 and is geared toward high school students. The "caterpillars" take their "flights" in June. Girls go one weekend and the boys go the next weekend. The Chrysalis flights in our area take place at Tattnall Campground.

Journey--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.

Walks--the adult Walk to Emmaus weekends. The adult "walks" of "Pilgrims" take place twice a year. The Spring Walks take place in March and the Fall Walks take place in September. The Men's Walk takes place ahead of the Women's Walk. The Walks for our area take place at Tattnall Campground.

Praises and Prayer Requests

The Dayspring community is complete with Prayer Warriors. We believe in staying connected with God and each other through the power of prayer. Should you have any praises or prayer concerns to share, please do not hesitate to email them to dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com so that they can be sent to everyone. **Ed Boulineau** is currently our Prayer Coordinator and serves as a subcommittee of worship. You can find his information of the website should you need to contact him in any way. Please send the request to dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com or call him at 912 764 3744. He is always prompt when he receives a request.

A "Review of our Board"

Our current Dayspring Emmaus Board works tirelessly to get the business of "Emmaus" done. Many times we as the Community may need reminding who serves and in what capacity.

Below is a review of those individuals and what they do:

Brent Durrence	Community Lay Director, Board Chairman
Peggy Spandle	Gathering Coordinator
John Forrester	Clergy Community Spiritual Director
Janet Odegaard	Clergy
Brad McKenzie	Clergy
Thad Harvey	Registrar
Gayle McKenzie	Communications
Doty Dunn	Secretary
Leslie Akins	Treasurer
Jeanie Jewell	Music
Kasey Hendrix	Worship
Phyllis Smith	Agape
John Allen Smith	Kitchen
Jodi Hendrix	Training
Kip Farthing	Reunion Groups Coordinator, Historian
Brian Deal	Purchasing
Brad Riner	Housing
Christy Deal	Secret Angels

Eddie Boulineau	Prayer Coordinator*
Thad Harvey	Chrysalis /Journey Representative*
Shawn Collins	Webservant
Brian Haire	Campground Board Rep

(Not Board members, but serve for Board).

For more information and contact information of these individuals you may go to www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com and click on Board of Directors tab.

A Few Gentle Reminders for the Community

***Send-Off is a bit subdued by Emmaus standards. We try to be more reserved as the Pilgrims are nervous and it is a new situation for them.**

***It is appropriate to wear your name badges to all Emmaus occasions. It is the kindest way for folks to learn your name. You are welcome to wear**

your *cross* to all events with the *exception* of Send-Off and Candlelight. Feel free to wear them at Closing on Sunday. We like to keep with the pace of the pilgrims. Basically, we don't wear our crosses until the pilgrims receive theirs.

***Be sure to stay for Sponsor's Hour following Send-Off.**

***Baskets will be available at the back of the tabernacle during Sponsor's Hour and the time which we gather for Candlelight. Please put your letters you have gathered for pilgrims in the baskets. On the envelopes, write both the pilgrim's FIRST and LAST name in the center of every letter envelope. In the top left hand corner put the title of your relationship to the pilgrim (brother, sister, spouse, friend, church member, etc). Each pilgrim should receive 12 letters during the walk--any beyond that will be put in the "go home" bag as a Fourth Day gift. You may also number them 1-12 and secure them with a rubber band as the ones to be read in Conference Room.**

***Please bring your table agape and baked agape to Send-Off if possible. It will be truly appreciated. Please take to back Kitchen door.**

VERY IMPORTANT!

***When you arrive for Candlelight, please park with your HEADLIGHTS FACING AWAY from the TABERNACLE.**

***Candlelight is a precious and heavenly time for worship in the Emmaus/Journey/Chrysalis weekends. And, although we hold that Emmaus is not a secret society and only truth should be told, we do like to reserve Candlelight as a special surprise blessing. Since it is a truly touching time, we ask that only people who have gone on an Emmaus/Chrysalis/ Journey attend Candlelight. We would never want to diminish that experience for a potential pilgrim or butterfly in the future.**

Young people attend only if they have attended Chrysalis or Journey.

***Remember that Candlelight belongs to God and the Pilgrims. Try to refrain from reaching out to pilgrims as they pass. Candlelight is different for everyone and they should be allowed to find their own way. If they spot you and come for a hug, do receive them with open arms, tell them you love them and then gently nudge them back on their journey down the path.**

***Once you have passed through the line of pilgrims for the final time at Candlelight, extinguish your candle, and please leave the campground quietly and silently. Towns close by offer establishments in which you can gather for more fellowship.**

***Childcare is not provided for Send-Off, Candlelight, or Closing. You will want to plan accordingly.**

***The Closing is many things, one of which is celebratory. Feel free to dress in rainbow colors and wear your crosses!**

***No event during the Walk weekend activities should be photographed, videotaped, or recorded by any means by any worker or community member. We need to preserve the integrity of all aspects of the Walk to Emmaus as well as keep our covenant with the Upper Room.**

***Please plan to attend the PIO Party/Sustaining the Spirit to celebrate the new Pilgrims on Friday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Campground. Childcare is not provided for PIO Party and remember it is our privilege to host the Pilgrims with our covered dishes.**

Sustaining the Spirit will be held on the same night as the **PIO Party**. We will eat. While the Community cleans up, the **PILGRIMS AND THEIR SPONSORS** will go to the Tabernacle to hear an overview of the Emmaus process. If you have never been to Sustaining the Spirit please plan to attend also. You learn the *correct process of Sponsorship* and the *importance of working Walks before you sponsor someone*.

DeColores!

See you at the Campground!!!

Chatter Matters

The Chatter Matters is a monthly newsletter produced by the Dayspring community. It will contain the latest information on our community, Emmaus Walk, Journey, and Chrysalis news, testimonials, notes from the Board of Directors, monthly events, and other updates. To save funds, we send the bulk of the newsletters electronically using email. In this case, BE SURE TO add dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com to your list of personal contacts. This should prevent the newsletters from going to your spam or junk folder. It is best to use a personal email as some worksites do not allow email from other businesses. However, if you do not have email, you have only to ask and we will mail yours using the US Postal Service. **Gayle McKenzie** is currently our Communications Chair and produces the newsletter. You can find her information on the website should you need to contact her in any way.

Gayle McKenzie
Communications Board Rep.
DWTE #91
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The Dayspring Walk to Emmaus Board announcement

Day Four Restore #2
Has been moved to Jan. 2023; Date TBA

If you have questions feel free to contact: Thad Harvey (912) 433-7041 or
email dayspringregistrar@gmail.com

2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE TIME EVENT/LOCATION

Sept 1 6:30 Board Meeting
Sept 8 6:45 Walk #112 Send-off
Sept 10 8:00 Walk #112 Candlelight
Sept 11 4:00 Walk #112 Closing
Sept 15 6:45 Walk #113 Send-off
Sept 17 8:00 Walk #113 Candlelight
Sept 18 4:00 Walk #113 Closing
Sept 23 7:00 Pio Party/Sustaining Spirit/Tattnall Campground
Oct 22 Gathering/TBA

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