

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus - For the Development of Christian Leaders. [www.nwgwte.com](http://www.nwgwte.com)

**Happy New Year Emmaus/Chrysalis Community,**

I believe God is going to bless us in a BIG way in 2018, and I hope like me you are excited to see what God has for us in this coming year!

What is on my heart is "fresh fire:" a burning to do what God calls us to do. As you are aware, there have been so many devastating things happen in our country and around the world in 2017. You absolutely cannot turn the TV on without there being some kind of horrible news. However, what is exciting is that God has given us the "Power" to change things: one thing/person at a time. Emmaus/Chrysalis is an excellent avenue for us to use to help change people's lives. Please do not misunderstand me; Emmaus/Chrysalis is not to fix people, but to bring people into a closer relationship with Him so that their leadership within their local church and community is boosted. Sometimes we need to be encouraged in the things that God is calling us to do.

How many of you, before your walk, thought God cannot use me! How many of you thought we need to do more in the community, but God will have to find someone else because this is way outside my comfort zone. We would love to hear your stories on how, after your walk, God used you to start something in your community. How is God using you to expand His kingdom? Think back to when you went on your walk, where were you before and where you are now? We often take time to reflect on the bad stuff, but let this be the year that you only think of the good God is using you for in 2018. Then, write to me and allow me to share with the rest of the community how God is using you. God needs you to tell your story. It is one way He helps those who are broken to heal. Clergy, we would love to hear your stories as well. How did God change your life when you went on your walk?

The board will meet on January 20<sup>th</sup>, and decide at that point our board positions. Once the decisions are made, we will let you know who your board members are and what positions they hold. If you see any of the new board members, please welcome them: Guppy Gladstone, Ron Dishman, Bonnie Standridge, Fran Davis, Katie Fowler, and Janice Russell. My prayer is that you will make a commitment this year to get involved with Emmaus/Chrysalis. If it has been awhile, please come

check us out! The Spirit within Emmaus/Chrysalis has changed, and oh how sweet it is to be involved with this family I call Emmaus/Chrysalis.

Be in prayer for the upcoming walks, for Marcia Dillard, Gary Grenier, their families, for the team, and of course for the pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone. The number of pilgrims needed for the walks to proceed is 12 women and 12 men and we need the applications into the Registrar (Winnie Buchanan), with at least the \$25 deposit before February 10<sup>th</sup>. The walks are March 1<sup>st</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>.

May God bless you and yours on all your fourth days/next steps.

DeColores/Fly with Christ,

Judi Rainey

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

Community Lay Director

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## Clergy Corner

**"Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble."  
- 1 John 2:10**

The loved have an obligation to love. This is difficult with some people isn't it? Many times I have struggled with this especially if someone has hurt me or hurt my feelings. My first instinct is surely not to love them back. But yet, how many times have we hurt God by our actions and our attitudes and He just keeps on loving us anyway. So YES - the loved (which includes all of us) have an obligation to love.

Here are some ways that love shows in your life:

1 - Love is patient and kind - does this describe you?

2 - Love is not envious or proud - how does this shoe fit?

3 - Love is consistent, not selfish or suspicious.

4 - Love is never glad when others are hurt. Are you one that quickly says "Well, they just got what they deserved!"? Or are you sympathetic to those who are hurting?

5 - Love is pleased when truth triumphs. Jesus is truth - and the truth sets you free.

