

# Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Greetings Community,

By yourself, you are unprotected.

With a friend, you can face the worst.

Can you round up a third?

A three-stranded rope is not easily snapped. Ecclesiastes 4:12 The Message

We have just finished walks #58 for the men and #61 for the women. Both of these walks were very powerful weekends. The enemy tried to attack us on several occasions. However, I strongly believe that since we are bathed in prayer months before and on the weekends. God prevailed in a big way. Lives are forever changed.

What do I do know with my fourth days? Well I pray that you are connected or getting connected with a reunion group (small group). As this scripture points out we unprotected by ourselves but with an accountability group supporting us the strand that holds us together (Jesus) cannot be broken. Those are powerful words. In my own life, I have experienced the support of a reunion group (small group) on several occasions. Recently, though I have went through something in my life that had almost destroyed me. However, God placed three women in my life who held me not only accountable, but also supported me. They supported me in prayer, and with acts of agape, that encouraged me on the days, I was at my lowest. At any moment, I could reach out to them and they was there for me. That is what this scripture is telling us. Therefore, if you are not in a small group let us know and we will help you get connected in one. Fran Davis is our Reunion Group chair on the board. Feel free to reach out to her or myself.

Did you know that your board is a working board? Yep, I make them work some grueling hours. Just kidding! We all have our responsibilities that we have to accomplish before, during, and after the walks. One of the exciting things we get to do is pray for the next set of weekends, which I hope you are doing know as well. Matt and Linda are well underway in praying for whom God wants on their teams. Before any calls can be made, team selection has to meet and approve the teams. So if you have signed up to work but not gotten a call yet that is why. If you have not signed up and would like to work, please call the Lay Director and let them know you are interested in working.

In order for the weekends to take place, we need to have 14 pilgrims for the men and 14 pilgrims for the women with a \$25 deposit in the registrar hands. Therefore, please get your applications in early. The cut off will be July 14.

The other thing the board is working on is updating all the manuals. Recently, as I mentioned at team meetings and gatherings, the Upper Room has updated all of the manuals we currently use. This being the case, our manuals that are used at team meetings need to be updated as well. We have planned a worked day on April 28, at Acworth UMC starting at 9:00am until 4:00pm, a pizza lunch will be provided for those who are helping. The more people we have to put the books together, the faster the process. It would be great if we could finish before 4:00pm. In putting together new binders, we are going to need several 1-inch binders and dividers, as well as the purchase of the new manuals from the Upper Room. If anyone would like to donate money towards the purchase of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

As I have mentioned, we want you to keep us as your board accountable to the Upper Room Handbook. If you see something or feel something is not being done as the book indicates, please feel free to reach out to me. We believe that God used all those involved in creating and updating the manual to be the tool that the Holy Spirit uses to change lives. Someone recently said, "It is so freeing to be able to share openly, knowing that what is said in the conference room stays in the conference room." This is why the conference room is a cloistered environment. If you are not serving in the conference room, please honor this environment. We never know how impactful the Holy Spirit will be unless we step out of the way and allow Him to do what He does best. We plant the seeds; He waters, and grows them. It is a beautiful thing to witness.

In closing, remember Christian Action talk, make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ. Well, I would like to encourage you to pray for a friend, that you can sponsor on the next set of walks. Be a friend, and get the application and deposit in early. Then on August 16 and August 23, bring your friend to the Walk to Emmaus, and let them discover just how much Jesus loves them. Remember the feeling you had on your own walk? The love of Jesus oozes out at King's Retreat! Let that same love ooze out of you for others!

DeColores/Fly With Christ,  
Judi Rainey  
Community Lay Director  
678-416-9440



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Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ.**

## Clergy Corner

"for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." Romans 11:29

This month I am going to share with you all what is going on in my personal life. I have served in church ministry now for over 31 years. I love the church and it's people!

For the first time in so many years, I am no longer serving on any particular church staff. Is this scary for me? You betcha! But the book of Ecclesiastes tells us that we will experience different seasons in our lives and for me, this is a new season.

