

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group. **“Don’t stop him!”** Jesus said. **“No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.”**

Mark 9:38-41

People often ask me why I continue to serve with the Walk to Emmaus. I truly believe that I have been and continue to be rewarded for my commitment to making disciples through this movement. About 10 years ago, during the housing collapse I was employed as a manager at a brick plant. With two kids in college and my wife in seminary things looked bleak for continued employment. I witnessed the permanent closure of two plants in Atlanta with more than 200 employees losing their jobs. Ultimately, I was the only production employee who was transferred to a new automated brick plant in Rome, GA. Defying explanation, I was a junior manager with minimal computer and no robotic experience. I can tell you that during this period, I continued to be faithful to Emmaus: Sponsoring pilgrims, serving on teams and serving on our Board of Directors. Looking back, I truly believe I was rewarded by God for my efforts building up His Kingdom.

With the next set of Walks approaching, Men’s Sept 29-Oct 2, Women’s Oct 6-9, there are many things we as a community can do to prepare. First, we can pray that our pilgrims and the team members will grow in their faith. Also, we can demonstrate Agape Love by writing letters, attending Send Off/Closing, and especially participating in Candlelight. Next, we can provide agape from your church and/or your reunion group to give out during the weekends.

Prayerfully consider sponsoring someone that you want to give the blessing of meeting Jesus during this thing we call The Walk to Emmaus; Pilgrim applications are downloadable at our website @ nwgwte.com. Lastly, it is not too late for you to serve on a team. Both the men and women are starting their team meetings on August 13 at Acworth UMC @ 8:30 AM. If interested in serving, contact our Lay Directors: (continued) Stanley Halbrooks at 404-456-8043 or Debbie Daniel at 404-259-9004. We have room for more servants on

the upcoming Walks; Come to receive a double blessing! Thank you in advance for your commitment and sacrifices.

I am excited about our upcoming Fall Walks. As a reminder, this month's Gathering will be at Old Camp UMC, Saturday Aug. 20. We Graze at 6:00 and Praise at 7:00. Please come to Praise Him and share in His Love. I look forward to seeing everyone there. To God Be the Glory!

Gary Henkel, Comm. L/D



A Word from our Community Spiritual Leader

Wants or Needs?

Luke 2:6-16

From his book titled **"When God Redefines the Possible"** comes the following story by John Ed Mathison, former United Methodist Elder from Alabama.

One of the big debates in business and church circles is whether or not we need to give people what they want or what they need. It is obvious that often times what people need is not what they want.

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, had an interesting opinion about giving consumers what they want. He was never driven by the sort of thinking about giving people what they want because he assumed that consumers either didn't know what they really wanted or he thought that by the time he figured out how to give it to them they would have moved on to wanting something else anyway.

Instead of giving people what they wanted Steve Jobs showed them what was possible. Then he used a strong marketing campaign to convince them that was what they wanted.

Jobs brought into our homes the iPod, iPhone, iPad, and the first mouse. Very few people even had an idea of the possibilities of what he presented in technology.

Jobs was a lot like Thomas Edison in that he did not seek a lot of focus groups and market research to determine how his devices should be crafted. He understood the fact that most people didn't (continued)

know what they wanted “because they had no frame of reference for an iPhone that delivered a small miracle as it fit into the palm of a hand.

Jobs always had a value of being proactive rather than reactive. Simply trying to give consumers what they want creates an endless chain of reactions. Being proactive allowed him to help people see the possibilities of what could be.

I was at first skeptical of the iPhone. I didn't see how anything that small could contain so much information. I figured it was just going to be an expensive toy that a lot of people with an advanced knowledge of technology would buy. I was right about the expensive part.

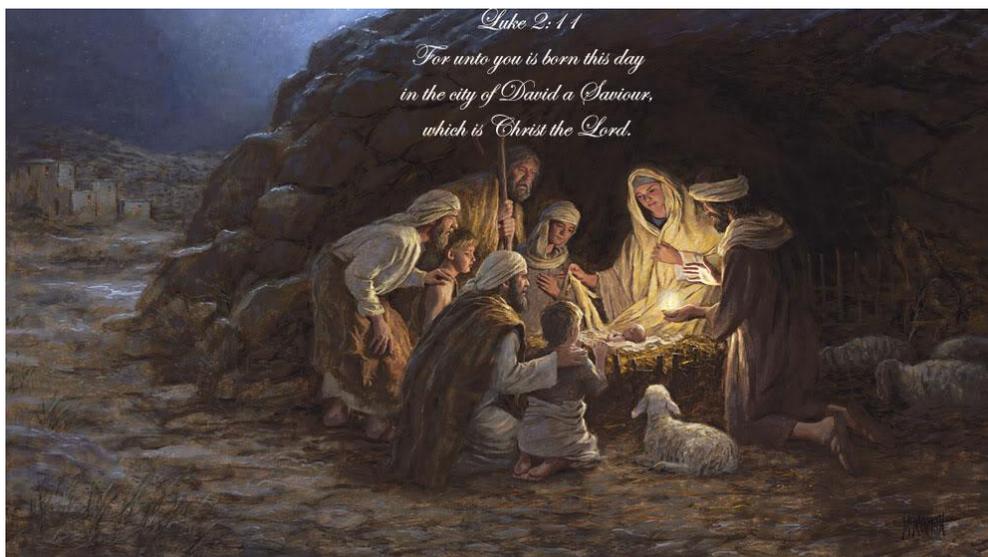
Jesus was always giving people what they needed, not what they wanted. They wanted someone who would come and take their side and deliver them to a better life. He didn't come to take sides-He came to take over! He came to talk about discipleship and commitment and a willingness to serve. He came not to be a super hero who would make everybody rich but rather a Savior who could offer a new life to every person who would follow Him.

Someone has said that if a man's greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator, if a man's greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist; if a man's greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist; if a man's greatest need had been pleasure; God would have sent an entertainer. But man's greatest need was forgiveness so God sent a Savior.

Luke 2:11 reads, “Unto you is born this day your Savior who is Christ the Lord.”

Blessing,

Pastor Sonny Moon



If your church would like to host a Gathering, contact Gay Lynn Toth – mewsician35@gmail.com, 678-567-1175 (home), 470-334-6786 (cell). Gay Lynn will help you make your Gathering a success and awesome experience for your church and our Community.

Gatherings 2016

August 20 – Old Camp

September 17 – Hiram 1st UMC

October 15 – **Union** Campground

November 19 -- TBA

A WORD FROM OUR CHRYSALIS REP

My Board Rep job is the kitchen (the pantry is the same for each walk) but I also work with the NGAWTE Chrysalis/YAC (young adult Chrysalis) weekends.

I get fired up and energized in my walk to work with youth in our community every time I work. Consider volunteering for one of these weekends it is great fun.

Any youth who has completed 9th grade thru college can go. The next set of weekends will be December 29-January 1st girls, the boys weekend is MLK.

News from Chrysalis/ YAC NGAWTE had 2 caterpillars this summer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about sponsoring youth.

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Keeping our Community strong and relevant!!

