

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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**My brothers and sisters in Christ,**

**John 7:38** says, *“He who believes in me as the scripture said, ‘from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”*

Emmaus community, I am so excited to share some things that are happening in our community. Things that I believe will unite us and grow us stronger as a community. Let me try to explain my excitement. Have you ever witnessed someone come to know Christ for the first time or witnessed them knowing Christ in a whole new way? Watching pilgrims and even team members transform on a weekend is amazing. Then, you have the after a weekend results. There are those who are filled with love from their innermost being, the excitement is unexplainable. However, it is a blessing to be a part of this transformation and to be used by Christ for His glory.

Then Men’s Walk #56 will begin March 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 5<sup>th</sup>, and Women’s Walk #59 will begin March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims as well as the team members of both of these walks. I hope to see you at Candlelight on March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Help us to show the pilgrims of these walks how much we love them by participating in Candlelight.


Let’s share some things about the recent decisions that our board has made that I believe will help our community. My prayer is that many will feel the excitement the board is feeling as well.

First, an area that we have heard is lacking in our community is communication. The board is implementing a program called IMS – Information Management Systems. We will begin the processing of updating the information we currently have and once fully implemented you will be able to update your information online. What this means is that you will no longer have to fill out a form telling us what positions you have worked. I can hear all of you shouting, “Yahoo!!!” How will this help our community? Currently the information we have on the community members is not accurate. This is the reason some people are not called, it is not because you have not been it is because the information is not up to date in most cases. Team selection will use this in helping the Lay Directors build their teams for upcoming walks. We hope it will help us be better connected with each of you. We have a new email address [nwgwte news@gmail.com](mailto:nwgwte news@gmail.com). You can send an email to this address and request prayers; once you do this, a prayer request will be sent out to all those on our email list. If you get the newsletter, you are on the list. If you know someone, who is not getting the newsletter and would like to if you let us know, we can add him or her to the list.

The board is evaluating our Bylaws and Policies to make sure there are no contradictions with the Upper Room Handbook. I want you to know that your board is unified and committed.

If you have a story to share, please let us know, or if you have ideas, or would like to help the board we have a place for you to serve. May you feel God moving in your innermost being so that you desire to sponsor someone to have an experience with God that will lead them to go back to their local churches and be the Leaders God has called them to be.

DeColores,  
Judi Rainey  
Community Lay Director

"I know the plans I have for you,"  
says the LORD.   
"They are plans for good and not for disaster,  
to give you a future and a hope."  
-Jeremiah 29:11

**BE**  
*Still*  
**& KNOW**  
**THAT I AM**  
*God.*  
Psalm 46:10

### Thoughts from our Community Spiritual Director

Let me be the first to welcome our new pilgrims into the Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus community! I'm so glad you made the decision to make this journey we know as Emmaus.

My husband and I went on our walks in March of 1995. For 22 years now, my life has been forever changed by this spiritual movement. I will tell you that the journey keeps getting better.

Maybe you, like me, found freedom at the foot of the cross. Dying Moments are life changing when we totally surrender our sin, grief, and pain to the One who bore our sin, grief, and pain on the cross.

I pray now that as you enter your Fourth Day that you will continue to be transformed into the image of the Savior. Let his sanctifying grace fill your heart and mind daily as you seek to serve him.

He really does love you this much. May God bless each one of you!

De Colores!

Rev. Donna T. Lucas

Community Spiritual Director

*Welcome to  
your 4<sup>th</sup> Day*

*The rest of your life with the Son as its center.*

# Board Spotlight

Hello! My name is Linda Wallace and I attended the Central Ohio Women's Walk to Emmaus #65 and sat at the table of Ruth. I am a new member of the board this year and will be working diligently at setting up our Gatherings for the year.

A little about myself: I have been married to my husband Terry for 30 years and we have 3 beautiful children. Todd is our oldest and he lives in Memphis, our daughter Tia lives here with us along with our youngest son Seth. Terry and I attend Acworth United Methodist Church.

I attended my Emmaus Walk in 2000 and since then have been active in Emmaus, Kairos, Ourside, and Epiphany Ministries. Every time we have moved, God has opened a door for us to work in ministry. I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve with all of you and have never felt so welcome. I look forward to serving on the board in this wonderful Emmaus community.

Blessings!  
Linda Wallace

You're  
Invited

Our March Gathering and Follow-Up  
will be held  
Saturday, March 18, 2017  
at District Line UMC  
3044 Morgan Road  
Temple, GA

We will meet and "Graze" at 6:00  
and "Praise" at 7:00. New pilgrims  
will have a Follow-Up meeting at  
6:30 to learn more about Emmaus.

New pilgrims don't need to worry  
about bringing a dish to share.  
Sponsors please make sure you help  
get your pilgrim there!!

Directions will be available on the  
website: [www.nwgwte.com](http://www.nwgwte.com).

## Gathering Hosts Needed

We are looking for churches that are  
willing to host Gatherings for the  
upcoming year! If you are interested, or  
would like more information, please  
contact Linda Wallace.

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## Communication Updates

There are several ways to communicate and stay in  
touch with your NWGWTE community:

- ✚ Visit our website [www.nwgwte.com](http://www.nwgwte.com) to find applications, upcoming walk information, Gathering directions, and other community info.
- ✚ Like us on Facebook:  
"Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus"
- ✚ Email us at [nwgteneews@gmail.com](mailto:nwgteneews@gmail.com) to share any prayer requests or contributions for the monthly newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you, and staying in  
touch in the future!

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