

Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

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Greetings NWGWTE Community,

Happy Mother's Day to all past, present, and future mothers. I pray that your Mother's Day and all your days are blessed with health, good fortune, and family. Now, down to business...

The Fall Walks are quickly approaching! As we are moving closer to being in line with the Upper Room model, we are required to have a minimum of 16 men and 16 women pilgrims (with application and deposit in hand) 4 weeks prior to the walk dates. The deadline for this set of walks is Wednesday, July 17th. At this point, a decision will be made regarding whether or not we move forward with this set of walks or postpone them to the Spring. Make sure you are diligent in getting applications and deposits into our registrar, Winnie Buchanan, as soon as possible. Applications are always available on our community website - www.nwgwte.com along with the ability to electronically pay pilgrim deposit or team fees.

Additionally, some of you may have already been contacted by the Fall Lay Directors (Flora Lowe-Rockett and Alan Olmstead) to serve on their teams. If you haven't responded to them, PLEASE do so soon!! There is a mountain of work that goes into putting on these weekends, and your timely response is vital to each walk. Prayerfully consider the position you are asked to work, and be committed to the position and the weekend if you accept.

Accepting a position in the conference room requires you to attend all team meetings (head meeting and 4 team meetings). If you are giving a talk on a weekend, you agree to stay in the parameters of the talk outline you are provided for your talk as well as to stay within the time limit of the talk you present. All speakers also agree to have their talk prepared to be previewed by the first team meeting. Knowing these specific requirements, please make sure you give prayerful consideration before agreeing to accept a conference room position.

Are you a community member who is computer-savvy?? If so, the Board is looking for people like you to train to be Tech Support people on weekends. Tech Support people are those responsible for operating the computer for songs and talk presentations in the Conference Room during weekends. If you would be interested in being trained for this position, please contact me or any Board member to express your willingness to be trained and fill this position on weekends from time to time. Tech Support people are needed for both the Men and Women teams.

The Board will need new members to serve starting in 2020. There are some things you need to know before you agree to serve:

- This is a 3-year commitment.
- Board Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 4:00 (prior to the monthly Gatherings). Board members are allowed to miss a maximum of 3 meetings per year. If your attendance in person is not possible, we do have the ability for you to participate in meetings via conference call - BUT this option should not be used in place of you attending meetings in person. Members who have 3 or more unexcused meeting absences, may be asked to step down so they can be replaced with someone committed to the Board.

These requirements are not meant to be harsh. These are simply measures the Board passed to ensure that we (as a Board) can operate in an efficient manner to best serve the community. Please give this very prayerful consideration if you are thinking of accepting a Board position.

Whew!!! That's enough of that for this newsletter - NOW onto some exciting and fantastic news about King's Retreat!! First, the King's Retreat Board has scheduled community workdays for Saturdays, June 22nd and June 29th. More information will be coming regarding these dates. Please make plans to come and help us continue to make King's Retreat the best it possibly can be!!

- The Camp has had new and beautifully designed carpets installed in the entire camp - including the White House. I have seen the carpet samples, and it should be absolutely beautiful installed.
- The showers have also had some updates.
- King's Retreat is also in the process of installing Wifi throughout the Camp.

Work a Walk, and come see the new updates at the Camp!!

The above and afore mentioned information is given to you with the Love of the Lord and this Board. Please keep the Board, Community, upcoming Pilgrims, and your family in your daily prayers. When you have time, read Isaiah 10:1-4. The Board is always at your disposal. Blessings to all of you!

In HIS Service,

Chuck Standridge
Community Lay Director



Devotional Moment

"But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously." Micah 6:8 The Message

I don't know about you but living out Micah 6:8 is easy to do on an Emmaus weekend. Everyone is there serving together in Christian love and mutual respect. We work together with our neighbors to serve the pilgrims and one another. WE cover each other in prayer, love on one another, and our hearts ache for those going through tough times. We even rely on God to perform miracles and there on holy ground we believe God for the impossible. We even put our own agendas and needs second and put what God needs from us first.

I have been challenged for a while now, to be my true self no matter the setting. That can be a hard thing to do as followers of Christ. We feel we have to, act a certain way or talk a certain way around other followers of Christ. For example, when someone asks how we are doing, our response is usually good, even if we are crumbling on the inside. We are afraid to let people see our struggles, our hurts, and failures. Rightly so, it is hard to know who we can be authentic with and be able to trust our true selves to.

Our call as Resurrection People is to be true to the person God made us to be. To not walk in fear of judgement or rejection, but rather in taking God and God's word seriously and know we are children of God. We are called to walk in faith, to love without pointing fingers, and to seek God with everything we have within us every single breathe we take.

We long for the safe place of King's Retreat and the Emmaus weekend, may we challenge ourselves to be that safe place in our lives each and every day. May we bring the Spirit of God we find at King's Retreat to our work places, our homes, our schools, our churches, and neighborhoods. May we act justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly with our God today and always!

Love in Christ, Rev. Julie Fuller



Board Spotlights

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Guppy Gladstone, and I would like to share with you the positions I fill on your working Board for Northwest Georgia Emmaus.

1. I am in charge of Setup and Takedown: This requires the setup of all electronics and associated hardware for the weekend walks. This includes microphones and cabling for the all speakers in the conference room, chapel, dining room and Chrysalis room (send-off room). This also includes helping the Tech Support servant get connected to the monitors in the conference room. Also, I provide setup of music stands for music servants. When the weekend concludes, I make sure all the above equipment is put back in its proper storage place.
2. The other position is Weekend Follow up: This is a time in which the workings of Walk to Emmaus are explained to the new community members who have just completed their walk. We talk about sponsorship, what is required to have a weekend walk, and of course the need for Prayer. Prayer is the basis for the walk. Long before a person is asked to go on a walk, their sponsor has prayed about who God would have them ask to participate in the walk. Fellow community members have been praying for the pilgrims before they know who they are. If you were not able to attend the Follow-up meeting at the Gathering following your walk, get with me so I can give you the information that was handed out at the meeting.

