

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

May 2015



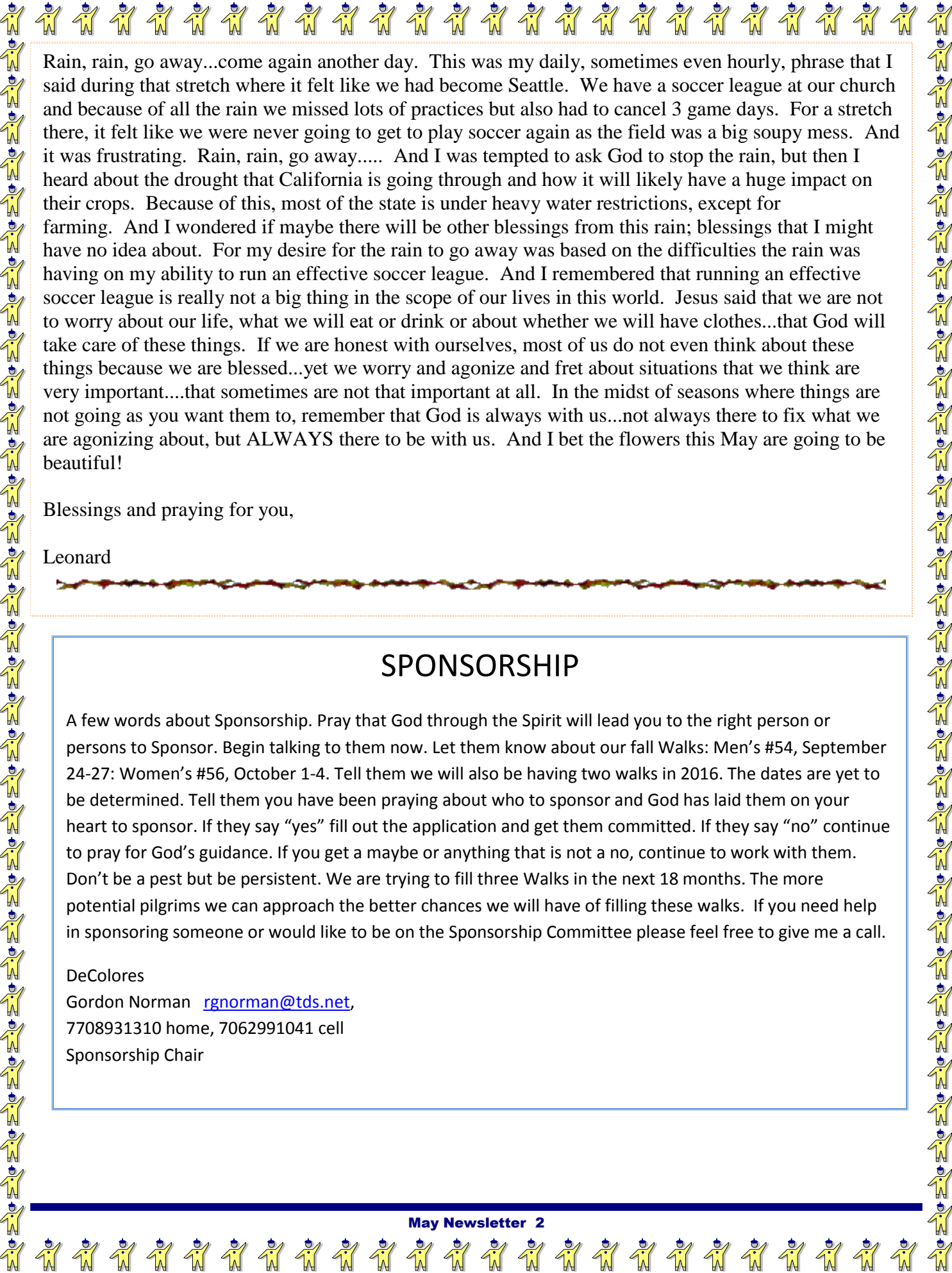
**North West Georgia
Walk to Emmaus**
For the Development of
Christian Leaders

The Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus has blessed me with the means to participate in a community of faith. This Christian community is an important part of my life. I receive encouragement and counsel from my Emmaus brothers and sisters; helping me to grow in my relationship with Christ. I have been the recipient of countless blessings from this community while serving and the relationships that have flourished since. We meet at walks and various gatherings, sharing our faith, helping each other to walk closer with our Lord. I truly believe that it is a distinct privilege serving with my brothers and sisters in Christ—some of the nicest, most decent people I have had the pleasure of calling my friends. Also, I look forward to every walk and the new community members whom I will come to know; further enhancing our Emmaus Community and His Kingdom on Earth.

As a community, the importance of prayer cannot be overlooked before, during and after our Emmaus activities. Prayer is paramount to our effectiveness and success for building up His Kingdom. Jesus spoke of the importance and the power of prayer in Matthew 18:19-20 when He said: **“I also tell you this: if two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”**

Your NWGWTE Emmaus Community needs your prayers: for the board of directors, for the upcoming Fall Walks, for the lay directors and His teams preparing to serve. Lastly, for the pilgrims whom we may not even know their names; I would kindly ask our community members to be in prayer about who they should sponsor. To God be the Glory!