Did my calling to ministry go away? No way! The scripture highlighted above tells us that our calling is irrevocable. My ministry will just look different.

I love Evangelism! I think that's one reason why I love Emmaus! We get to reach people with the basics of Christianity over the course of a walk. We see lives changed every time we serve on a weekend. That's good stuff and we all get to be a small part of it.

I will continue to serve Emmaus. I will be available for revivals. I'll do women's conferences. There's much to do for the Kingdom!

Let me encourage you to serve on an upcoming walk! God's gifts are irrevocable. Find a way to share it today!

DeColores,  
Donna Lucas  
Community Spiritual Director





## Lay Director's Article: Women's Walk #61

I have started this article several times, and then deleted it and started over. You see, I find it difficult to adequately put into words the sheer awesomeness of all GOD did on this Walk, and I know I'm only aware of part of it. There were so many "God moments" throughout the weekend that I couldn't possibly name them all. Table assignments proved to be divine appointments - which is one of many things I had prayed about. To my knowledge only one pilgrim wanted to "cut and run" but decided to stay and within an hour of that decision was laughing with her table mates - all because of the prayers being lifted up for her. It was during one of the talks on Sunday when she understood perfectly just what God had for her on the weekend! It was a blessing to witness that.

The conference room bonded faster than any conference room I've served in before! They loved on each other, laughed with each other, danced with each other and prayed with each other. A two hour Dying Moments proved powerful, heart-wrenching, and triumphant because as our scripture for the weekend states: "When the flood waters come, you will not drown and when the fires of oppression come, you will not get burned for I HAVE REDEEMED YOU! I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME and YOU ARE MINE!" (Isaiah 43: 1- 3, paraphrased)

Throughout our team meetings I kept stressing my prayer was that we would ALL keep in mind that the weekend was all about GOD and not about us. From what I witnessed on the other teams serving, that attitude carried through the weekend. Everyone seemed to be happy to serve HIM by serving us! How refreshing that was to witness and to know the pilgrims were the beneficiaries of such self-less gesture. Thank you to each and every one of you who served us all in such precious ways. This was definitely GOD'S team.

Please know God chose each and every one of you to serve on Walk #61. Several times He woke me up in the middle of the night, whispering someone's name. Sometimes he yelled someone's name! It was a HUGE blessing to work so closely WITH God in preparing for this Walk. He also chose each and every one of the pilgrims who came. The sponsors were obviously open to God's nudging when He'd put a pilgrim's name on their hearts. Let's keep that going and be ready to sponsor someone for Walk #62 in August.

Speaking for myself, my relationship with God is stronger because of the experience of serving as the Lay Director of Walk # 61. The weekend was everything I hoped for, everything I prayed for and more. I thank the board for allowing me this opportunity to serve. It was scary, humbling and overwhelming but the outcome was beyond measure. My prayer is the joy we all received from working and attending Walk #61 will carry us throughout our 4<sup>th</sup> days!

De Colores,

Marcia Dillard



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](mailto: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.**

