

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

December 2018



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Isaiah 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel."

Emmaus/Chrysalis community,

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. God sent His Son "Immanuel" for you! What a gift He gave to us. There are people out in the world who are still looking for a sign, looking for hope. How might you be the hands and feet of Jesus during this Christmas season?

This year has gone by really fast to me; with the passing of this year, will come a new one: 2019. What are you anticipating Christmas to bring? What are you looking forward to in the New Year? The gathering of friends and family sharing in meals together, laughing, and remembering times past are things I anticipate. One of my grandchildren once asked me, "Grandma, what gift would you like to receive?" To which I replied, "Time. For me, there is no greater gift than spending "time" with you." This goes for my Emmaus/Chrysalis community as well. The time we get to spend together is precious to me; whether that is at a Gathering, Reunion Group meeting, Candlelight, team meetings, or working a team. As we come together, I realize the truth in what John Wesley said, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences." Powerful words to ponder today and in the New Year!

Our team meetings for our Spring walks are fast approaching - as are our walks. Please be in prayer for our Lay Directors: Matt Fowler and Linda Wallace. Mark your calendars for the Spring Walk dates: the Men's is Feb. 28th - Mar 3rd and the Women's is Mar 7th - Mar 10th. Be in prayer for who you will sponsor for the upcoming walks remember we need to have 14 men and 14 women for the walks to take place 4 weeks prior to the men's walk date. There is still room to serve on both teams so contact one of the Lay Director's if you would like to serve on a team.

As a reminder there is **NO** Gathering in December - our Gathering in January will be on January 19th.

On a personal note, it has been my humble honor to serve as your Board Chair for the past 2 years. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve you in this role, and I have been blessed by all of you in ways that I find hard to put into words. I pray that God will bless each one of you in the coming years. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for sharing your hearts and time with me.

In His Service,
Judi Rainey #28 Table of Esther
Community Lay Director
Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

Devotional Moment

Carols: A Christmas Devotional

"Mary Did You Know?"

taken from: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/203-carols-devotional/>

*Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.*

Have you ever listened to the song Mary, Did You Know?

This touching song has been played for well over three decades during the Christmas season. The lyrics are beautifully written and contain powerful phrases like, "Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand..." and, "This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you." It's a stirring line of questions asked by the songwriter that cause listeners to stand in amazement at the power of our God.

We really don't know much about Mary except that she was a virgin and probably in her early teens. According to Luke 1:28, we know that she was "highly favored" and that "the Lord was with her." Even without a stunning resume, God used her. Sweet, little Mary who kept to herself and wasn't a big "playmaker" was invited by the Creator of the universe to change the world.

Many think the reason He chose her was because of her willingness. Upon hearing God's plan for her life, Mary responded, **"I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."** (Luke 1:38). Mary simply said yes to her Lord with no conditions whatsoever.

Where are you in your life right now? How much of "you" have you truly surrendered? Are you living the truth that "your life is not your own" and that you've been "brought with a price"? Is there something that you are missing out on because you won't let Him lead?

We have a Messiah. His name is Jesus. He is the Savior of the world. He walked on water without a single bit of effort. He came and died to make us new. He gave sight to a blind man with some dirt and saliva. He woke up from a deep sleep and calmed a raging storm with his human hand. He fed over 5,000 people with a tiny bit of bread and fish. He does the miraculous.

And He has amazing plans for your life.



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.

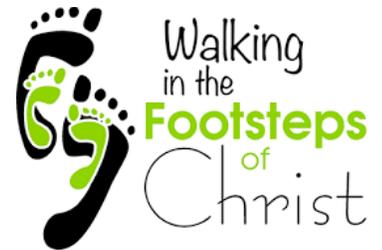
They will both be calling you to work the weekend. If you are interested in working the weekends, feel free to contact the Lay Director and let them know. If you see a number that is not familiar, it could be them. Go ahead and add their phone numbers to your phones, so that when they call you will recognize 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 by the end of January. 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:

