

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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**North West Georgia Walk to Emmaus** - For the Development of Christian Leaders: [www.nwgte.com](http://www.nwgte.com)

Is there anyone among us who does not like receiving a gift? There are many occasions where getting a gift is totally appropriate: birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations and Christmas to name a few. I can remember as a child watching the clock leading up to my birthday party. Also, I recall many restless Christmas Eve's anticipating the arrival of all the wrapped gifts that would be opened in the morning. As I grew in my faith, I realized that Jesus gave us the greatest gift, the gift of salvation, dying on the cross for our sins. After His death, resurrection and ascension God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to be with us. The Holy Spirit equips us to further His kingdom here on earth. I believe that the Holy Spirit led Greg, my friend, to sponsor me on the Walk to Emmaus. That gift changed my life; the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to His love. It facilitated a new and exciting way to live my life. Not thinking so much about myself; rather, learning to love and care for others. I now share my faith and minister to others whenever given the opportunity. Wow, what a huge change, for the better, in my life. I hardly recognized the person I use to be!

Now, I enjoy giving gifts even more than getting them. One of those gifts is the Walk to Emmaus. I have sponsored many of my friends, paying forward the gift that was given to me. Each person I have sponsored has commented on what a blessing the Walk to Emmaus was for them. With the next set of walks beginning at the end of September I would respectfully ask my brothers and sisters in Christ to consider who that can bless with the gift of the Walk to Emmaus. For more information on the upcoming walks and or to download an application, please visit our web site @ [nwgte.com](http://nwgte.com). To God Be The Glory!

Gary Henkel, Comm. L/D

I received a note from a dear friend who said she had been praying for me and God had given her something she needed to share. In her note she shared, "Pastor, I need you to know that you cannot help (heal) everyone." All of us know that there are people in our lives whom we pray for, whom we try our best to love and care for and yet they still seem to choose the path that leads to a life filled with disappointment, heartache, pain and sometimes far worse. And we want to help them. We want to heal them. We want to fix them. And yet, while we have a role to play, God is the only one who can truly help us. Jesus is the only one who can truly heal us. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can give someone the power to change their life. It does not mean that we stop trying to help, heal and fix, but we remember what our role is. Sometimes we are the ones throwing out seeds...sometimes we are the ones watering the seeds....sometimes we are the ones who get to harvest. And in my experience, it is rare that we get to be a part of all three. Remember our roles as followers of Christ and continue to rely on the great healer to heal our broken world and never give up on His work in our lives and the lives of those we are hurting for.

Blessings and love,

Leonard

Matthew 4:26-29

Lord, keep me  
in the spirit  
of prayer.



## A Word About Elections

I would like to ask my Emmaus brothers and sisters to consider serving on the NWGWTE Board. Each year 1/3 of the board rolls off-6 people, 3 women and 3 men. To be considered you must be active in a Fourth Day Community, have worked at least 3 teams, one of which must be with NWGWTE. Other requirements include:

1. Agree to uphold the Emmaus model and attend board meetings-usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month
2. Agree to serve 3 years
3. Agree to serve as a committee head: Agape, team selection, follow-up, gatherings, etc.
4. Agree to participate in Emmaus activities: send off, candlelight, closing, gatherings, etc.
5. Attend and be active in a church.

The NWGWTE Board is a working board and the off going board members are the nominating committee. Candidate names must be listed, for the community, in the October Newsletter and the election is held during the October Gathering. If you love our community and are willing to serve or know someone interested in serving, please contact the nominating committee: Bruce Straw (head), Marsi Arcaro, Flora Lowe-Rockett, Brenda Crump, Marge Griffin, and Gordon Norman. Their phone numbers are listed on the last page of this Newsletter or on our website @ [nwgwte.com](http://nwgwte.com)

Your brother in Christ,

Gary Henkel, Board Chairman

### **Gatherings 2015**

August – Due West UMC

September – Hollydale UMC

October – Due West UMC

November – Villa Rica 1<sup>st</sup> UMC

December – No Gathering; Board Christmas Dinner @ TBA



## 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.

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Sponsorship Chair



## A Word from our Registrar

I attended Northwest Georgia Women's Walk #46 where I sat at the table of Esther. I worship God wherever I am but I call Acworth United Methodist Church my home church. I am at the end of my 3-year term on the Community Board. I am currently the Community Registrar.

As the registrar it is my responsible to register the pilgrims for all upcoming Walks for the men and women; receive them at send-off; give information to the various teams participating in a Walk; and prepare the final roster for the Walks and print copies for all attendees (pilgrims and team members) for the weekend. I also prepare sign-in sheets for attendees at Gatherings and Follow-ups and sign-in sheets for members wishing to work a Walk and then forwarding the names of the signees to the respective Team Selection Chair.

This is a very rewarding position. I love it and if I did not have to roll off the Board I would gladly continue in this role. If anyone is interesting in talking to me about the position please feel free to contact me. I suggest forming a Registration Committee. If this does come to pass, please count me as a committee member to work with the Registrar.

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