## As we are in the planning stages of 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.

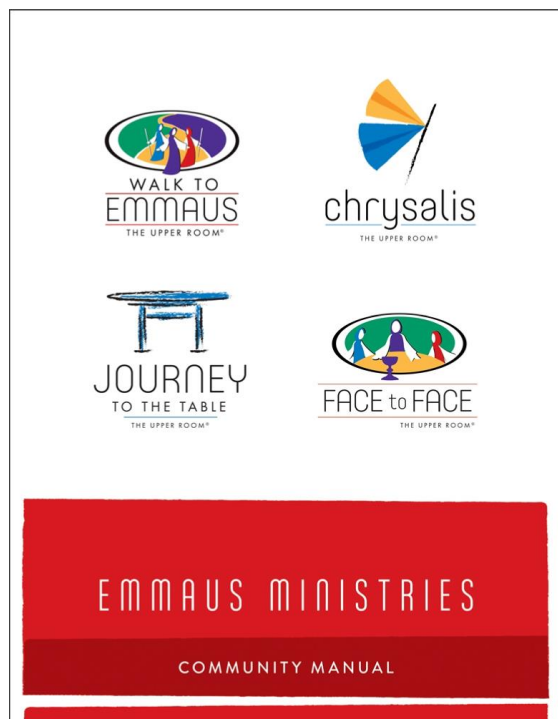
They will both be calling you to work the weekend. If you are interested in working the weekends, feel free to contact the Lay Director and let them know. If you see a number that is not familiar, it could be them. Go ahead and add their phone numbers to your phones, so that when they call you will recognize 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 \$25 deposit in the hands of the registrar no later than July 21<sup>st</sup>. 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  
678-416-9440



## 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 April Gathering/Follow-Up

which will be held

Saturday, April 21, 2018,

at Dallas First Assembly

64 Holder Rd.

Dallas, GA 30132

Board Meeting at 4:00pm

Graze at 6:00 (bring a covered dish to share), and Praise at 7:00.

Gathering will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare will be provided.

Directions will be available on the website.

## North GA Face-to-Face Encounter #8

North GA Face to Face Encounter #8 will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, **May 8, 9, 15 & 16** at McEachern Memorial UMC in Powder Springs and could really use your help:

### Food Donations

We try our hardest to keep the cost low for this mainly retired age group of pilgrims. The community assists by providing meals and snacks. Reunion groups, individuals and others can pool together to give this gift of agape. Even if you can only provide part of a meal, we would so much appreciate it. For more details and to sign up

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afae22a6fd0-encounter9>

### Prayer Vigil

Please help fill up the prayer board by signing up for one or more half hour slots during the Encounter.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49afae22a6fd0-encounter8>

### Sponsorship

If you know anyone age 60+ that would enjoy the Emmaus experience without overnights, please invite them to come. You are not required to take them to the encounter or back home.

<http://ngf2f.org/encounters/pilgrim-application/>

Thank you for your support!

## Chrysalis

### Chrysalis Flights Are Taking Off Soon!

It's time to prayerfully sponsor youth for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights. Teams are forming as well as meeting so please also be in prayer for the many servants that are preparing and planning.

Visit the Application Page for details and a downloadable application. As a reminder, this is for students in 10th - 12th grade and young adults ages 18-24. The individual should be active in church and ready for a faith building experience.

Do you know of anyone that fits this description? If so, please consider sponsoring and giving him/her the blessing of Chrysalis.

**Chrysalis #95/YAC #72(Female)**

**July 12-15, 2018**

Lay Director: **Loretta Yike**

[lyike@hillsideumc.org](mailto:lyike@hillsideumc.org)

**Chrysalis #96/YAC #73 (Male)**

**July 19-22, 2018**

Lay Director: **Terry Cooper**

[terryc2151@aol.com](mailto:terryc2151@aol.com)

As a reminder, you can stay up to date on Chrysalis and what is happening! For up to date information please sign up for our texting service. Just text- Chrysalis to 313131. We will keep you informed of all the fun stuff coming down the line!!

**FLYWITHCHRIST!**

**The North Georgia Chrysalis Board**





# Gathering Hosts Needed

We need Gathering hosts for our summer Gatherings in June and July. Please be in prayer about whether or not your church is able to host a Gathering during these months. Contact Linda Wallace, our Gathering Chair, to book your church!!

[lindajwallace66@gmail.com](mailto:lindajwallace66@gmail.com)

# Need Print Cartridges??

Having purchased a new printer, I have 7 printer cartridges available from my old printer for someone who can use them.

They are HP564: one XL in Black, 3 Blue (1 is XL), one Red XL, 2 yellow (1 is XL). Please contact me if you would like them.

Linda Hessel

[linda.hessel313@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hessel313@gmail.com)

# 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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