

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Emmaus community - I pray that each of you are having amazing Fourth Days!!!

My favorite verse or one of the top ten anyway is Philippians 3:10, *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."* (NASB)

My journey with the Lord is long and trust me when I say, I have made lots of mistakes over the years. One thing I have always been able to count on though is the LOVE of Christ. He loves me no matter where I am in my walk and HE loves you too. People can talk behind your back and say some really hurtful things that are not true, or they may think they are, and believe what they are saying - however they are not!!! None the less, these words hurt and can cause us to dwell on those words instead of the words of Christ. He loves you, He believes in you, most importantly HE FORGIVES!!! Several years ago, God gave me this scripture and it has been my life verse ever since. I hunger to know Him every day. I want to know more, to be filled with His spirit so that I might fully understand the power of His resurrection. As I go through difficult times in my life, I fully understand now that I am fellowshiping with Christ as I invite Him into all situations of my life. I invite you to do the same.

It is hard to watch the news, see the news flashes that come across your screen, and to even overhear those at work talking about it. What you hear can cause flashbacks of your past. For example, all the sexual assault info that has been flooding the news lately, the devastation of the hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, you get what I am saying. If these things are causing you to be depressed or just feeling any other way than the way Christ wants you to feel - love, joy, peace - please reach out to one of your Emmaus brothers or sisters. We find ourselves maybe even asking the question: How can I be Jesus with skin on for those in these situations? Praying, reaching out, giving, sharing your story, and loving on others is what we need to do. We may not always be good at connecting with each other, but we should work on getting better at that. Here is my invitation

to you: if you need a listening ear call me, send me a text, or email 678-416-9440. I know others who would make themselves available to you as well.

There are those who are not yet in our community who need to have a beginning that is on the walk. All I can say is remember what it was like day 1 - you wanted to leave, day 2 - God had captured your attention and you wanted to know more, day 3 - the love of Christ had captured your heart in such a way that you did not even want to go home. We are called to pass His love onto others. Emmaus is a good place to start.

1 Thessalonians 1:3-4: *"Constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, ⁴ knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you - He loves you and wants nothing more than to have a relationship with you! Trust Him!"*

When Jesus loves, he works up a sweat; he rolls up his sleeves, gets on his knees, and washes our feet with his blood, sweat, and tears. He labors at love, though his love is never like labor. He's a giver, not a taker, loving us into being with a gifted carpenter's hands. And he's no slacker, loving us until we can take no more; no more because we're filled to overflowing, his love spilling and splashing through our pores into the cores of those we love with his love, a love's labor not lost on a world that needs to be found.

He wrestles our fears and wrangles our doubts and labors at love until he's exhausted, lying prone in a garden, drinking from God's cup the nourishment necessary for one last heroic sweaty, bloody, tearful lift of the Father's infinite love; ready to die for God's undying love.

A Jesus-love sticks to it, even when the *it* seems like an unstickable fury that's no longer fun or convenient or even something you want to do. Jesus keeps on laboring in you and through you, finishing what he started, loving until the last with a love that lasts forever (John 13:1).

Devotion by: Jon Walker

Love and blessings

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Devotional Moment

Being Thankful in "All" Things

By Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com writer

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

I must be honest; sometimes it's the "all" in that verse that gets me. Most of us can be thankful, for lots of things, at lots of times, but in "all" circumstances? That can be tough.

What about when you find yourself suffering illness, or defeat, or you're walking through huge loss...what about when a loved one leaves this world too soon and you still can't see past your tears...or when you've been praying for your prodigal loved one to come home and it seems like the prayers are unanswered...what about when you're discouraged, disillusioned, and struggling with disbelief...or when you're overwhelmed, overextended, and just fighting being over-stressed...what about when the needs mount high and the way doesn't look clear...or when people are cruel, life seems unfair, and the enemy's breathing down your back...what about when the storms come, and the car breaks down, or the air conditioner stops working on a holiday weekend (true story)...

Yes, these are the "all" things that can be hard to find gratitude in, whether it's huge losses or just life irritations. But God's word never changes to fit our circumstances. His Truth rises above our circumstance, so that we can too. He doesn't say give thanks "for it", but "in it all," for He knows He's building more deeply into our lives and character than He could ever build without the hard times. We're gaining strength. We're gaining perseverance. We're being reminded that true joy is never based on how we feel or our outside situations. We're understanding that God's ways are bigger, His thoughts are higher, and we can be assured that He holds us in His hands. And He is with us. Always.

No matter what you might be facing, the good news is this, you woke up. He's given us today. And if we're still here, living and breathing, may our every breath bring honor to Him.

Be assured my friend, you never fight the battles alone. Stay strong. Choose joy. Choose to be grateful in it "all." For He is building greatness. He's working things out for good. He hears our prayers, He sees all, and knows all. He has purpose for our pain, and brings hope for our tomorrows...

Grace to you this day.

THERE'S ALWAYS
Something
TO BE
Thankful for
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -

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 ~ Feb. 28-March 3 and Women's #62 ~ March 7-10.

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 walks, feel free to call them and they can put you on their list.

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. As a board we are committed to following the handbook as the covenant that we signed calls us to do. Our only request of you is to help us by sponsoring well and by getting the applications to the registrar in a timely manner. 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?

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Community Lay Director

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Team Meeting Schedule for NWG Men's Walk #59 & Women's Walk #62:

Please mark your calendars now for the following team meeting dates and locations:

- Heads Meeting: Sat, December 1, 2018: 10:00am @ Villa Rica 1st UMC
Team Mtg. #1: Sat, January 12, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
Team Mtg. #2: Sat, January 26, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC
Team Mtg. #3: Sat, February 9, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
Team Mtg. #4: Sat, February 23, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC

Childcare is available for all team meetings.

