

# Chatter Matters June 2015



## Dayspring Walk to Emmaus

Chrysalis "takes Flight" this month at Tattnall Campground. This three day youth version (for 10th - 12th graders) of the Walk to Emmaus provides an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new faith commitments. It will inspire, challenge, and equip these young people for a closer friendship with Christ and encourage Christian action at home, church, school, community and to a needy world.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

(See enclosed articles for detailed information about June Flights)

Happy  
Father's  
Day  
June 21, 2015

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.  
For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river and will not fear when the heat comes."  
Jeremiah 17:7-8

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9



## FALL WALKS UPDATE

Planning for Fall Walks to Emmaus is well underway. Servant Teams are in place and the first All Team training has been scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. at Statesboro FUMC.

Please pray for Sponsorship, Pilgrims, the Servant Teams, and Community involvement.

**Men's Walk #92**                      **September 10-13, 2015**  
**Lay Director:**                      **Bill Mathis, Jr.**

**Women's Walk #93**                **September 17-20, 2015**  
**Lay Director:**                      **Lana Shuman**

Pilgrims are needed to go on these Walks. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring. **WE ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIFIC NEED FOR COUPLES.**  
**Deadline for Pilgrim Applications is JULY 1!!!**

For applications, go to [www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com)

Send applications to Beth T. Akins, Registrar

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

Mail to: Dayspring Registrar  
P.O. Box 1312  
Statesboro, GA 30459

Information, please call  (912) 682-3340

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## Pilgrim's Progress

### "First Steps"

by

Brent Anderson

Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #78  
Table of John



"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:5-9

"Honor your father and your mother, which is the first commandment with promise:

Our firstborn child, Ryles Chapman Anderson was born on January 24, 2014. God in his perfect timing blessed us with a happy, healthy son. Since his birth, now 16 months ago, I find myself telling people all the time that I had no idea what we were missing!

I wonder sometimes if the same is not true for our relationship with Jesus? As I think back, could I have imagined what God would have in store for me? Or even more so, when I think about what God still has before us in light of eternity.

Keri and I were married in 2003 and year after year we decided for one reason or another to wait to start a family. Distractions, busyness, selfishness and --most of all--the underlying fear of change and the unknown kept me wondering if fatherhood was something that I would not be very good at. God in his wisdom knew how to grow my heart. When that day came and every day since then I have been taking my own first steps in fatherhood.

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."* John 14:1-4 ESV

From these special verses I know that Jesus first of all wants for me not to worry, but to exchange that worry for belief. I heard recently that we should understand that not only is Jesus preparing a place for us, but at the same time he is working in our lives to prepare us for that place. Like the Israelites of Exodus, we are perhaps unaware of God's work in our lives as he prepares us for that place.

I thought about our first steps as Pilgrims as I watched my son learn to walk. To me watching Ryles take his first steps was a powerful lesson, stumbling and falling all the time at first, but unafraid and persistent none the less.

I hope and pray my first steps in following the steps of my Father are just as determined. By His grace, they can be.

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal*

that your days  
may be well  
with you  
and you may  
live long on the  
earth."  
Ephesians 6:2-  
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*through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21. (ESV)*

DeColores,

**Brent Anderson**

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### Chrysalis Takes Flight Soon!!!

**Girls' Chrysalis  
Lay Director**

**June 11-14, 2015  
Jessica Strickland  
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**Boys' Chrysalis  
Lay Director**

**June 18-21, 2015  
Ritchie Swindell  
[rswindell@dot.ga.gov](mailto:rswindell@dot.ga.gov)**


There is a need for Caterpillars. Please consider sponsoring a young person to go on these flights. You know it can be a life changing experience.

Butterfly Applications can be found at:  
[www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com)

Please mail all Butterfly applications to:

**Felicia Odum  
245 Sam Green Road  
Claxton, GA 30417**

or e-mail to [feliciaodum81@gmail.com](mailto:feliciaodum81@gmail.com)

For more information:  (912) 282-0678

### PLEASE HELP!!!!

Also, there are slots that are available for the Prayer Vigil. Please sign up to pray for these flights. You will be blessed as you spend time with God praying for every detail of these Flights. Please go to [www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com](http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com) . Click on the Prayer Vigil tab to

access the Vigil.

