

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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**Emmaus Community,**

Do you ever think about these two questions:

What did this weekend mean to me? What do I plan to do about it?

There have been many times over the years that I have thought about those two questions, and wished I had wrote down my answer and saved it someplace to refer back to. Love is the one word that always comes to my mind though. Over the years, I have heard people express this more than anything else that they have never felt loved the way they did on their weekend.

If your life was changed by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Emmaus/Chrysalis movement and if you have not been involved or sponsored someone, I pray you will consider doing so either for our fall walks or for the upcoming spring walks. To those who are faithful, THANK YOU!!! Your service and love for Emmaus means more to us than you could possible know. If you have questions/concerns please let me or another board member know so that we can address them. If you want to know why we are doing what we are doing or wonder where something is in the manual ask one of us we will be glad to show you.

Your board is working diligently to get back to Biblical principles as well as following the Upper Room Handbook. Our guidance comes first from the Holy Spirit and then from the Upper Room model, we as board members all signed a covenant and promised to adhere to the model and to the best of our ability we are currently doing that. Please understand we are not being legalistic but we are seeking guidance from the Upper Room but more importantly, each of us is in prayer asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit so that we might serve our community, as God would have us to do.

Greg Engroff, who is the International Director of the Upper Room came and sat with your board for several hours on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He was able to give us wisdom, and encouraged us by letting us know that we are on track and doing a fabulous job. We were blessed to learn that we are not that far off track. Greg was asked to work this upcoming men's weekend Walk # 57 and we are excited to see

what further guidance he will give us. He also was our Fourth Day speaker at the gathering. He followed up his fourth day talk with answering all questions that the community asked of him.

These are some exciting days in Northwest Georgia; please join us in working a walking or sponsoring someone. I pray that you will pray first for our community and that then you will prayerfully consider serving or sponsoring someone on the upcoming walks.

DeColores,  
Judi Rainey  
Community Lay Director  
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## Spiritual Devotion:

### Don't Quit

I was on my way to bed the other evening tired and wore out. When all of a sudden a scripture popped into my head, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much" (James 5:16). I kept hearing the Lord say, "Press on don't quit." The only thing I could think of was a certain situation I've been praying about for about six years now and it still hasn't panned out.

Sure I have been praying about that situation, but it's mostly like a drive-through prayer lately. Just tossing it up to the Lord and saying here you go. But I haven't truly been pressing in to the throne room of grace with this petition as I did in the beginning six years ago. Have I given up on praying about it, no but I have been somewhat hit and miss in the prayer department.

Fervent means without ceasing, to be active to be mighty in, to show fourth self work. This reminds me of a story of a woman who was married to a man that didn't know Jesus as his Savior. He was a good man and a good husband and this woman prayed for his salvation fervently. Many years had passed and unfortunately her husband passed away in a car wreck while he was on a business trip.

A couple of weeks after his passing she received a phone call. The person on the other line said, "Hi can I speak to Bill Johnson please?" She replied, "I'm sorry he passed away." The other line became silent for a while then the man said, "I am sorry to hear that can you tell me when he passed away?" She told him he passed away a couple weeks ago on a business trip. Then the man said, "Did he tell you anything about his trip before he passed?" She said he had not. So then the man on the other line proceeded to tell her what had happened. He said, "I also am a businessman and while praying that morning the Lord told me to go out to the highway with my suit on and hitchhike. Something I

have never done before, and your husband picked me up. We began talking and he received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior that day."

So keep on praying don't give up don't quit today might be the day that you reach up to heaven and bring heaven to earth.

DeColores

Rich Arcaro

## Upcoming Weekend Info.

- ✚ **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.nwgwte.com](http://www.nwgwte.com) and hard copies will be available at upcoming Gatherings.

### Updates from Board Meeting with Greg Engroff

Our community was blessed to have the opportunity to meet with Greg Engroff, the International Lay Director of Emmaus, during our May Board meeting. Additionally, Greg stayed for our Gathering and was the Fourth Day speaker as well as allowing for question/answer time from the community. The following are some of the questions/concerns that he addressed during his time with us:

- ✚ **Introductions during talks:** Previously when giving talks, the speakers would give their full introduction including their walk, table name, and church. Recently, the outlines were changed to remove this. Greg said that doing introductions during your talk is more of a "flavor" of a community and has no problems if we continue with giving introductions during your talk. He does recommend that you leave off your church name.
- ✚ **Wearing of crosses during talks:** There have been questions raised about whether or not speakers can wear their Emmaus crosses during their talks since the pilgrims have not gotten theirs yet. Greg reports that you CAN wear crosses during talks. Greg reports that the

manuals were written at different times, which causes some of the confusions about different things. They are in the process of trying to get rid of inconsistencies and are in the process of rewriting manuals.

- ✦ **Talk Summaries at Poster Parties:** At nights, EVERY summary is to be presented. If you stick to the 2min time limit per summary you will get them all in. It is a matter of training table leaders so this happens easily during the weekend. It's a matter of time management.
- ✦ **Handouts during a talk:** Greg feels that the Upper Room feels that handouts are likely to be read instead of listening and you're telling them what to remember. In essence, you are telling them what to think. Handouts should be placed in the packet at the end of the weekend.
- ✦ **Can Clergy serve in support team roles?** No problem...it's possible for them to also serve as music or board rep (as long as they stay in that role for the event). CANNOT serve as table leader or asst. table leader, Ass't. Lay Director or Lay Director. Men and Women can serve in support roles on opposite weekends, but should not directly serve pilgrims.
- ✦ **Related individuals serving together:** On weekends, spouses cannot serve in conference room together. Related persons should NOT be serving in the Conference Room together at the same time. It can happen on the Fall Walks of 2017, but not moving forward.
- ✦ **Local Flavors vs. Changing the Model:** Greg reports that there is a difference and there are things that can be allowed as a "local flavor," as opposed to things that are NOT allowed because they change the model. For example, the Crowning previously done by the women does NOT change the Upper Room model, and can be done as long as it's done the SAME way EVERY time. However, adding Nailing to Dying Moments as has previously been done changes the Upper Room model and is NOT allowed to happen.



**You're  
Invited**

**DUE TO FATHER'S DAY, WE DID NOT HAVE A JUNE GATHERING.**

We invite you to join us for our July Gathering on  
Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Lithia Springs UMC:  
3711 Temple St. Lithia Springs, GA 30122  
We will meet and "Graze" at 6:00 and "Praise" at 7:00.

**This Gathering will immediately follow our 4<sup>th</sup> team meeting for the upcoming weekends. Due to us having a team meeting and Gathering on the same day, the team meeting will begin at 1:00pm that day. Additionally, there will be NO official board meeting that day as well.**

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 [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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