

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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As the Memorial Day Holiday passes my mind turns to the freedoms that we value so greatly. One of those freedoms is the ability to Worship God as we desire. This is not always the case in the world we live. While serving in the U.S. Navy, I visited many places where that was not the case. In some countries, it was strongly recommended that we remove our crucifixes' and any other identifying symbols of our Christianity prior to departing the ship on liberty, leaving the ship in foreign ports of call. In two countries visited, the Holy Bible was illegal to have in your possession. Can you imagine the possibility of being thrown in jail for worshipping our Lord? These experiences have given me the unique opportunity to share with my Emmaus Brothers and Sisters. It is very easy for my sinful nature to justify not attending Church on Sundays-coming up with every excuse in the book. My Naval experiences, Christian education (usually from the school of hard knocks) & maybe His Wisdom have taught me the importance of coming together for weekly Worship Services. Furthermore, His Forth Commandment instructs us about keeping the Sabbath Day Holy! The NLT Dictionary defines worship as the reverent devotion and allegiance pledged to God. Jesus demonstrated the importance of regular attendance of Worship Services. During His Ministry, the first stop as He traveled was often to the local Synagogue. If Jesus, the perfect Son of God, attended Worship Services every week; how much more important is it that we, sinners save by His Grace, attend. I pray that we make every effort to participate in weekly Worship Services as an essential part of our Christian life. To God be the Glory!

De Colores,

Gary Henkel

Community LD

Summer is here! Can you believe that this year is nearly half way over?

On June 21st, we will celebrate Father's Day. I want to pay a special remembrance to my daddy. He went home to be with the Lord in 2006. However, he lived a very full and blessed life. The only thing that he loved better than his family was Jesus. My daddy gave his heart to Jesus when he was only 17 years old and He made a radical difference in his life.

I know sometimes he would embarrass me to death because there seemed to be no end to him wanting to witness to strangers. It didn't matter if he was in the doctor's office, on the bank fishing, or at a ball game – daddy couldn't help himself from starting up a conversation about the Lord and how much He had blessed him. He was forever talking about God's protection of him when he fought combat in World War II. He knew deep down in his heart that the only reason he made it home was because of God's protective hand.

As much as I loved my daddy (and I celebrate him)... I want to encourage us to celebrate our Heavenly Father. We should celebrate Him every day... but I hope that as we approach the Father's Day weekend, that you will take time to reflect on just how much your Heavenly Father means to you. What better time would there be to renew your commitment to Him and commit yourself to living a life of Piety, Study, and Action. (Remember those talks?)

Piety, Study, and Action is what we are all called to and as we celebrate the Heavenly Father, may we commit ourselves anew to those priorities in our life. That would be the greatest gift we could ever give to the Father above.

DeColores,

Donna Lucas
Community Spiritual Director

Gatherings 2015

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

December – No Gathering; Board Christmas Dinner @ TBA

Hello, my name is Marsi Arcaro. I went on Northwest Georgia Women's Walk to Emmaus #17 and sat at the table of Ruth. The walk has been an important part of my faith journey. I did not grow up a Christian and had started going to church just a few years before I made my walk. It was there that, thanks to Donna Lucas, I came to understand salvation. It made such an impact on me that I strongly encouraged my husband to go on a walk before I would marry him! (He did and is still actively involved 15 years later!) If you have not yet, I strongly encourage you to join a reunion group and work a walk. This will only enhance your experience. I am serving my 3rd year on your board. This is my 2nd year as Team Selection chair for the women. Along with my committee, we have the important job of helping the Lay Director put her team together. If you have not signed up to work the next set of walks, it's not too late. You can sign up at a Gathering or contact me directly. I am excited about the direction our community is going in. I pray you will continue to support us with your prayers and participation.

DeColores!

Marsi Arcaro

You are Invited to An Emmaus Reunion

*Come Join Us in a Celebration
of Our Heavenly Father*

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Place: Acworth Beach

Pavilion #1, Cauble Park

Acworth, Georgia

(2 blocks behind Acworth UMC)

First 20 cars can enter the park free.

**We suggest parking at AUMC to carpool
in.**

For further information, call:

Flora at (770) 529-5451

or Visit our Website, WGWTE.com



11:00 am – 2:30 pm – swimming, fishing, playground and fellowship

**12:00 – 2:00 pm – Food. The Emmaus Board is providing Hot Dogs,
Chips, & Drinks. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.**

2:30 pm – Praise and worship

**Come, bring your family and join your brothers and
sisters for fellowship, laughs, and fun in the sun.**

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