

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Anyone who wants to be my disciple must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. John 12: 26

With the next set of Walks approaching, Men's Sept 29-Oct 2, Women's Oct 6-9, there are many things we can do to serve Him. 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, face to face; Pilgrim applications are downloadable at our website @ nwgwte.com. Lastly, it is not too late for you to serve on a team. If interested in serving, contact our Lay Directors: Stanley Halbrook at 404-456-8043 or Debbie Daniel at 404-259-9004.

As the NWGWTE Community Lay Director and Board Chairman I would like to ask my brothers and sisters in Christ to serve on our NWGWTE Board. Please don't wait to be asked! We have a real need for community members to step forward. 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, Training and Chrysalis Rep. We are currently seeking 6 people, 3 men and 3 women to serve a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2017. If my writing about this makes you feel uncomfortable, it may be that the Holy Spirit is urging you to serve on our Board. This is our community and we all want it to be the best in all Christendom, come and serve for the Glory of God. If any of these important positions interest you and/or you would like to have a say in the direction our community is heading, please let me know of your intention of getting on the ballot to become a NWGWTE Board Member; I can be reached on my cell @ 404-702-2799 or emailed @ gthenkel3@gmail.com. The Election will be held at October's Gathering at Union Camp Meeting in Waco, GA on October 15, 2016. Please be in prayer about serving on your NWGWTE Board.

Lastly, please come to the next Gathering on September 17 at Hiram UMC. Join us in building excitement and momentum for the upcoming Fall Walks. We Graze at 6:00 PM and Praise at 7:00 PM. Child care is provided and we are normally done before 9:00 PM.

YBIC,

Gary Henkel,
Community Lay Director



A Word from our Community Spiritual Leader

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work . And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." - Genesis 2:2-3

The first Monday in September we celebrate Labor Day. It is a day that most of us (unless we are in the medical, police, or fire department) have off of work to celebrate our work. **Labor Day**, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the **labor** movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

God has said in His Word that it is right for us to work six days, as He gave the example Himself in the creation of the world. However, on the seventh day - He rested. We need to be purposeful in making sure that we keep the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. It is Biblical to take a day off work, especially on the seventh day.

Allow God to refresh your spirit during your Sabbath rest. Spend time with Him - worship Him, study His Word and allow Him to strengthen you for your next week.

You will be better for it!

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Rev. Donna T. Lucas
Community Spiritual Director

Our thanks to Old Camp UMC for sponsoring our August Gathering. We were treated to some wonderful music by the Old Camp Praise Band. There was a very moving lay on of hands for Steve Standridge. We hear about many prayer needs for members of our community. The Fourth Day speaker was Lisa Tribble. Lisa attended Northwest Georgia women's Walk #57 and sat at the Table of Esther. Lisa's talk was very moving and inspirational with a wonderful touch of humor. The clergy response was by Linda Hessel.

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

September 17 – Hiram 1st UMC

October 15 – Union Campground

November 19 -- TBA

A Word About Elections

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 3rd 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 September newsletter and the election is held during the October Gathering. We currently do not have names of any nominees. Any names we receive between now and the publication of the October newsletter will be published in next month's newsletter. If you love our community and are willing to serve or know someone interested in serving, please contact the nominating committee: Toni Cox (Chair), Gary Henkle, Donna Parrish, Ed Beacham, Mike Amsbaugh, and Gary Hulsey. Their phone numbers are listed on the last page of this newsletter or on our website @ nwgwte.com.

2016 Board Members

Gary Henkel- Chair, gthenkel3@gmail.com, 404-702-2799 (cell)

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Consider serving on your Northwest Emmaus working board. Call any Board member for more information.
Keeping our Community strong and relevant!!

