

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Unity, what exactly does this mean to someone of faith? I believe that Jesus wants us to be unified, as witnesses, to His Love and Grace. The Holy Spirit works through our lives to further His Kingdom. Unity is an essential characteristic of any effective Christian movement. Differences of opinion or ill feelings are inevitable among us as we are imperfect human beings saved by His Blood. Paul urged the Church in Corinth to come together in unity. Without loyalty & commitment to God and each other we are missing the mark. I often ask myself this question-Is this action, thought or deed good and does it buildup or tear down His Kingdom? Using the Holy Bible and Prayer as my guide, I often make sense of these issues and the positive or negative effects they have. We as Christians need to respect and have compassion for each other in unity of purpose through our commitment to Christ. Our conduct must be consistent with His teachings as we live out our lives witnessing for Him. As the Community Lay Director and Board Chair, it is my hope that our community can rise above personal differences and join together in Christian actions to build up our Emmaus Community. As the Body of Christ, I have seen how we can do much more together than we ever thought possible-witness the last couple of Walks. A prayer of mine is to welcome back, to our community, those who have drifted away for one reason or another. I would ask my fellow Emmaus brothers and sisters in Christ to be honest with themselves when asking what they can do to help our community thrive and grow again. Is there someone I can call to check on or invite to an Emmaus activity? Is there something that needs to be done, said or possibly left unsaid? We are one family in Christ and all belong to His family; we should strive to live in harmony with a loving spirit as Jesus taught. To God be the Glory!

De Colores,

Gary Henkel

RESURRECTION DAY - The most wonderful day of the year to celebrate our Risen Lord! However, one cannot fully understand the significance of this special day until you recognize the passion of our Lord that took place during Holy Week. Don't you know that God's heart was breaking knowing that His only Son would have to die for the sins of man? Yet Jesus came willingly, knowing his fate, and went all the way to the cross to redeem the world from their sins.

Calvary's picture was not a beautiful sight. It was a portrait of His precious blood, sweat and tears. The title of this portrait is "Supreme Sacrifice". It means forgiveness for 10,000,000 years and longer.

As we have our celebrations this year, I pray that we will remember our Lord's sacrifice. Then we can fully celebrate the joy that the Resurrection brings - for death could not hold the King! He arose victorious! He beat death, hell, and the grave!

Glory to God in the Highest!

Donna Lucas



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Gatherings 2015

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

November – Villa Rica 1st UMC (awaiting church confirmation)

December – No Gathering; Board Christmas Dinner @ TBA



One of my jobs as Agape Chair is to send wall agape letters to other communities. Remember what a blessing it was to see all those letters from other communities, to realize there were people in other areas of the country and the world who were thinking of you and praying for you while you were and on your Walk. What a blessing it would be for pilgrims who are on their weekend to know that you and your reunion group are thinking of, and praying for, them. Please consider composing an agape letter from your reunion group that I could forward to other communities around the country and around the world.

Your Agape Chair,

Donna Parrish



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