

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Sitting on my front porch the other day and my granddaughter said, "Grandma, don't you just love that sound?" I said, "What sound would that be?" She replied, "The birds chirping. It means summer is almost here." To which I replied, "I do love that sound, but do you know what else it means?" Of course she said, "No." so I explained to her that it is also the sound of new life. That gave her something to ponder. Hopefully, it will you as well.

Welcome to our newest pilgrims who have just finished Men's walk #58 and Women's Walk #61. Many have been lifting you up in prayer for months. I pray that your walk has sparked newness in your life. We continue to lift you up in prayer and look forward to seeing you all at our Follow-up/gathering on March 17th at 5:30 pm at Acworth UMC.

In Romans 6:4 it says "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"

The Holy Spirit showed up on both weekends and did some amazing things, as we go about our fourth days, "we should remember to walk in newness of life daily." Understanding that we are a new creation now; that we no longer are under the law but under grace; that the old life under Adam no longer has control over our lives; we, Christians, sons/daughters of Abraham, the Body of Christ in the world today, should seek to "walk in newness of life".

Isn't it amazing how God will take sinners, those who have done wrong against the Kingdom of God, and forgive them and let them walk in newness of life? This new life should be our focus now. God wants us to manifest this life in the world where we live. When Satan attacks, and he will, remember your dying moments with the reassurance that Christ is walking with you, and he graciously took your dying moment it is no longer yours.

So the life we live now is by faith in Jesus. Through Him we move and have our being. Only through Him, through Jesus, and through faith, are we able to live the life that God would have us to live.

Thus we express or give expression to the life of God in the world. People will see something different in us. Let this go down into your spirit: "God wants you to live the new life in Jesus now... not the old life under the law".

Paul wrote it in II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (a new creation): old things are passed away; behold all things have become new." This becomes the focus of our lives now. God wants us to be committed to walking in the newness of life. You have an entire community that will support you in any way we can. God has given you additional family members. How awesome is that? Just like you were adopted by Jesus, you are also, adopted into the Emmaus family. We even have monthly family reunions, with the pot luck dinner and singing, it is sweet when we meet.

The question for all of us is, how we will be a reflection of this newness of life to others. If I am sitting at the mall watching people walk by, as they look at me will they see the light of Christ. God has given us the gift of His Son, He is calling us to be the hands and feet of Christ. The great thing is that we do not have to do this alone. Not only is Christ with us, but so is an entire community of Emmaus brothers and sisters. Let us all remember our walks and reflect on what Christ has done for us over all our fourth days.

Christ is counting on you!

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Clergy Corner

Let it Glow, Let it Glow . . .



Several years ago Disney released the animated movie "Frozen." In this musical blockbuster, one of the feature songs "Let It Go" was sung by Elsa. She is a new generation Disney Princess who belted out this tune as she was set free from a past that was dark and isolated. The "it" she let go of primarily was . . . fear. Jesus warns you and me that fear is often a forerunner of dark times. Fear holds us back from faith.

Back in the day, I had a watch that glowed in the dark. In order to glow at night, it had to be exposed to light during the day. The more light it soaked up, the brighter it glowed when darkness came. A few months ago, the Gwin home lost power because of a snowstorm. I quickly determined that we had not soaked up enough light. Our batteries were dead. Our cell phones were not charged. Even my glow in the dark watch was not glowing. Fortunately, our power came back on after a few hours. Crisis averted! Yet, I am determined to be better prepared the next time things get dark. I'll be more intentional to "soak up and store" as much power as I can, so when a season of darkness comes, I can have a glow to sustain me through the dark hours.

On my Emmaus road, I was able to BOTH let go of the fears that darkened my days, and also soak up the light-filled love of Jesus Christ. That journey (some twenty-one years ago) still burns bright in my soul and radiates love and light into whatever dark place I travel. Each time I work on "a Walk" or sponsor a Pilgrim, I find that I soak up a little more love. As a result, I glow a little brighter with the love of the Lord.

My prayer that you are glowing bright, and are also fear free. If not, do not be afraid! There is another Northwest GA Walk to Emmaus in August. There you can soak up some love, power, and get your glow on to sustain you.

Until then, know that you are loved with the light-giving love of the Lord,

Rev. James Gwin

North GA Men's Walk #50

Table of John

One of your Assistant Spiritual Co-directors

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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From Your King's Retreat Trustee's...

Brothers and Sisters, we need your help!

We have 4 projects at Kings Retreat that we would like to have community members provide estimates on:

Project 1 - Need experienced painting or Handyman Company to prep and re-paint chapel and conference room.

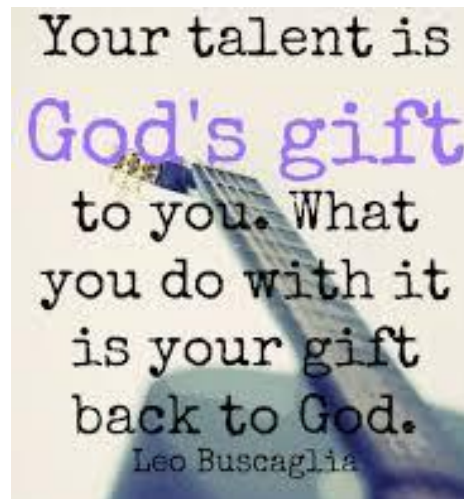
Project 2 - Need experienced contractor to repair water damage to columns by showers and replace/add non-porous surface to prevent further water damage in both shower rooms. May include addition of non-porous surface in other areas that need to be protected from water damage.

