

# 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)

**My brothers and sisters in Christ,**

**Psalm 25: 4-5:** “Make me know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day.”

As we sit and be still listening to the direction from our Lord, He promises to always walk beside us. The board continues to pray about the direction we are to take and as we do, the Lord is sure to give us guidance and direction.

Exciting things are happening in our Emmaus Community. Here are a few things that either have happened or are happening:

- The Men’s Walk #56, Women’s Walk #59 has just completed, and we welcome all the new community members into our Emmaus family. The report that I heard most was that God showed up and showed out. New community, you have a much larger family now and we look forward to seeing you at the gatherings.
- We have an active Facebook page. Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus [https://www.facebook.com/NWGWTE/?ref=aymt\\_homepage\\_panel](https://www.facebook.com/NWGWTE/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel) On this page you can find information about the walks, gatherings, post prayer requests, and other information. Check it out.
- A new email address has been set up and a board member receives it for quicker communication turn around. If you have a praise or prayer request and you would like it to go to the entire community, send it to the email address and make that request. If you have another issue that you would like the board to address you can send it to the email address as well and we will respond. ([nwgewtenews@gmail.com](mailto:nwgewtenews@gmail.com))
- Next Gathering will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Acworth UMC in Acworth, GA. We changed the date from the third Saturday to the fourth because of the Easter weekend.
- Our fall walks are underway and being bathed in prayer. Please join us in praying for both walks, pilgrims, the team and the Lay Directors.
- Team selection Chair Phil Cole for Men’s Walk #57 August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, along with the Lay Director Gary Henkel, and the team selection committee will begin meeting to form the Men’s Walk. If you are interested in working, please do not hesitate to contact one of these two to let them know your interest in serving.
- Team Selection Chair Bonnie Standridge for Women’s Walk #60 August 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, along with the Lay Director Christine Standridge, and the team selection committee will begin meeting to form the Women’s Walk. If you are interested in working, please do not hesitate to contact one of these two to let them know your interest.
- The International Lay Director of The Walk to Emmaus Greg Engroff will be joining us on May 20<sup>th</sup> @ Acworth UMC. I pray that you will all mark your calendars and plan to attend the gathering with a meal starting at 6:00 and then praising at 7:00.

As the Chair, I pray asking God daily to show me His ways for NWGWTE, impart knowledge and wisdom into each of us Board members so that we are unified in building our community, as God would want us too. That He would teach us the path He would have us to go and that we would not only follow it but also do it joyfully. As with anything that I do in my life I want to walk in the truth of my Savior. Being still and listening for His voice as I walk in Faith knowing He is right beside us on this journey. He has a work for all of us, what has He called you to do? How can you serve NWGWTE? How can you become more active with the movement? Did it change your life? Have you been busy and stepped away for a while? We would love to hear from you and hear how things are going in your life? What is your fourth day story? We would love to see it written and shared in the Newsletter.

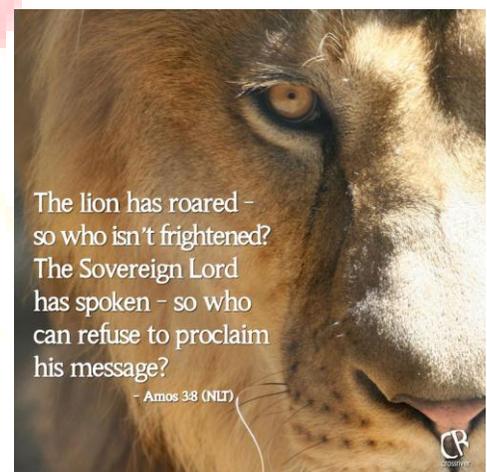
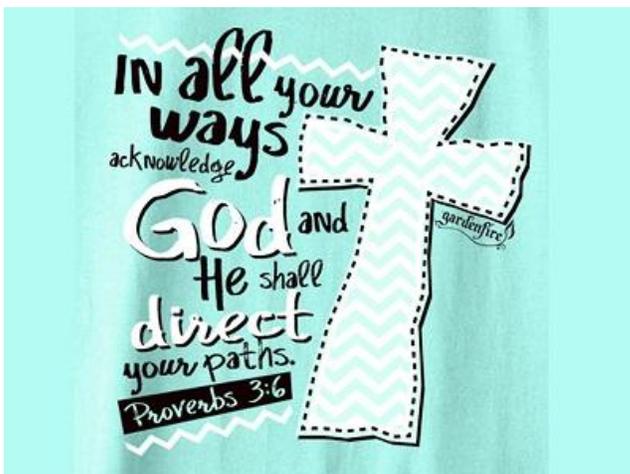
A young woman was having a very bad day, and was headed to King's Retreat. At this point, she did not want to come, but had made a commitment and was going to keep it. Tears pouring down her face, she said, "Sometimes I am not sure if God is even around." This was her first time working since her weekend, and Satan had been attacking her for weeks. However, when she walked into the doors at King's Retreat there was never a doubt after that God was all around her. The tears vanished and the biggest smile came over her face. You could see on her face how God was all around her.

My life was changed not by just going on the walk but by serving on walks as well. God used someone to ignite a spark within my heart that has grown over the years to a full-blown flame. Sign up to work a team, whether it is your first time or 70<sup>th</sup>! It is always a blessing, and you always make new friends. Many people have great leadership skills, they just do not believe they are worthy to be used by God. I used to be one of those people. God wants to use you to sponsor someone to ignite that spark within him or her. Give them and their church the gift of allowing them the opportunity to sit at Jesus feet for 72 hours. Then watch how God works in their fourth days.