On another note, would you would like to serve on a weekend in the Tech Support position but feel you are not capable? We will be having an assistant Tech support position during the walk where you can receive training. It's not a hard position to fill if I can do it. Don't have a laptop...no problem. One will be available at the camp that you can use. Serving on a walk is a blessing that surpasses the weekend you had. So join us in working a walk.

In His Love,
Guppy





I attended Northwest Georgia Women's Walk #46 in the spring of 2008. Over the past ten years since my Walk, I have served on all the Northwest Georgia Women's Walks, and have sponsored couples or at least one pilgrim for each of Walks (men and women).

By this, I'm sure you can tell that I LOVE Emmaus. However, in February and March, I participated in a new type of Emmaus experience called Face to Face (F2F). F2F is for men and women age 60 and over. F2F gives them the opportunity to encounter Emmaus close to their home while getting to sleep in their own beds.

Those that attend F2F are still called pilgrims, and what they attend is called an "Encounter" instead of a weekend "Walk." During Encounter #10, I was honored to serve as a member of the Prayer Chapel team. You, too, can serve on a F2F team and I highly recommend it. The pilgrims hear talks, experience agape, eat way too much food, celebrate communion, receive letters, have their own dying moments, and even feel the love of candlelight. Most of all, they experience the love of Christ and the fact that He is counting on them as they head into their Next Day instead of their Fourth Day.

There are many ways you can support F2F and help those you sponsor experience this opportunity:

- (1) You can pray for F2F, the pilgrims, and the team.
- (1) You, your reunion groups and/or your church Emmaus communities can supply the food for lunch for the Encounter. Donors who wish to donate, can sign up on-line at www.ngf2f.org. Your donation will help to keep the costs affordable for the pilgrims that might be on limited income. Also, the Kitchen team would love to have your group stay and help to serve the lunch you provide. This is really a great way to check it out firsthand.

So many of the pilgrims say that they would never attend a Walk where they would have to sleep in a bunk bed. In my opinion the weekend Walks are so powerful, but if the only way to get some of our older friends, family, and church members to consider Emmaus, F2F is a wonderful alternative. The absolute sweetest thing though, is speaking with these precious older folks and helping them know that Jesus isn't done with them yet.

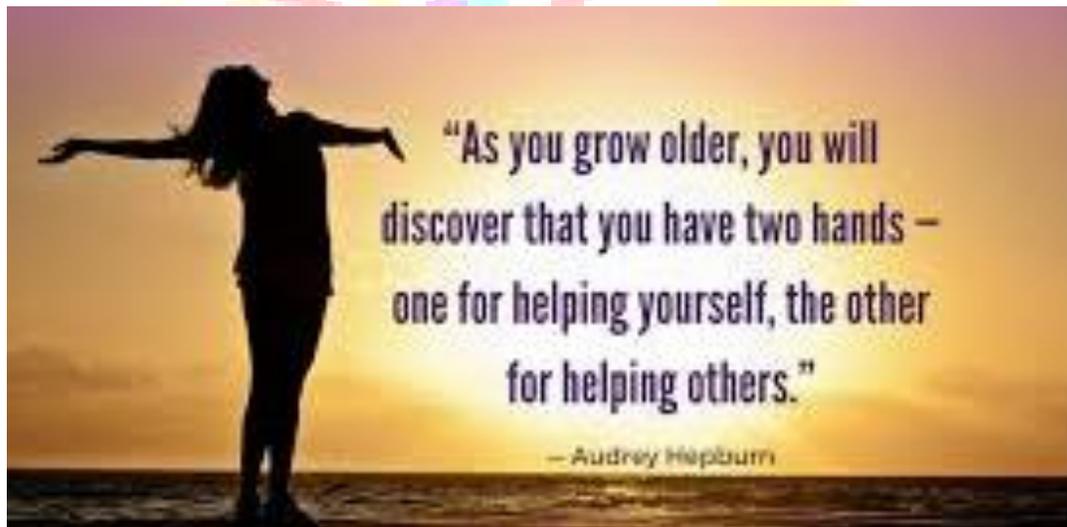
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Flora Lowe-Rockett

You're Invited

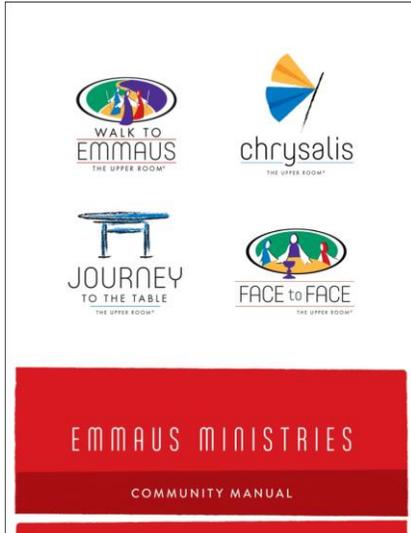
Please make plans to join us for our May Gathering.

Our May Gathering will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019 at
Aragon United Methodist Church
135 New Prospect Rd
Aragon, GA 30104

The Board meets prior to the Gathering at 4:00. The Gathering begins with a covered dish supper at 6:00 followed by Praise and Worship at 7:00. Childcare is provided for the Gatherings. Directions will be available on the website.



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.

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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