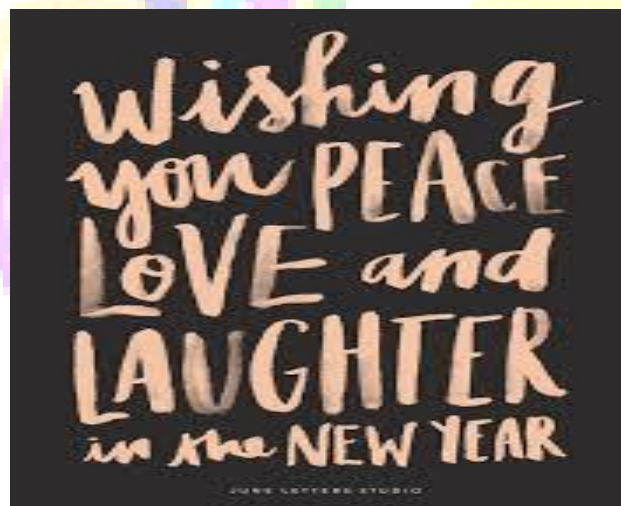
6 - Love puts up with slights, insults, and failures. Do you get easily frustrated when things don't go right?

7 - Love believes the best about others. Do you quickly find fault in other people, or do you always find something good in everyone? This is one of the ways that we demonstrate love... believing the best about other people.

As we begin this new year, let's make every day a day where we show love. "Whoever loves his brother lives in the light"... the light is Jesus! So whoever loves his brother, lives in Jesus!

DeColores,

Rev. Donna T. Lucas, Community Spiritual Director



# 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.

## Upcoming Team Meetings:

We still have 3 team meetings left for the upcoming weekends. Team meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- ✚ Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ Villa Rica FUMC
- ✚ Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ Trinity UMC, Cartersville
- ✚ Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ Trinity UMC, Cartersville

All team meetings begin with breakfast at 8:30, with praise and worship starting at 9:00. Childcare is available for all team meetings. Please mark your calendars, and join us as we prepare for what God has in store on the upcoming weekends.

# 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.

[linda.jwallace66@gmail.com](mailto:linda.jwallace66@gmail.com)

You're  
Invited

Please make plans to attend our January Gathering which will be held Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at Love Community Church. 5598 Bells Ferry Rd. Acworth, GA 30102

Board Meeting at 4:00  
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.

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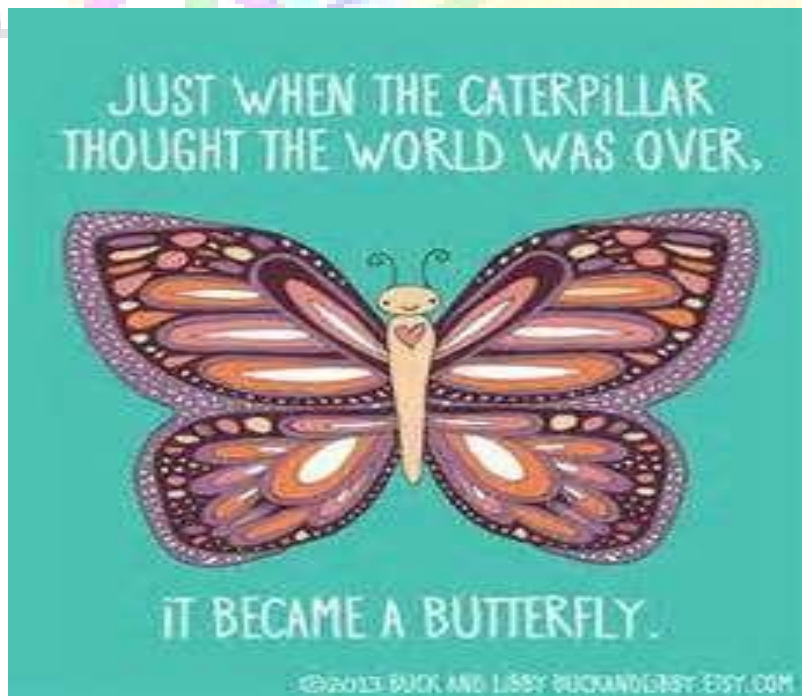
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## Communication Updates

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

- ✚ Visit our website [www.nwgte.com](http://www.nwgte.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!



## 2018 Board Members

**\*\*Due to election of new members, positions have not been established yet. Current positions will be voted on at the January Board Meeting\*\***

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\* Denotes Executive Board members