

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Greetings Emmaus Community,

It is official at least according to the calendar, fall is upon us. I have noticed that the leaves are starting to change and fall off the trees in my yard. At the local stores, you are seeing fall decorations including stuff for Christmas already. Soon the Christmas movies will be an option on your TV stations, as will the music on the radio stations. It is a time when we all seem to get very busy with all the activities surrounding the fall season.

Let me challenge you in this fall season to do something a little different. It could be risky, but start your day with God's word. Even if it is one scripture, and it can be as simple as, "Jesus wept." Give God a listening ear, so that you can hear what it is that He has for you as you go about your day. Say to God, "Here I am Father, use me." If you turn on the TV news channel or open your newspaper, you will find there are a lot of people hurting around us. In the last few months, there has been every type of natural disaster hit somewhere in the world. In some cases, areas have been hit twice. We are surrounded by people who are hurting, and who are in need of the LOVE of Jesus.

As you listen to those who have went through the Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, Face to Face, or another 4th day movement what you hear repeated over and over most is, "I have never felt God's love in this way before." There is a hunger for people and need for them to feel the love of Christ like never before. On Women's Walk #60 one of our speakers challenged us at the end of her talk, to change the color of the water. Look around you, who needs to feel God's love? How can He use you to change the color of the water?

To experience life, you must take risks. Deut. 30:19 says, (NASB) "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Peter took a risk when he stepped out of the boat to walk towards Jesus. If we want to experience "LOVE" outside the walls of Emmaus, then we have to take risks. We have to love as Jesus loves, unconditionally. Who has God put on your heart? You have

the opportunity to change the water. You may never know how a card, a phone call, text, or even a Facebook message will help someone unless you take a risk, and be obedient to God.

One way you can show love is to pray. We have many in our own community who need our prayers. God not only knows who is on my heart and the prayers that are needed, He also knows every prayer that is on your heart, so I lift those up to God in thought of you. There are several members on your board who have prayers, so pray for us and our families. Keep our upcoming Lay Director's, Gary and Marcia, team members, and pilgrims that will be attending in your prayers.

Reach out to others and show them the love of Christ during this fall season. If we as a community can do anything for you, let us know? If you need prayer for anything, give us an opportunity to pray for you and with you. Let us take risks and step out of the boat as Peter did, trusting that the Holy Spirit is right there with us in all He has called us to do. He has equipped us with the tools we need. May God hear the prayers that are on your heart as you read this.

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Judi Rainey

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

Community Lay Director

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Clergy Corner

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8

Throughout the Word of God, Jesus is referred to as the Great I Am. In Exodus, Moses as God who he should say had sent him and God's answer was for him to say that I Am had sent him. In the New Testament, Jesus proclaimed "I am the bread of life." "I am the light of the world." "I am the door." "I am the Good Shepherd." "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "I am the true vine." And in the book of Revelation, he proclaimed "I am the Alpha and Omega".

What does this mean? It means that He is everything from A to Z. This is nothing before Him, and there is nothing after Him. He is the Great I Am! There is nothing you can desire that He cannot

fill. There is nothing you can want that He cannot supply. And He is everything that you could possibly need!

Another way of saying Alpha and Omega is "Christ is all". Colossians 3:11 says, "There is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." Listen my brothers and sisters... Christ is all.... He is everything!

Be encouraged today that every need you have can be supplied in Christ Jesus! He loves you so much and wants you to lean on Him for everything!

DeColores!

Rev. Donna T. Lucas

Community Spiritual Director



My name is Melody Crowe. I attended Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus #43, where I sat at the table of Miriam. I attend Villa Rica 1st UMC with my family. I am your Agape Chair for the Emmaus Board. I am in charge of the weekend prayer charts for the prayer vigil, getting weekend agape letters from other communities, and agape items that are given to the pilgrims during the weekend. We are completely out of agape items for the upcoming walks. I have some supplies to make agape as well as books with ideas for agape that I will be more than willing to share with you. WE NEED AGAPE FOR WEEKENDS (both men and women)!! When making things, please know that you need a minimum of 60 pieces for Conference Room and a minimum of 100 pieces for the entire team. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: 678-392-6568 or bornhigh38@yahoo.com and I will be glad to speak with you!