Your action item: Pray about serving on the team, or it could be that He wants you to sponsor someone on this set of walks. Pray seeking His guidance and direction, asking Him to show you the path to take, asking Him whom He would want you to sponsor for this set of walks. Then wait knowing He will answer and be ready to act on the answer.

If you have questions/concerns/ideas/or just want to chat feel free to contact me at 678-416-9440.

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Judi Rainey  
Community Lay Director



## Thoughts from our Spiritual

The king of the jungle, the lion, has a roar that can be heard up to 5 miles away. One of the things that has been studied the most about lions is why a lion will roar with such force. Why does a lion sound his roar with the enormous power to extend 5 miles away? There are several reasons for this, but I would like to focus on one and that is a lion roars to reunite scattered pride members, thus fulfilling his role as a leader over his own. A lion roars to declare dominion.

Your pride, your dominion, is the sphere of influence God has given you in which you are to roar. You, my brothers and sisters, are descendents from the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. That, in and of itself, is enough to roar about. As part of the Tribe of Judah, we are called to expand the pride. We are the hunters to bring back souls to the King. Which leads me to the subject of sponsorship, who are you roaring to about the Emmaus movement? You have experienced a remarkable, life-changing spiritual journey, one that needs to be shared with everyone in your sphere of influence. This may be at home, church, work, or with those you come in contact with that need to strengthen their walk with Christ. I encourage each and every one of you to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit, Who will guide you to that one that needs to be sponsored. How loud is your roar?

Blessings,  
Rich Arcaro

## Board Spotlight

Greetings NWGWTE Community,

I pray that all is well with you and your families. Welcome all new pilgrims to the community. I pray that your Fourth Days are going well!

As a member of the Northwest Georgia Emmaus Board, I've been asked to reach out to make the community aware of ongoing discussions that the Board has had regarding our compliance with the Upper Room Emmaus Manual. As you may be aware, The Upper Room in Nashville, Tennessee is the governing entity for the Walk to Emmaus movement. The Upper Room provides each Emmaus community with a manual which sets forth the rules and guidelines of how each weekend is to be conducted, from team selection to closing. This ensures continuity among Emmaus communities and that all walks, for the most part, are conducted in the same manner. Each Emmaus community, including ours, through its elected Board members, signs a covenant with The Upper Room that it will adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in the Emmaus Manual, subject to the community By-Laws which are also approved by The Upper Room. Any waiver from those rules and guidelines would be a violation of that covenant and the community By-Laws.

The Board has strived, for quite some time, to ensure that the NWGWTE Community adheres to the rules and guidelines set forth in the Emmaus Manual. However we, as a community, have struggled in some areas. I, along with two other Board members, have formed a committee and have been charged by the Board to review the Emmaus Manual to ensure that we have not violated our covenant with The Upper Room.

The Board would like all of our community members to be involved in this process as well. Therefore, as head of this newly formed committee, I am reaching out to you for your input. Specifically, we would like to know what concerns or questions YOU may have regarding our community and how it operates.

Please send all questions to [nwgtnews@gmail.com](mailto:nwgtnews@gmail.com) no later than May 5, 2017. We will be meeting with Upper Room representatives from Nashville in the coming weeks and will present any questions and concerns that we, as a Board, cannot answer. Any questions presented after May 5<sup>th</sup> will not be presented to the representatives from Nashville but may be answered at a later date by the Board. I would ask that you please keep all questions professional and limited to community concerns and not anything that might be construed as “gossip” as that is not the intent of this process.

It is the Board’s strong desire that our community continue to thrive and grow and we feel that this is an important step. Thank you very much for your time and input. I would ask that you continue to keep the entire NWGWTE Board in your prayers and remember that we are human and certainly not perfect. We have been called to serve this Community and are doing the best we can. If you need anything at any time, we are ALL here to serve you so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

**Please remember the upcoming Walks:**

**MEN’S August 17-20**

**WOMEN’S August 24-27**

If you are sponsoring a pilgrim PLEASE ,PLEASE get the application in ASAP.

IN HIS SERVICE

Chuck Standridge

Committee Chair

## Upcoming Weekends

- ✚ **NWGWTE Men's Walk #57** will be held on August 17-20, 2017. The Lay Director for this weekend will be Gary Henkel. To volunteer to serve on his weekend, please sign up at a Gathering or email him: [gthenkel3@gmail.com](mailto:gthenkel3@gmail.com).
- ✚ **NWGWTE Women's Walk #60** will be held on August 24-27, 2017. The Lay Director for this weekend will be Christine Standridge. To volunteer to serve on her weekend, please sign up at a Gathering or email her: [clstandridge@comcast.net](mailto:clstandridge@comcast.net).

Please be in prayer for these weekends. Pray for who God is leading you to sponsor. Make sure you get your Pilgrim applications in as soon as possible. Applications can be found on our website: [www.nwgte.com](http://www.nwgte.com) and hard copies will be available at upcoming Gatherings.

# You're Invited

Our April Gathering will be held  
Saturday, April 22, 2017  
at **Acworth UMC**  
4340 Collins Circle  
Acworth, UMC 30101

We will meet and "Graze" at 6:00 and "Praise" at 7:00.

\*\*Due to Easter falling on the third weekend of the month, we moved our Gathering to the following weekend this month.\*\*

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.

[lindajwallace66@gmail.com](mailto:lindajwallace66@gmail.com)

## 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 [nwgwtenews@gmail.com](mailto:nwgwtenews@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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