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## A Note from Lay Director of Upcoming Chrysalis Girls #71



Jessica Strickland,  
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus #9  
Table of Esther

Hello Community,

I cannot put into words the excitement I have for the upcoming Girls' Chrysalis Flight #71. I know that God has great things in store for this weekend and these girls. I feel extremely honored and privileged to be the Lay Director for the upcoming Girls' Flight. Thank you so much for your prayers, words of encouragement, and acts of agape.

Since I was on my Walk to Emmaus in 2008, Chrysalis and Journey have become an integral part of my life. I worked my first flight in February, 2010. From that flight on I have been immensely blessed to see how Chrysalis and Journey changes lives.

Please continue to be in prayer about sponsoring a caterpillar for either the Girls' weekend, (June 11-14) or the Boys' weekend, (June 18-21). Please make plans to attend Send-Off, Thursday, June 11 at 8:00 p.m., Candlelight on Saturday evening, June 13, and closing, on Sunday, June 14. Again, thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and your acts of agape.

DeColores,

Jessica Strickland, Lay Director, Girls' Chrysalis #71  
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Note from Lay Director of Upcoming Boys'  
Chrysalis

Ritchie Swindell,

**Dayspring Walk to Emmaus #58  
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Dear Dayspring Community,

First, I want to say "Thank You" to the entire community for your continued support for the Journey/Chrysalis movement. I am honored to serve on the upcoming Boys' Flight #72 as Lay Director. As all of you well know, one of the great things about these weekends is the amount of prayers that each Walk or Flight is bathed with. The team requests your continual prayers for this special time in these young men's lives. I ask each of you to reflect on your Walk and the amount of love that was showered on you! Now is the opportunity to pass that same love on to these young men. I doubt that you knew everyone at your Candlelight, but you did recognize the love of God on each face. Now is your chance to let God use you to be that love for these young men. It is unfortunate, but there have been times in the past at the Journey/Chrysalis Candlelights that we could not even fill the entire line to the Tabernacle. Please get involved at Send-Off, Candlelight, bake some agape for the weekend, or consider sponsoring a young person and you will be blessed.

Thanks to all for your past support and premature thanks to each of you for the support that I know you will give us on the upcoming flights. Also several slots are still available on the prayer vigil. Please assist us in filling the vigil prior to Send-Off.

Fly with Christ,

Ritchie Swindell, Lay Director, Boys' Chrysalis Flight #72  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 11, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Girls' Chrysalis Send-Off (All Chrysalis Activities will be held at Tattnall Campground)
June 13, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight--Girls' Chrysalis
June 14, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing Girls' Chrysalis
June 18, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Boys' Chrysalis Send-Off
June 20, 2015	8:15 a.m.	All Team Meeting Fall Walks (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)

June 20, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight--Boys' Chrysalis
June 21, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing-Boys' Chrysalis
June 27, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING TBA
July 1, 2015		PILGRIM Applications Deadline for Fall Walks
July 18, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Tattnall Campground)
July 25, 2015	8:15 a.m.	Conference Room Teams (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
August 15, 2015	8:15 a.m.	Conference Room Teams (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
August 22, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING TBA
September 5, 2015	8:15 a.m.	Camp Set-Up Fall Walks (All Walk Activities will be held at Tattnall Campground)
September 10, 2015	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Men's Walk #92
September 12, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Men's Walk
September 13, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing Men's Walk #92
September 17, 2015	6:45 p.m.	Send-Off Women's Walk#93
September 19, 2015	8:00 p.m.	Candlelight Women #93
September 20, 2015	4:00 p.m.	Closing Women's #93
September 25, 2015	7:00 p.m.	PIO Party-Walks #92,#93 (Tattnall Campground)
September 29, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Sustaining the Spirit (Statesboro First United Methodist Church)
October 24, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING TBA
November 1, 2015		SERVANT Applications deadline for Spring Walks
December 5, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Community GATHERING (Union United Methodist Church--Bulloch County)

*"Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6*

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