Your Sister in Christ!

Melody Crowe

Sponsorship

The Joy of Spiritual Recruiting for the Walk to Emmaus

It's a spiritual blessing to recall and cherish our Walk to Emmaus weekend. Weekends we've served on since our first experience were spiritually inspiring and often gifted us with forever friends in Christ. Think about who you would like to invite to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Here are several keys to think about:

- Make a list, pray and spiritually discern God's "Who?" -

Has God brought one or more friends to mind that we feel inspired to invite to experience Emmaus? Write down these names. Set aside uninterrupted time to pray blessings over each person on the list. Ask God to prioritize these names, to remove any from the list we misunderstood, and to add any to the list we may have missed earlier. Pray over each one again. Spiritually discern it down to the top one.

- Approach the conversation as Holy -

When we are led to talk about Holy things with another we would never do it "on the fly" or in shallow ways. Catching someone on the way in or out of church is "on the fly" in time. Talking about it on the phone is far too casual and convenient. We can call the top person and let them know they have come up in our prayers. We then ask them for quality time with them *in person*. We can meet at Panera's, Starbuck's or another local favorite. It could be for breakfast, coffee or lunch. The communication is clear - "this is a meaningful visit, not just a happenstance meeting. It came out of prayers."

- Don't take any immediate answer, and leave the door open -

Start with affirmation and encouragement. Share with them "How" this occurred. Let them know you felt led by the Lord to share something joyful with them. And before you do, be "up front" in telling them you will take NO answer from them at that first visit. Then in a positive, upbeat and simple way invite them to prayerfully consider going to Emmaus. Let them briefly know how it blessed you and that you would love to sponsor them to share in this joy. Answer any questions they may have. Leave with them willing to pray about it for the coming three days. And let them know you will contact them on the fourth day to see how they feel from their prayers.

- Follow up with Divine encouragement and grace -

Call them back on the fourth day and ask how they've felt led in their prayers. This is an encouraging and affirming call. Don't press them for an answer - they know that's why you're calling! If they say "yes" then set sponsoring them in motion. If they say, "no" then be positive and let them know you fully believe God has a wonderful call on their life. The next steps are to deepen the friendship with them going forward.

Upcoming Weekend Info.

- ✦ **NWGWTE Men's Walk #58** will be held on March 1-4, 2018. The Lay Director for this weekend will be Gary Grenier: gardongre@aol.com or 770-505-7481
- ✦ **NWGWTE Women's Walk #61** will be held on March 8-11, 2018. The Lay Director for this weekend will be Marcia Dillard: marciadillard@gmail.com or 678-232-2451

Please be in prayer for these weekends. Please be praying regarding potential pilgrims you can sponsor. Please pray about serving on these weekends. Sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming Gatherings. Please feel free to contact the upcoming Lay Directors to volunteer to work as well.

You're
Invited

The October Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at
Flint Hill United Methodist Church
4072 Hiram-Sudie Rd.
Hiram, GA 30141

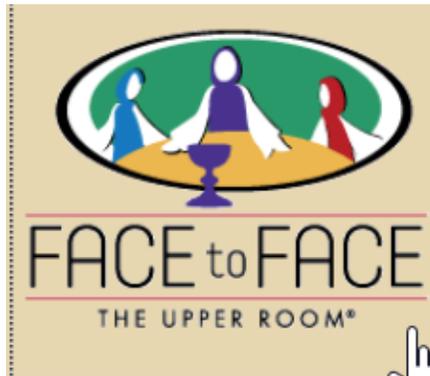
Graze at 6:00 (bring a covered dish to share), and Praise at 7:00.
Childcare will be provided.
Directions will be available on the website.