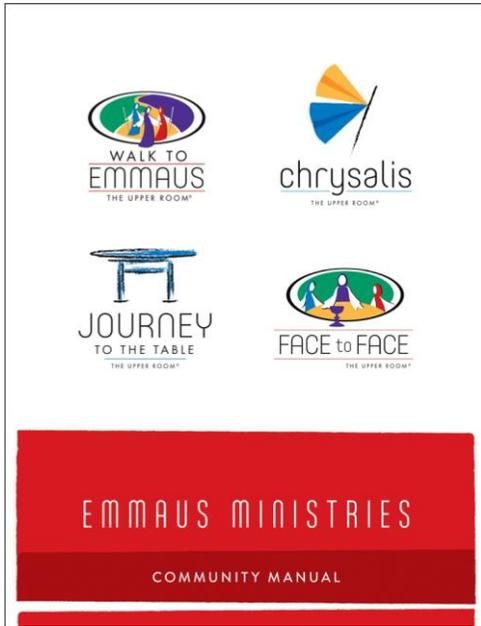
- Team Mtg. #1: Sat, January 12, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
- Team Mtg. #2: Sat, January 26, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC
- Team Mtg. #3: Sat, February 9, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Acworth UMC
- Team Mtg. #4: Sat, February 23, 2019: 8:30 - 3:00 @ Villa Rica 1st UMC

Childcare is available for all team meetings.

Church Addresses:

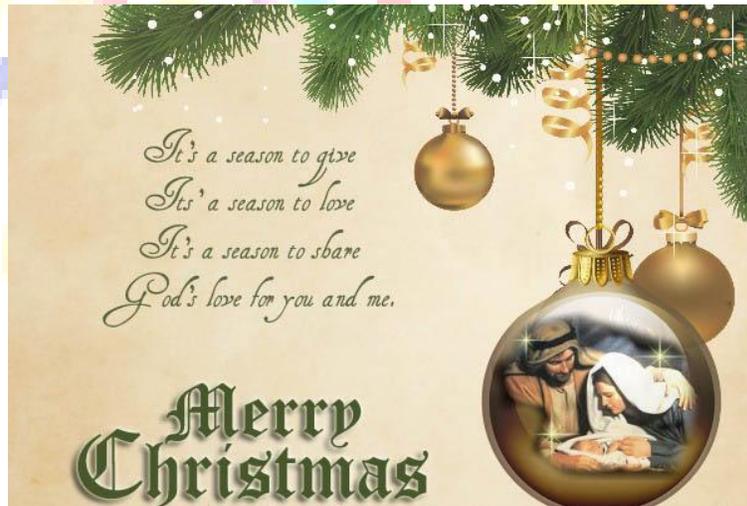
Acworth UMC
4340 Collins Circle
Acworth, GA 30101

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.



We will not have a monthly Gathering in the month of December. We wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!! We look forward to seeing you in January!!



On Friday, November 30, 2018, the current board members along with the new members coming on the board met for our Christmas party/December board meeting. At this meeting, two of the business items that were completed were to elect a new Community Spiritual as well as a new Community Lay Director. The Board unanimously elected the following:

Community Spiritual Director: Julie Fuller

Community Lay Director: Chuck Standridge

Thank you so much to all of our board members who are rolling off for your diligent and faithful service to our community. Please continue to hold your new board in your prayers as we endeavor to serve God and our community.

Giving Tuesday Update



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.

This year, our community made a donation for Giving Tuesday of \$250 to support the efforts of the Upper Room. Thank you so much to those who donated. You are still welcome to make donations if you would like.

We also have made our **Christmas Wish List** of items to be donated:

blender

carafes

pitchers

bread baskets

bread knives

rubber spatulas

serving bowls (12 ea.) new sheet pans (full size) white Christmas string lights

vinyl zippered twin size mattress covers

Corelle white dinnerware- salad bowls, dessert plates, dinner plates & coffee mugs

Please contact Gwen Hamill to arrange for shipping and/or delivery options.

(momma4god@comcast.net).

Thank you all for a great year at King's Retreat! We currently have 34 weekends booked for 2019 and want to maintain the facility with all the excellence we can afford.

Merry Christmas from the King's Retreat Facilities Committee!

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!



Have
a Very
Merry
Christmas

May your holiday
season be one of
joy, love, peace
and His presence.

"BUT THE GIFT OF GOD
IS ETERNAL LIFE IN
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD."
ROMANS 6:23

2018 Board Members

Position	Name	Contact Information
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* Denotes Executive Board members