

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

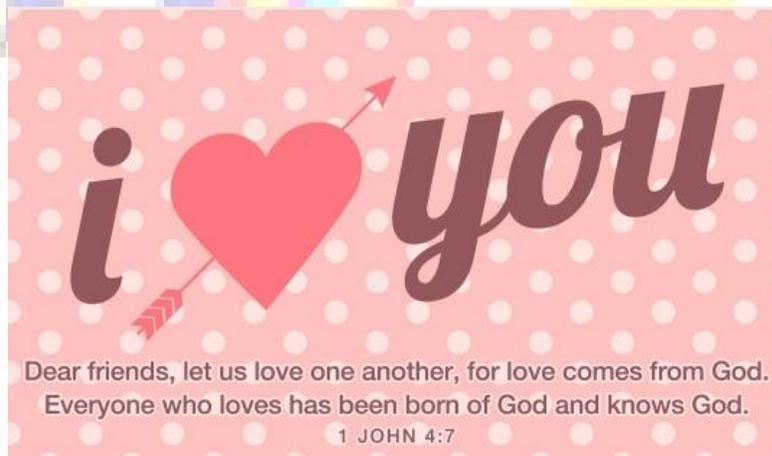
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Wait What No Way! I looked at the calendar and realized that it is already time to start thinking about Valentine's Day. It seems like Christmas was just a few days ago. Happy Valentine's Day Community!

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about Valentine's Day? For me, the first thing that pops into my head is yummy sweets. However, as I have taken time to ponder this question, it is the love of Jesus that resonates with me. He loves us right where we are, and unconditionally.



When going on the walk, the one thing that I hear over and over is, "I have never felt love like this before". It is an overwhelming love, which most cannot explain. When others have asked what is so special about Emmaus. "In a word it is Love," but this love is so hard to explain because most in the real world have not ever experienced it. When my grandmother went on the walk, she got up and answered the two questions and then sat back down. However, the love of God moved her to get back up and let us all know that she has been very active in the Methodist Church, has lead groups, was the president of the United Methodist Women on a local and national level and there were others things she shared. But what struck us all was what she said next; she said, "Never have I felt

the love of Christ like I did on this weekend." What did she end up doing? She shared His love with others.

Let me encourage you to give the Love of Christ to someone, by sponsoring them to go on the walk to Emmaus. God wants a relationship with us, and that starts with talking to him. Build a relationship with someone and invite them to come on the walk. Reflect on your own experience, and share His love with someone.

Do you have questions or concerns? Would you like to be more active in the community? Would you like to serve on the board or assist a board member in their position? I would love to hear more from you, let me know how we can serve you. If you have a prayer concern or a praise, I would be honored to pray for you. If you have had an experience that you would like to share, we can add it to the newsletter, share your story. What has Emmaus/Chrysalis meant to you on your Fourth Days/Next steps?

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## Clergy Corner

I've heard it said before "I wish God would use me but I'm not a preacher or a pastor." In Emmaus, we have all heard the priesthood of all believers talk and yet it still does not sink in that anyone can be used by God. God can use anyone and anything for His purpose. Which leads me to this story the Lord gave me a few weeks ago:

There was a branch that fell from a palm tree one day in Jerusalem. It was probably just thinking to itself, "I'm just a branch. People are walking over me, stepping on me, and brushing me to the side of the road. I'm good for nothing. But one day somebody picked up that palm branch and used it to flag and wave in the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. This was Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. If God can use an ordinary branch, just think of what He can do with you.

DeColores, Rich

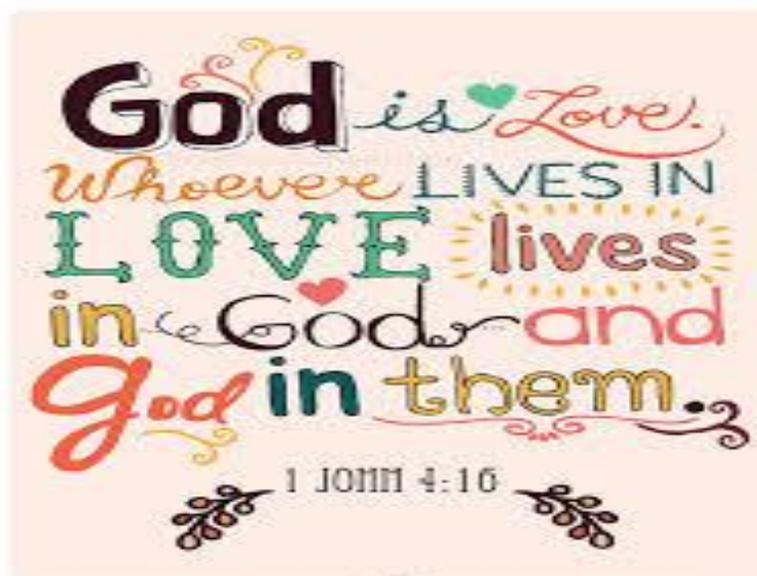


## Board Spotlight: Reunion Groups

Let me begin by saying that I am honored and consider it a privilege to serve on the Emmaus Board, where I will be working with reunion groups for men and women. I am excited about creating a resource of existing reunion/bible study groups within our community in order to allow all Emmaus members the opportunity to be involved in a reunion or bible study group, especially those brand new pilgrims who are just beginning their fourth days. I would like to have this information available for new pilgrims as they finish up their upcoming walks. I am going to have sign-up sheets at each of the remaining team meetings and upcoming gatherings. Please take a moment to fill-in the information of a reunion/bible study group you may currently be participating in. If you are not working the upcoming walk nor unable to attend the gatherings please feel free to email this information to me.

Also, if you are not involved in a group but want to find one to join please reach out to me and I will share available groups in the upcoming weeks/months. I believe that it is essential for Christians to stay plugged in for their continued spiritual growth. And by supporting and encouraging each other up through our fourth day journeys we are also building up our community.

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# 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 2 team meetings left for the upcoming weekends. Team meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- ✚ 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.

## AGAPE NEEDED!!

We are in need of agape for the upcoming weekends (both Men and Women). These can be for the conference room, kitchen, dorms, etc. When making agape, please plan for 60 pieces for the conference room and 80-100 for the entire team. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Melody Crowe: [bornhigh39@yahoo.com](mailto:bornhigh39@yahoo.com). She is the Agape Chairperson on the board, and she will be more than happy to help in any way she can!!



# You're Invited

Please make plans to attend our February Gathering which will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018, at Elevate Christian Church.

156 Poplar Springs Rd.  
Hiram, GA 30141

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.

## 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.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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