

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Jesus said to his disciples: **“You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. 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.”** Matt 20: 25-28

My heart is saddened as our Community Spiritual, Leonard Akers, has been reassigned to a new church. He showed me what it means to have a servant’s heart and serve all. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Leonard for teaching me how to error on the side of Grace; whenever I sought his counsel, he helped maintain a commitment to Jesus while addressing whatever trial was at my door. Thank you on behalf of the NWGWTE Community for your commitment and service. You will truly be missed.

Looking forward, I’m excited about our new Community Spiritual, Donna Lucas, I have worked with Donna before and I am blessed to again. She has a real heart for our Emmaus Community. We are looking forward to serving together and furthering God’s Kingdom through this blessing we call Emmaus.

Last year we updated our policies and bylaws increasing our board clergy from two to three. I am happy to announce that we now have all positions filled; Tom Bowen recently assigned to Chapel Hills UMC in Rome, GA has agreed to serve. I have worked with Tom on several Walks and I am thrilled having him serve on our board. Sonny Moon continues to serve faithfully as our third board clergy, a blessing to all.

Finally, please mark your calendars and attend the Gathering June 18th at Three Rivers Church, 2332 Kingston Hwy N.E. Rome, GA 30161. We Graze at 6:00PM and Praise at 7:00PM. We have an opportunity to invite some old friends to take a fresh look at our community. If you can, please reach out and invite someone you know. Otherwise, call your friends and families, form carpools, let’s have a good showing. Look forward to seeing you there. To God be the Glory!

Gary Henkel, Community L/D



A Word from our Community Spiritual Leader

It is the summer of change for the Akers family. We found out that after nine years at Hollydale we have been appointed to serve Liberty Hill in Canton. So we have to do the impossible and say goodbye to our Hollydale family and get to know our Liberty Hill family all within about six weeks! Also, we have decided to move to Canton so we have to get our house ready to sell and find a place to live in Canton..all before July 15th so we can get the kids registered in their new schools. AND we are sending our oldest daughter off to college at Arizona State in August!! I would love to tell you that I have handled all this change with grace, but that would a lie.... When I am having a moment, I wish I would remember how God has shown up in my life in powerful ways during seasons of great change. I wish I would remember that many times I have felt God's presence most powerfully when things are all shaken up... I wish I would remember that God uses change in our lives to remind us of what matters most...that sometimes when I am most comfortable, God seems to be far away.

It is also with mixed emotions that I want to let you know that I am stepping back from my position on the board. But I want to let you know that I am truly excited to let you know that you will be well cared for as Donna Lucas, Sonny Moon and Tom Bowen will be serving as your Community Spiritual directors!! What an amazing team that God has provided!! I hope to see you all soon at gatherings or walks and I covet your prayers for our family during this summer!!

Blessings and love,
Leonard

Isaiah 43: 1-3a

Gatherings 2016

June 18 – Three Rivers Church

July – TBA

August 20 – Old Camp

September 17 – Hiram 1st UMC

October 15 – **Union** Campground

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