

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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

**“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matt 22: 37-40**

Seldom have I seen these two principles practiced, like they are demonstrated at the King’s Retreat, and this last set of walks was no exception. The servants, at the walk, demonstrated the love of God to each other and to the pilgrims that attended. Where else do people pay good money to work in anonymity for the Glory of God? Wow, it always blows me away and restores my faith. It never ceases to amaze me the impact it has on me, the team, and especially for the Pilgrims.

I believe that the challenge is to continue demonstrating these commandments after we leave the Camp. Often, I focus on what I shouldn’t think, say or do. Instead of putting God first and showing His love to others in everything that I do. I will continue serving on future walks as it gives me a good template of how to live my life, building up God’s kingdom. I am so grateful to be a part of this thing we call the Walk to Emmaus.

I would like to personally thank the NWGWTE community for providing the pilgrims to make the Spring Walks take place. Sponsors, please ensure your new community members attend the Follow-up Gathering on March 19 at Powder Spring UMC. As a reminder, we Graze at 6:00 P.M. and Praise at 7:00 P.M. Directions to the church can be found on web site @ NWGWTE.COM. The information for the walk participants and sponsor will begin around 6:30 P.M. To God be the Glory!

Blessings,

Gary Henkel,  
Community L/D



## A Word from our Community Spiritual Leader

In the story of Jesus feeding thousands on the hillside, Philip and Andrew are being realistic (John 6:1-14). When Jesus asks Philip where they should go to buy bread for all these folks, Philip's reply is honest: "six months of wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." Then Andrew brings a boy with five loaves and two fish, but also honestly states: "but what are they among so many people?" Our food pantry had all but died about two years ago....there are lots of factors behind this, but the truth was that I was getting stretched really thin and just did not have the passion for continuing to be the coordinator for this....the demand seemed to be really low anyways so maybe, I thought, it was just time to let it die. Certainly nothing wrong with allowing a ministry that was once thriving to have its day and then to let it go when it seems as if it might no longer be needed.....but the reality was that it was still very much needed, I just did not have the right attitude for it any longer...I was like Philip and Andrew, just being real. But Jesus invites us to think in "God terms" not in our limitations. For one day, Susan came and she was passionate about taking this over and before you knew it she had signed us up with the Atlanta Food Bank and had volunteers starting to get excited about serving in this ministry and most important, people started using the food pantry way more than we had ever served. Many times we place limits on what God can do because we are just being real about our lack of enthusiasm and not having the same passion for serving...and this ok as we all go through seasons, but we need to be open to how God might bring others in and allow us to step back and watch them thrive in ways that we thought would never happen. Emmaus is all about progressive servanthood... allowing others in and watching them grow and stretch and sometimes stumble, but mostly thrive...maybe this model should be one that we follow in all our ministries!

Blessings and praying for you all,

Leonard

Dear Community Member,

*Thank you and God bless you.*

We appealed to you for agape for our Men's and Women's Walks and you graciously and generously responded. I know the Pilgrims and team were blessed because many of them told me how much your prayers, presence, and presents meant to them.

Thank you.

Donna Parrish  
Agape Chair

Highlights of the February Gathering. The February Gathering was combined with the Men's Candlelight.

If you would like to host a Gathering at your church, please contact Gay Lynn Toth, 470-334-6786, 678-567-1175, or [mwesician35@gmail.com](mailto:mwesician35@gmail.com).

**Gatherings 2016**

March 19th – Powder Springs 1<sup>st</sup> UMC

April 16 – TBA

May 21 – TBA

June 18 - TBA

## A WORD FROM OUR FRIENDS IN JAMAICA

Dear NW Georgia Community,

Plans for the Women's Walk are well underway and we are almost ready for April. The Men's Walk has unfortunately been postponed as the Men are not prepared. Once the Women's Walk is over, we can lend them more support in planning. The proposed new date for the Men's Walk is June 2016 but that is to be confirmed. I will keep you posted. We will still appreciate any assistance you can give.

**LaToya Wilmot-Brown**  
Secretary/Information Officer

We pray that your Walks will be successful and that the Lord will continue to strengthen and guide you on your Fourth days.

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*If you are interested in serving on this Jamaica walk, contact LaToya at [ja.emmaus.community@gmail.com](mailto:ja.emmaus.community@gmail.com). Our community played a major role in getting the Jamaican Community established. I know we want to continue to support them. You will be blessed big time!!!*



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