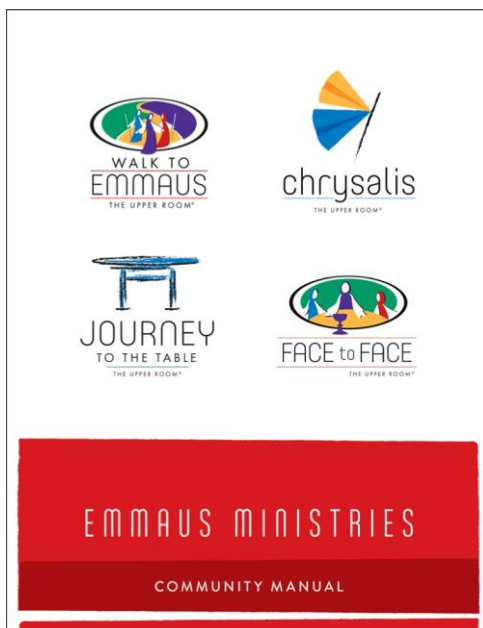
Church Addresses:

Acworth UMC
4340 Collins Circle
Acworth, GA 30101

Villa Rica 1st UMC
1789 Carrollton-Villa Rica Hwy
Villa Rica, GA 30180

Upper Room Handbooks

The new Upper Room Handbook is available for purchase. There are a few options if you would like to order one: 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.

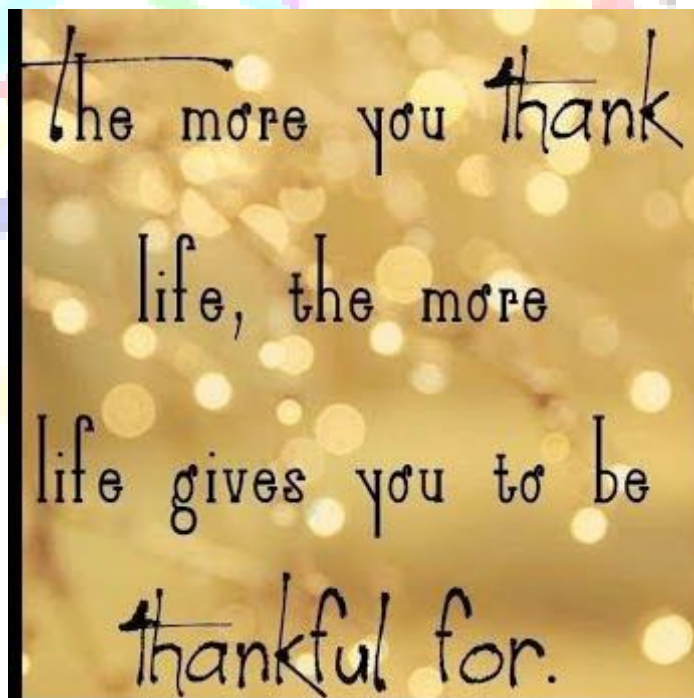


You're Invited

Please make plans to attend our
November Gathering: Saturday, November 17, 2018

Bowdon 1st UMC
302 Wedowee St.
Bowdon, GA 30108

Board Meeting at 4:00pm
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.



At our October Gathering, we elected new board members to replace those rolling off the board in December. The following community members were elected to serve on the board beginning January 1, 2019: Judi Munson, Flora Lowe-Rockett, Mark Michalisko, and Ed McCrory.

We look forward to having these community members on the board, and all the gifts and talents each person brings with them. Please welcome them to the board when you see them!!

Giving Tuesday,

November 27, 2018

ARE YOU READY TO GIVE?



For the last three years, Emmaus Ministries has used Giving Tuesday, a global giving day, to raise funds for new international communities in Nigeria, Belize, and Bolivia, among other countries, where they are eager to start and sustain Emmaus in their part of the world. Donations will go to the "Emmaus Gift Fund," a love offering designated for emerging global communities and will be used for leadership travel and community training.

Giving Tuesday set for November 27 is the perfect day for those who have been impacted by Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Face to Face to share their gratitude and help other Christian leaders around the world experience this powerful spiritual journey that has changed over a million lives.

This year, donations raised on Giving Tuesday will support the start-up communities in Kenya, Bolivia, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Poland, and Bulgaria. Plus, money for the Emmaus Gift Fund supports the essential work of our regional leaders, representing us around the world.

In 2017, we raised nearly \$125,000 for the Emmaus Gift Fund. **This year, our goal is \$140,000 because the need is greater with five more international communities in the planning stages.**

Please encourage your community members to join with pilgrims across the world for this special day of giving. Watch for more information to come. We are counting on you!

Here's how you can help:

1. **Share** the word with all community leaders and pilgrims. Post information on your community website, social media, newsletters, and gatherings. Here's our website that will be updated along the way with stories about how Emmaus Gift Fund donations make a difference: <https://emmausgift.org>
2. **Pray**. Set aside time today to pray for these new communities.
3. **Give. A gift of any amount will make a difference.**



Fall is in the air, and Winter is right around the corner! The holidays coming! How about giving a young adult in your life the gift of Chrysalis? The flights are listed below:

Girls Flight:

December 27-30, 2018
(Thursday-Saturday)

Lay Director: Lori Kennedy

Boys Flight:

January 18-20, 2019
(Friday-Monday)

Lay Director: Kenny Jones

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring and/or serving on these winter flights. We need your love and support to continue growing our Chrysalis community.

Remember-- Christ is Counting on YOU!!!

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
~Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)

Fly with Christ, and DeColores!
Your NGWTE Chrysalis Board

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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Position	Name	Contact Information
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