Gary Henkel, Community L/D



Rain, rain, go away...come again another day. This was my daily, sometimes even hourly, phrase that I said during that stretch where it felt like we had become Seattle. We have a soccer league at our church and because of all the rain we missed lots of practices but also had to cancel 3 game days. For a stretch there, it felt like we were never going to get to play soccer again as the field was a big soupy mess. And it was frustrating. Rain, rain, go away..... And I was tempted to ask God to stop the rain, but then I heard about the drought that California is going through and how it will likely have a huge impact on their crops. Because of this, most of the state is under heavy water restrictions, except for farming. And I wondered if maybe there will be other blessings from this rain; blessings that I might have no idea about. For my desire for the rain to go away was based on the difficulties the rain was having on my ability to run an effective soccer league. And I remembered that running an effective soccer league is really not a big thing in the scope of our lives in this world. Jesus said that we are not to worry about our life, what we will eat or drink or about whether we will have clothes...that God will take care of these things. If we are honest with ourselves, most of us do not even think about these things because we are blessed...yet we worry and agonize and fret about situations that we think are very important...that sometimes are not that important at all. In the midst of seasons where things are not going as you want them to, remember that God is always with us...not always there to fix what we are agonizing about, but ALWAYS there to be with us. And I bet the flowers this May are going to be beautiful!

Blessings and praying for you,

Leonard



SPONSORSHIP

A few words about Sponsorship. Pray that God through the Spirit will lead you to the right person or persons to Sponsor. Begin talking to them now. Let them know about our fall Walks: Men's #54, September 24-27: Women's #56, October 1-4. Tell them we will also be having two walks in 2016. The dates are yet to be determined. Tell them you have been praying about who to sponsor and God has laid them on your heart to sponsor. If they say "yes" fill out the application and get them committed. 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. If you need help in sponsoring someone or would like to be on the Sponsorship Committee please feel free to give me a call.

DeColores

Gordon Norman rgnorman@tds.net,

7708931310 home, 7062991041 cell

Sponsorship Chair

Gatherings 2015

May - Acworth UMC

June – No Gathering; Board meeting at Love Community Church

July – Picnic @ Acworth Beach

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



Hi, all my brothers and sisters in the Northwest GA Emmaus Community. I attended NWGWtE men's walk #23, where I sat at the Table of Matthew. My wife Jean and I attend Jasper UMC. It is my Honor and Privilege to serve our Community as a Board Member and your Sponsorship Chair.

I guess you could call me a BapPresMethodist. Over the years living in 7 different states we have attend about every Protestant denomination. As an Ordained Presbyterian Elder I have served on several Sessions. I have been on the SPR committee in both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. I had the privilege to go through 4 building programs and a Charter member of one church.

I am retired from HP, where I was a Technical Support Manager for over 25 years. My wife Jean and I have been married for 52 years. We have 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter. I volunteer at the local Community Thrift Store as floor manager on Tuesdays. I also try to play golf twice a week. We moved to TN in 2004 to take care of my parents. My dad passed away in 2008 and we decided to move back to GA. We had lived in Ball Ground, GA and worshiped at Jasper United Methodist for over 12 years before we moved to TN. That was the longest we had lived in any one location our entire married life. We still had many friends in North Georgia. My mom is still alive in Assisted Living in Nashville, Tn. We try to visit her at least once per month.

As your sponsorship chair I hope to get more people involved in sponsoring pilgrims. Over the years my wife and I have sponsored several people in two different communities. We found it an honor and privilege not only see God bless the folks we sponsored, but make them lifelong Christian friends. Even though I have worked several walks in different capacities, I prefer to be a slave (servant) in the Kitchen or Dorm as any of the other work. It also allows me to work a walk and sponsor pilgrims. I encourage each and every one of you who have not sponsored someone to give it a try. I know God will richly bless you.

DeColores

Gordon Norman

2015 Board Members

Gary Henkel- Chair - gthenkel3@gmail.com 404-702-2799 (cell)

Donna Parrish- Vice Chair/Agape/Communications – djcparrish49@gmail.com 404-376-2353 (cell)

Toni Cox- Treasurer - Toni.cox@childressklein.com 770-598-5589 (cell) 770-499-1860 (home)

Katie Fowler- Secretary/Communications – katie.fowler@carrollcountyschools.com 770-265-3763 (cell)

Donna Lucas- Co Spiritual - donnatlucas@comcast.net 404-663-1828 (cell) 770-975-8042 (home)

Leonard Akers- Co Spiritual - leonard.akers@ngumc.net 678-895-0040 (cell)

Gayle Watkins- Music – gaylewtkns@gmail.com 404-310-4156 (cell)

Mike Amsbaugh- Music - mamsbaugh@water.com 404-386-4088 (cell)

Marsi Arcaro- Women's Team Selection - marsiarcaro@comcast.net 404-353-1960

Ed Beacham- Men's Team Selection - edward.beacham@gmail.com 404-520-0614 (cell) 770-428-2006

Brenda Crump- Kitchen - brendacrump@comcast.net 678-970-9598 (cell) 770-974-9604

Vicki Bates- Reunion Groups - vicbates66@comcast.net

Marge Griffin– Gatherings - marge7321@aol.com 404-625-6492 (cell) 770-832-6370 (home)

Gordon Norman- Sponsorship/Follow-up - rgnorman@tds.net 706-299-1410 (cell) 770-893-1310 (home)

Gary Hulsey– Send-off/Candlelight - Prayerwalk4u@gmail.com 770-380-1893 (cell) 770-783-9140 (home)

Flora Lowe-Rockett- Registrar - florarockett1@gmail.com 908-451-6305 (cell) 770-529-5451 (home)

Bruce Straw- Literature - 770-712-0526 (cell)

Lori Haney- Training – lorihaney@comcast.net 678-576-9760

Roger Hitchcock- Setup/Take Down – agustusmayday@gmail.com 404-408-2499 (cell)

Gary Grenier- King's Retreat Board Rep - gardongre@aol.com 770-505-7481 (home)

