

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Greetings Emmaus Community,

This is a poem I wrote several years ago. May God bless you richly this Thanksgiving?

## Thanksgiving

Have you looked in the mirror?  
Said thank you because you can see your reflection  
Some people can't

Have you looked in your closet and seen the clothes that you have  
Said thank you because you got them  
Some people don't

Have you opened your refrigerator and cabinets?  
Said thank you for the food that you have in there  
Some people get theirs from the trashcans

Have you went to your bedroom and felt the comfort of your bed  
Said thank you that it is not just a blanket and a box  
Some people are under the bridges

Have you heard the noise from the other room?  
Said thank you for the TV, radio, or computer  
Some people only hear the voices in their head

Have you hugged your mother, father, brother, sister, or other family member  
Said thank you for them and all they do or have done for you  
Some people have no one

Have you took a walk in the park  
Said thank you that you are able to walk  
Some people get around in a wheel chair or not at all

Have you been at your job and complained about this or that  
Said thank you that the job is a blessing  
Some people would give anything to be where you are

Have you went to a Church service lately, prayed, read your Bible

Said thank you that in this country you can do that  
Some people die just witnessing  
Have you went to bed at night knowing your children are safe  
Said thank you for the soldiers that protect us  
Some people are without those precious members this year

Today as we look around and share a very special meal that started long ago. Take just a moment to reflect on the things that you and your family have to be thankful for. Sharing in the place that you choose to share-remembering those who are in hospitals, nursing homes, jails, or alone. Once the meal is over, and we have either went into the other room to watch the football games, take a nap, or just visit with those we only see at this time of year. Remember and be thankful that our Father sent his only son to die for us. Try not to get caught up in the Holiday season by buying gifts only for family and friends, do something special for someone that may not have or be able to do as much as you can.

To those I love and to those who have blessed my life Thank you!

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Judi Rainey

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Community Lay Director

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## Clergy Corner

Since I turned 50, I have felt the Lord saying to me this is your year of Jubilee. In the Old Testament, the year of Jubilee was the 50<sup>th</sup> year. (Lev. 25:23-38) The year of Jubilee involved a year of release from indebtedness and all types of bondage. All prisoners and captives were set free, all slaves were released, all debts were forgiven, and all property was returned to its original owners. In addition, all labor was to cease for one year. One of the benefits of the Jubilee was that both the land and the people were able to rest.

The Jubilee represents a picture of the New Testament's themes of redemption and forgiveness. Jesus is the redeemer who came to set the captives free. Our debt of sin was paid on

the cross as Jesus died on our behalf. We are no longer in bondage, no longer slaves to sin, having been freed by Christ, and we can enter the rest of God. Join with me and proclaim Jubilee over your life and your families and this Emmaus Community.

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**Love. Grow. Serve.**

Dear Emmaus Family,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as your Community Secretary the past 3 years. I have grown so much and am so excited about what God has in store for this amazing community that I have been blessed to be a part of since I was 6 years old and my parents attended NW Walks #2. I know that God has BIG things planned for our community!

I am very sad that this is the last newsletter that I will be writing during this term of service to the board. I can honestly say this is probably one of the greatest experiences I have been blessed to have in this community, aside from being a Lay Director. I look forward to continue supporting this community through prayers, sponsorship, and service. Please continue to pray and support this community and be the good wherever you are!

DeColores!  
Katie Fowler

## Sponsorship

In preparation for the upcoming holidays let us be thankful for all that God has done for us and not take it for granted. Let us also be bold in our love for Christ and share it with those who do not have a relationship with Him. Christ is wooing them into a relationship and He may just be using you to help plant the seeds of love.

Is there someone you are praying about sponsoring? Have you invited them? This maybe the invitation they need to draw closer to Christ. Time away without interruption from life distractions. Give someone or a couple a gift that will impact them for the rest of their lives.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## 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 Bonnie Standridge, chair of the nominations committee, at 770-941-2914 or [bonniestandridge@gmail.com](mailto:bonniestandridge@gmail.com). Please make sure you include the contact information for the person you are nominating so she can contact them to confirm their willingness to serve.

## King's Retreat trustees needed:

The King's Retreat Board of Trustees serves as a committee of the Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus Board. The trustees are responsible to the board for the ongoing care and maintenance of the King's Retreat. The board of Trustees is made of twelve volunteers, each serving a three year term.

The board will have openings for two new trustees for terms beginning in January 2018. The trustees meet monthly at Powers Ferry UMC in Marietta with the exception of the January meeting which will be held at the King's Retreat. If you are interested in possibly serving on the board of trustees, please contact Judi Rainey: [judi.rainey@yahoo.com](mailto:judi.rainey@yahoo.com) or 678-416-9440.



**You're  
Invited**

The November Gathering will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at  
Old Camp United Methodist Church  
77 Old Camp Church Rd.  
Carrollton, GA 30117

We will also be having our Board Elections for the upcoming class of board members. Please plan to attend so you can vote for those nominated to serve. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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.

# 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. We currently have churches booked to host Gatherings through March of 2018, but are always looking for host churches for the following months as well.

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## Communication Updates

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

- ✚ Visit our website [www.nwqwte.com](http://www.nwqwte.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 [nwqwteneews@gmail.com](mailto:nwqwteneews@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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