Faith can move mountains,
but don't be surprised if
God hands you a shovel.

~ Author Unknown ~

The Board Needs YOU!

We are approaching Board elections for the next year. In order to continue moving our community in the right direction, we NEED committed people to serve on our Board of Directors. Board members are asked to commit to a 3-year term. **To be eligible to serve on the Board, you have to be active in a Fourth Day community for a minimum of 1 year, and have served on a minimum of 3 teams (atleast 1 of which has been in NWG).** If you would like to serve on the Board, or wish to nominate someone please contact a member of your Emmaus Board.



Walk to Emmaus has more weekend experiences than just Emmaus. There are several other versions of the weekend for different ages of people.

What is a Face-to-Face Encounter and what happens on it?

Face-to-Face is designed to renew one's personal Christian faith and to encourage relational growth in families, congregations and the local community. It is a partnership of laity and clergy designed to strengthen the church. You will enjoy worship, prayer and small group discussion. You will hear spirit-filled talks that bring God's amazing grace to greater light in our community and in the world in which we live.

Who is Face-to-Face for? Face-to-Face is for adult's age 60 and greater. It is open to members of any Christian denomination who wish to enhance their spiritual lives, discover answers to their questions about faith and are open to creating a better understanding of the responsibility of living a Christian lifestyle.

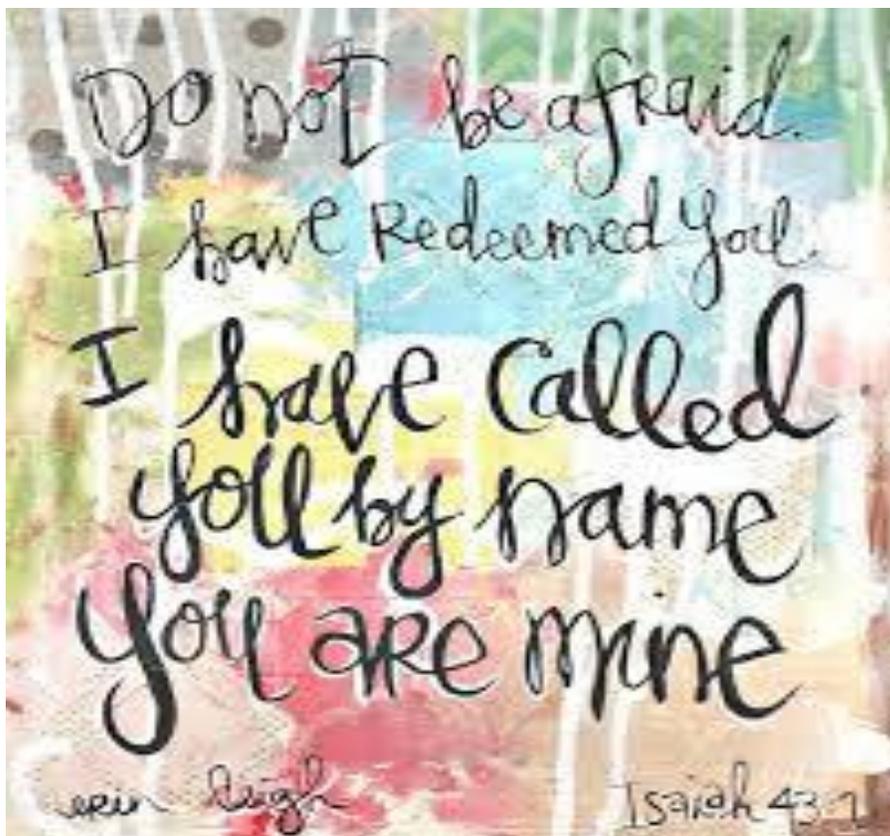


Gathering Hosts Needed

Are you missing a cooler from the last Men's or Women's Walk?? If so, please contact Melody Crowe, 678-392-6568 to see if it's yours.

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 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 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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