

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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

Why is service so important to the Christian way of life? Until attending the Walk to Emmaus, I was often the last person to arrive and the first person to leave worship services and other activities. I continually tried to see what I could get out of anything that I expended my time and energy in doing. I was pretty self-centered thinking only about myself and sometimes my family. The Walk to Emmaus has demonstrated to me the importance of service and the blessings that come from serving others. Jesus taught that service is paramount for people that call themselves Christians when He said in Matthew 20: 26-28 "...Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many." Talking about turning the way I thought upside down; instead of using people for my betterment, I am now learning how to serve them. I have often heard the phrase of having a servant's heart and the Walk to Emmaus continues to show me how to become that faithful servant.

As the NWGWTE Community Lay Director and Board Chairman I would like to ask my brothers and sisters in Christ if you would like to be used in service to God by serving on our Communities' Board. Please don't wait to be asked! We have a real need for people to serve. Many may not know what is done when we meet 10 times a year for two hours. The elected positions that make up your Board are as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The committees that are Chaired by your Board Members consist of the following: Agape, Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour, Communication, Facility Setup/Take Down, Follow-up, Gatherings, Group Reunions, 2 King's Retreat Board Reps, Kitchen, Literature/Supplies, Music/Entertainment, Registration, Sponsorship, Team Selection and lastly Training. We are currently seeking 6 people, 3 men and 3 women to serve a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2016. If my talking about this is making you uncomfortable, it might mean that the Holy Spirit is urging you to serve on the Board as well. This is our community and we all want it to be the best it can, for the Glory of God. Please let me know of your willingness to serve; I can be reached on my cell @ 404-702-2799 or email @ [gthenkel3@gmail.com](mailto:gthenkel3@gmail.com). The Election will be held at October's Gathering at Due West UMC on October 17, 2015. Please be in prayer about serving on you NWGWTE Board.

Humbly, Gary Henkel

"He tends his flock like a shepherd;  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
And carries them close to his heart;  
He gently leads those that have young." - ISAIAH 40:11

I've sung this scripture time and time again as a part of Handel's Messiah. I always loved the words and the assurance that the Shepherd was carrying me close to his heart.

These words are for each of us today. Jesus is looking after you daily. He gives his angels charge over you to protect you and keep you from harm. When you feel all alone and as if you have lost all hope, he gathers you in his arms and carries you close to his heart. What can be better than being hugged by Jesus?

As an Emmaus community, we always pray that we will be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let me encourage you to not only be his hands - but be his arms. There is someone that you know that needs a hug. Someone needs to be held close. Be Jesus for them and hold them close.

Thanking God for the Gentle Shepherd,  
Donna Lucas  
Community Spiritual



### 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

## 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 whom 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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### Gatherings 2015

September – Hollydale UMC

October – Due West UMC

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

December – No Gathering; Board Christmas Dinner @ TBA

## A Word from our Kitchen Chair

Hello, my name is Brenda Crump. I attended NWGWTE #16 where I sat at the Table of Elizabeth. I have been blessed to work many walks both here at home and Jamaica. Recently I have had the opportunity to be an Emmaus Board Member and for the last two years served as Board Kitchen Chair.

As Board Kitchen Chair I work with both the Men and Women's Head Kitchen Team members to help with the menu for both Walks. Once the menu has been finalized, the menu is broken down as to ingredients and amounts, for each food item for both Pilgrims and team, then ordered for both the weekends. When the weekend is over, an inventory in the Kitchen Pantry is done to see what food items and paper goods are needed for the next walks. If you have ever thought about serving on the board just ask any of the current Board Members. There are many areas to serve It is a 3 year commitment and you must be able to attend the Board meeting each month, as well as the monthly gatherings.

It has been an honor and blessing to serve these 3 years and to work with a Godly group of men and women.

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Our Walks are almost upon us. It's time to finish up that agape you've been planning. Remember how touched and moved you were by those tiny treasures you receive on your Walk? We want both the Men and Women to be just as blessed. There are many ways you can provide those little tokens of God's unconditional love. These items don't have to be large or expensive. Consider maybe something you've received in the past that you particularly enjoyed or were touched or blessed by. I did a Google search for Walk to Emmaus agape ideas and found a lot of great suggestions. Most of them would be very inexpensive. If you would like to provide table agape for the conference room only, you would need to provide 65 items. If you want to include the outside team, that count can be a little more difficult to provide because our team sizes can vary. You should be able to cover everyone with about 120 pieces. All leftover agape will be recycled or, if you want it returned to you, leave a note on it for the agape team with contact information. Remember these items should not contain individual's names.

Maybe you'd like to consider other forms of agape. Here are a few ideas. Kitchen agape is the cakes, cookies, and especially brownies that are shared at meal time. We all look forward to those little bites of sweetness at the end of each meal. We are also looking for books for the book table. These can either be new books or gently/slightly used books. If you have read a book that was particularly meaningful to you, consider making a gift of this book to someone else. Letter or wall agape is another way to help demonstrate God's love. You or your reunion group could compose a letter to our pilgrims letting them know you and your reunion group's thoughts and prayers are with them. Also, if someone from your church is a pilgrim on the Walk, sending them a personal agape letter is a big, big blessing for them.

Last, but most important, you can provide prayer agape. We still have open spaces on our prayer chart. Please consider filling in one of these empty slots. We want every slot on that chart to be filled when it is shown to the pilgrims. I remember how blown away I was to realize that people were getting up in the middle of the night to pray for me.

There are many ways you can provide agape to demonstrate God's unconditional love for our pilgrims and those who are working on the Walks. Your participation is very important. This community needs the support of each and every member. Please consider providing one or more kinds of agape for both the men's and women's Walks. God bless you for your support and faithfulness to our community, our Walks, our pilgrims, and our team members. If you would like to provide agape for our upcoming Walks but know you won't be able to get it to the Camp, please just give me a call and I will arrange to have it picked up. Thank you for your support!

DeColores,  
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