



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

Summer Time

May & June
2014

Issue 5

Thoughts from the Board

Hi Community,

I don't know about you but I missed having a gathering in April. I hope all of you had a great Easter. We have some exciting things happening in the next couple of months. We will be having our 2nd Annual Father's Day Picnic on June 21st. We hope everyone will come visit with the Board and our Community. We will have plenty of food and drink for everyone. We will have lots of singing and worshipping the Lord. This will be our gathering for June. We will be having Communion around 2:30 PM.

We had a great May Gathering. We had it at Anna Kresge Memorial UMC. It was our opportunity to see old friends from the Rome Area. I am sorry that not more of you were not able to attend the trip to Cedartown.

We are trying to establish two or three Churches in the Acworth Area to cohost Gatherings more than once a year. We are hoping a central location will encourage a better attendance at our gatherings. This will also allow some of our smaller Churches who do not have the facilities to be the Host Church. If your Church would be interested please contact either Marge Griffin,

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We are getting close to the

next walk. It is time for us to get serious about Sponsorship and being a Servant. I hope that you are praying about the persons you might sponsor. You should be asking those you feel led to ask if they would be interested. Be sure you let them know we will be having another walk in early 2015. Our 2015 schedule for walks is as follows:

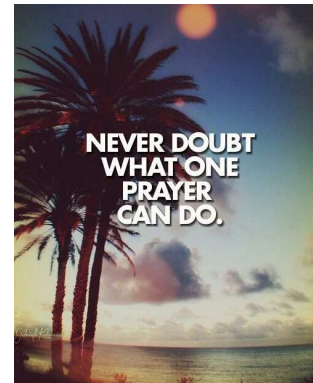
- Men's Walks
- Women's Walks
- Feb 26 - March 1
- March 5-8
- Sept 24 -27
- Oct 2-4

Just a quick reminder of things I have said before on Sponsorship. Pray that God through the Spirit will lead you to the right person or persons. Begin talking to them now. Let them know about next year's walks. If they say "yes" fill out the application and get them committed. Late Feb/early March might be better for them. If they say "no", continue to pray for God's guidance. If you get a "maybe or anything that is not a no", continue to work with them. Don't be a pest but be persistent. We are trying to fill three

Walks in the next 18 months. The more potential pilgrims we can approach the better chances we will have of filling these walks.

Don't forget the June Father's Day Picnic Saturday, June 21, 2014, 11 AM to 3 PM.

The last thing I would like to talk to you about is being a Servant. The Conference Room is not the only place we will need help. We need Agape, Dorm,



Kitchen and Chapel Servants. I guess everyone does not feel the way I do, but some of my best friends and best experiences in our Emmaus Community has been being a Kitchen or Dorm Slave.

Oh I mean Servant! You really get to know someone when you work side by side with them and your only goal is to serve the Pilgrims. You are trying to make the Pilgrims feel that Agape love that can only come from your Service to them, the Community and God. Please pray about how you can serve in our upcoming Walks.

Please pray for your Board and our Community. We are being very aggressive by planning two walks in 2015. We feel God has led us to this plan, but will need the help of the entire Community to be successful.

DeColores,
Gordon

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Team Selection

Hi, My name is Marsi Arcaro. I went on Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus #17. My position on the board this year is Women's Team Selection. We are responsible for helping the Lay Director put her team together. We try to use both new and more experienced workers. We try to represent many churches and many areas. We also are trying to get people who

haven't worked in a while involved again. We follow what is called progressive servanthood to prepare future Lay Directors. We will start meeting soon. If you are interested in being on our committee, we would love to have you. You can reach me by email marsiarcaro@comcast.net or on my cell 404-353-1960. Also, if you have not signed up to work yet, please do so! We

will have sign up sheets at the Gatherings. You can also reach me or the Lay Director, Katie Fowler directly. I was recently talking to the Men's Team Selection head, Gary Henkle. He said he does not think your Emmaus experience is complete until you work a walk. I agree!!

DeColores

3rd Annual Father's Day Gathering at Acworth Beach Cauble Park

Saturday, June 21st from 11:00-3:00

Food & Drinks Provided by the Board.

Please check your email for invitation sent earlier in the week.

We look forward to fellowshipping, worshipping and partaking in communion with the community!

"YOU NEVER KNOW HOW
MUCH YOUR PARENTS
LOVED YOU UNTIL YOU
HAVE A CHILD TO LOVE."

Happy Mother's & Father's Day to all of the parents in our Emmaus Community. Thank You for seeking the Lord's will and for being great Examples of His Unconditional Love.

From the Spiritual's Heart...

I really love this time of year. It is a time of transition and change as flowers start blooming, trees start to grow new leaves, you can hear the birds chirping, pollen starts falling....ok maybe it is not all perfect! But Spring is a time of change and I imagine that many of you also look forward to this season that we are in. When God set in motion all of the creative forces in this world, he knew that change was inevita-



ble....that plants had to be dormant for a season so they could build up the strength to grow again in a new season....yet if we are honest with ourselves, we do not like change when it affects our lives. Especially when change brings a season of struggle and hardship. Yet the old saying is accurate that they only true constant in this

world is change. How are you approaching the changes in your life? Are you open to God using this change for something beautiful down the road? How about the change facing our community? Are you embracing the good and letting go of the bad?

Praying for all you,
Leonard

We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

♥ Please contact Ed Beacham or Gordon Norman with your most recent information, phone numbers, addresses or email addresses, so we are able to contact you to serve or send out any new information quickly and efficiently. Info on the last page.

♥ If you are interested in serving on the next walk please contact any of the board members, Men's Lay Director will be announced at a later date & Katie Fowler will serve as the Women's Lay Director.

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♥ Fall 2014 Walks
Men Sept 25-28
Women Oct 2-5

Goals for 2014:

- 1-Everyone Prayerfully Consider Sponsoring
- 2-Fill the teams
- 3-Have a wait list
- 4-Remain financially stable
- 5-Update community roster
- 6-Establish community involvement on committees
- 7-2nd Annual Father's Day Picnic



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Gatherings 2014

- January 18 Midway UMC
- February 15 Hiram UMC
- March 15 Hollydale UMC
- April 19 No Gathering
- May 17 TBA
- June 21 Acworth Beach
"2nd Annual Father's
Day Picnic"
- July 19-Jasper UMC
- August 16 Mars Hill Pres
- September 20 Smyrna UMC
- October 18 Acworth UMC
- November 15 DUE WEST
Methodist
- December Merry Christmas!

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