Project 3 - Carpet replacement - we have carpet being donated, but need an experienced carpet company to remove old carpet and install new carpet. Will include moving furniture and may include installation of padding.

Project 4 - Need experienced roofing company to do soffit, fascia and minor roof and gutter repairs. To include replacement of rotten wood, painting and repair/replacement of damaged shingles. Secure gutters and repair gutters that do not drain properly.

If you have someone in mind for us to contact, or would like to submit an estimate on one of these projects, please contact Tim Sanders at trsanders@yahoo.com.

Thank you.... your Kings Retreat Board of Trustees



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 9, 2018

June 9th will be our annual Kings Retreat Workday! Put it on your calendars and plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for a day at Kings Retreat.

On June 10, 2006, we had a work day at King's Retreat. One of the things we did was plant the Magnolia trees that today circle the property. The Northwest Georgia community planted a tree in memory of John Timms. This tree planting was a special time for our community as we prayed not only for John who we had lost earlier that year, but also for those we had lost before him. We dedicated the tree to be a memorial for all of our Emmaus/Chrysalis brothers and sisters.

In memory of those who have gone before us!



At King's Retreat in field beside the conference there you will find a Magnolia tree that was planted in memory of John Timms at the time. It is however now dedicated in memory of all of our Emmaus/Chrysalis brothers and sisters who have passed. If you are at King's Retreat be sure to check out how much the tree has grown over the last several years.

In preparation for the next set of walks!

Thank you to Linda Wallace, Women's Lay Director for walk #62 and to Matt Fowler, Men's Lay Director for walk #59.

The walk dates are: Men's #59 will be August 16 - August 19 and the Women's #62 will be August 23 - August 26.

They will both be calling you to work the weekend. If you see a number that is not familiar it could be them. Go ahead and add their phone numbers to your phones, so that when they call you will recognize the name. Linda's number 662-420-3135, and Matt's number is 770-365-7665. If you want to work the walk, feel free to call them and they can put you on their list. They will make calls once they meet with team selection.

We have made a commitment to the Upper Room to work towards the 20 pilgrims in order to have a walk by increasing our numbers by 2. Therefore, we need to have 14 men and 14 women with the application AND \$25 deposit in the hands of the registrar no later than July 21st. As a board, we are committed to following the handbook as the covenant that we signed calls us to do. Our only ask of you is to help us by sponsoring well and by getting the applications in timely. I am already praying about who He wants me to sponsor I pray you are as well.

If you have questions about Emmaus, or if you just want to talk feel free to call me anytime?

DeColores,

Judi Rainey

Community Lay Director

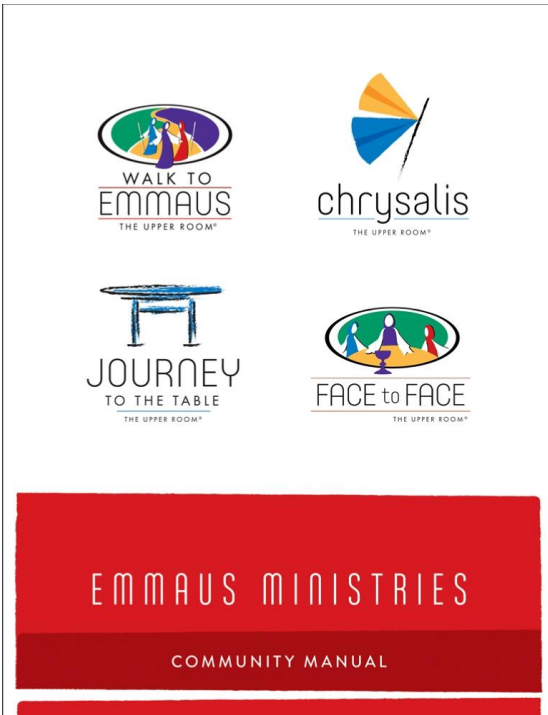
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Upper Room Handbooks

The new Upper Room Handbook is available for purchase. There are a few options if you would like to order one, those are either digital or a hard copy. I hope you will order one and help keep your board accountable to what the manual says. Here is the link you need in order to get your copy

<http://emmaus.upperroom.org/news/291>

just follow the instructions once you click the link.



**You're
Invited**

Please make plans to attend our March Gathering/Follow-Up which will be held
Saturday, March 17, 2018,
at Acworth UMC
4340 Collins Circle
Acworth, GA 30101

Board Meeting at 3:30pm
Follow-Up at 5:30pm

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.

*****Sponsors please bring your pilgrims to Follow-Up. New pilgrims, you don't have to bring a covered dish to share. Please come and let us feed you one more time!*****

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 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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