

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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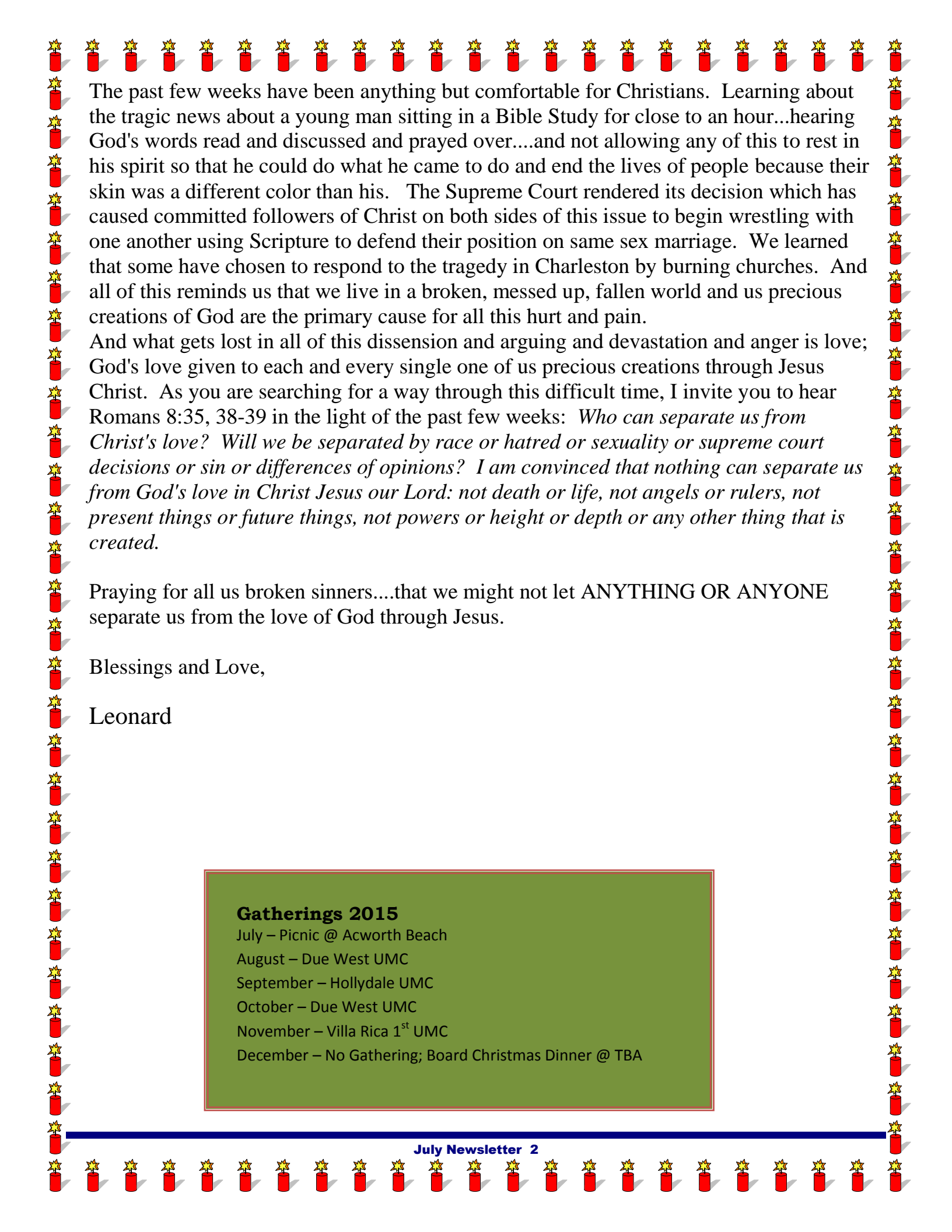


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I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July Holiday. This is the time of the year for family gatherings. I can already smell the barbeque grills firing up-yum yum. Many of us will be loading up our cars and heading off for vacations and as my wife says, "building memories." Families are a very important aspect in our lives. I would argue that our brothers and sisters in Christ should be equally important if not more. Jesus, when told that his mother and brother had arrived and wanted to talk to Him, in Matt 48-50 said: "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then He pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister and mother." I believe that Jesus was telling us that our spiritual family is at least as important if not more important than our own families. After all, we will be with our brothers and sisters in Christ for eternity. Obviously, we cannot neglect the responsibilities we have to our earthly families. We should instead acknowledge that our spiritual relationships need the same love, kindness and patience demonstrated in our own families. I truly believe that our love of God can be measured by how we treat others. After all, Jesus instructed us to love our enemies. Jesus provided us with one additional commandment in John 13:34 when he said: "Love each other, just as I loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." Love is the greatest, best of all! Paul elaborates in 1 Cor. 13 and we should all read these verses anytime we have negative or selfish feelings. Our Emmaus community must strive to have love at the center of everything we do. When centered in His Love, we will attract more people to Him, building up His Kingdom and that's what it's all about.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite all my Emmaus brothers and sisters to the Board sponsored family picnic at Acworth Beach, pavilion #1, on Saturday, July 18 @ 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Bring your bathing suits and appetites. Come and love on each other sharing the joy each one of us has in Christ. To God be the Glory.

Gary Henkel, Community LD



The past few weeks have been anything but comfortable for Christians. Learning about the tragic news about a young man sitting in a Bible Study for close to an hour...hearing God's words read and discussed and prayed over....and not allowing any of this to rest in his spirit so that he could do what he came to do and end the lives of people because their skin was a different color than his. The Supreme Court rendered its decision which has caused committed followers of Christ on both sides of this issue to begin wrestling with one another using Scripture to defend their position on same sex marriage. We learned that some have chosen to respond to the tragedy in Charleston by burning churches. And all of this reminds us that we live in a broken, messed up, fallen world and us precious creations of God are the primary cause for all this hurt and pain.

And what gets lost in all of this dissension and arguing and devastation and anger is love; God's love given to each and every single one of us precious creations through Jesus Christ. As you are searching for a way through this difficult time, I invite you to hear Romans 8:35, 38-39 in the light of the past few weeks: *Who can separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by race or hatred or sexuality or supreme court decisions or sin or differences of opinions? I am convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth or any other thing that is created.*

Praying for all us broken sinners....that we might not let ANYTHING OR ANYONE separate us from the love of God through Jesus.

Blessings and Love,

Leonard

Gatherings 2015

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 Lori Haney. I attended NWGWTE #8 where I sat at the table of Miriam. My Emmaus experience started more than 21 years ago. This was a time of transition as I had left my job to start a new one. Who knew that the Emmaus Family would become my family? Support, comfort, fellowship) are just a few of the benefits.

God has given me many weekends to work at Emmaus, mission trips and the like. My eyes have seen places to serve that were not even on my mind.

As the Education Chairperson for your Emmaus Board I can put the "A" from my intro to Education class in college to good use. Each of us can learn new things even when we are older. The Upper Room has provided a great model for us to follow. We just need to use it. We are each given a chance to read the manual when working a weekend but many of us pass up this opportunity. Pray for guidance as you are asked to work that knowledge will be revealed to you. It can only help to better know your responsibility to the team and the pilgrims.

When you agree to work an Emmaus weekend you are signing up to attend team meetings, pray, fellowship, plan, and focus on your area of service for and to God's glory. This is not a time to take for you but for you to take to serve God and serve the Pilgrims.

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Lori Haney
Education Chair



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, NWGWTE.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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