

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

March 2015



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Emmaus
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Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I am truly humbled to be selected as your Community Lay Director and Board Chairman. My love for and commitment to the Emmaus movement has brought me to this point. This is my second term on the NWGWTE Board. During the first term, I occupied the following chairs: Secretary, Vice Chairman, & Team Selection-currently in year two of this three year term.

During Walk # 27 where everything in my life changed, I realized that God's love was real and was available to me! What an amazing revelation! Over the years since, I have worked numerous Walks and been blessed in a variety of positions. Each time God has continued to amaze me through His love witnessed by each Emmaus team member. If you have not served on a team, since your walk, please consider it as we receive a double blessing each and every time we work. Also, the Emmaus experience is not complete without seeing God's hands and feet at work as servants in Christ. It is always awesome watching His Holy Spirit weave the fabric of the team together ultimately blessing the pilgrims. As Team Selection Chair, I have witnessed that His timing is always perfect. My goal is to build up the NWGWTE community; larger teams result in more pilgrims receiving God's blessings. I read an Article on the Upper Room web site that I found interesting and want to share: " In the past 36 years over 1.5 million pilgrims and butterflies have experienced the Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis in 600 communities around the world....Empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world." Wow, 1.5 Million, God is great!

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Gary Henkel

Some words for our Spiritual Director

All of us at some point in time have encountered fog on the roadway. And when we encounter fog, I would imagine that we do the right thing, we slow down, take our time, we are more cautious until we get through the fog. And from the worldly perspective, this is exactly what we are supposed to do when we encounter a time where it feels as if the road ahead is hard to see; we become cautious. But sometimes we bring this understanding into matters of faith. When we find ourselves in a place or a season when we feel like we do not know the path God has in store for us next, we can become cautious, even timid or unsure of what our role is in God's plans for this hurting world. And so we slow down, we step back, we become careful in our faith lives. Now please understand, all of us do go through times in our lives when we need those 40 days apart from the world to draw strength and clarity, but 40 days is not supposed to turn into months and even years of living cautiously..... For we are not supposed to treat matters of faith as if they were matters of the world. As Paul reminds us "we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:6-7). So when we encounter fog in our faith lives, like when we are overwhelmed by the hurting in our lives or when someone who is supposed to love us does not or when we are disappointed in the actions of ourselves or others, we should seek clarity and direction, but we should also walk by faith and not by sight. Even when we might not be certain of the specific path that God has for us, we remember that we are God's children who have been given the simple rules to love Him with all that we have and to others as we would want to be loved. And we live this out in faith by how we bring mercy and kindness and forgiveness and peace and joy and love to ALL the people whom God will place in our lives.... So the next time you encounter fog in your faith life, punch the accelerator and step by faith...you might find that the Spirit will find you in a whole new way by your willingness to be confident in Christ!

Blessings, Leonard



Your word
is a
lamp
to my feet
and a
light
for my
path.
Psalm 119 vs. 105

Hi my name is Vicki Bates and I went on Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus walk #41 where I sat at the table of Sarah. I attend Lost Mountain Church of God in Powder Springs GA and I will be the new chair for Reunion Small Groups. My hope is to get all of Northwest GA in a reunion group. As we learned on our walks these small accountability groups help us grow spiritually as we walk out our forth days and are the perfect launching pad for missions in the community. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Gatherings 2015

March – Bright Star UMC
April - Smyrna UMC
May - Acworth UMC
June – Picnic @ Acworth Beach
July – No Gathering; Board Meeting @ Love Community Church
August – Due West UMC
September – Hollydale UMC
October – Due West UMC



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