



NWGAWTE - March Newsletter

What a blessing it was to serve on NWG Women's Walk to Emmaus #63! It was everything I thought it would be and more.

The weekend filled a void in me that was missing since Craig and I moved to Tampa, Florida in 2007. It brought me back to a community of brothers and sisters in Christ that I longed for deep in my soul. A community of people who love me and welcomed me with open arms.

One of the first things I thought about when we made the decision to move back to the Atlanta area was "I will get to serve at Emmaus again!" I could not wait to serve on a walk. I was excited about being able to reconnect with my Emmaus brothers and sisters. I was excited about the opportunity to serve new pilgrims and welcome them into our community. I was excited about the renewal that I always get when I serve on a walk. I knew it would feel like home when I got to King's Retreat but I didn't expect the wave of emotion that came over me. When I got out of the car and walked that Holy Ground, I instantly felt God's arms around me; He held me all weekend.

As others started to arrive, I looked for familiar faces. I noticed that a lot of the people I used to serve with were missing. I couldn't help but wonder where everyone went and better yet, why they were not on the team.

If it has been a while since you served on a walk, I want you to know that you are loved and missed by your brothers and sisters in Christ from our Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus community! I would like to personally invite the ENTIRE Northwest Georgia community to serve on Men's walk #61 and/or Women's Walk #64.

I think you will find that you have missed serving just as much as I did and, I am sure that you will have "your socks blessed off!"

DeColores,
Karen McEntyre
NWGWTE #38
Table of Sarah

2020 GATHERINGS

March ~ Acworth UMC

April ~ Bascomb UMC

May ~ Old Camp UMC

June ~ Bremen First Pres

July ~ TBD

August ~ TBD

September ~ TBD

October ~ Bowdon UMC

November ~ TBD

* Potluck Dinner @ 6:00

* Praise & Worship @ 7:00

* Board meets @ 4:00 - Community is welcome

* Childcare provided

FALL WALKS

Men's Walk #61

Sept. 24-27, 2020

Rick Moser- Lay Director

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Women's Walk #64

Oct. 1-4, 2020

Judi Rainey - Lay Director

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*Don't hesitate to reach out to the lay directors if you would like to serve.

*We will have copies of the pilgrim application for the walks at the gathering.

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To the Emmaus/Chrysalis Community current and at large:

When I went on my walk in the Spring of 2001, if you do the math that means I have been in the community for roughly 19 years. I was not in a good place; my life was a mess, and that is an understatement. On the walk we hear the Prevenient Grace talk. Today I have those experiences where I can really see how God has walked before me and cleared the path, putting people in my life who would minister to me throughout the years. It is because of Emmaus that I have been able to let go of things that first were not of God but also things that I hold on tight to, knowing that those things are gifts from God.

Going back and serving a weekend is my time to serve God's people that He brings on the weekend. If only one person's life is better whether a pilgrim or servant because of the weekend it is worth it to me. My heart and passion are for those who feel rejected, less than, the brokenhearted, and unworthy because of a past life that Satan holds over their heads. My prayer is that those chains will be broken or at least loosed the next time you serve.

When I was asked to be the Lay Director for Walk #64 my first thought was WHAT! Then NO WAY, been there done that was blessed, but it is someone else's turn. As I was driving to the Men's Candlelight, on the radio was Benji from J93.3 and as he began to read the scripture, Isaiah 61 was all I heard before I felt God say, "Write it down." God did you forget that I am driving? Anyway, I wrote IS61 and when I got to the camp I looked it up and read these words; "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for prisoners." That was all I could read, it was in that moment that I knew I had to say yes if I was asked.

So here I am writing you this article letting you know that I am humbled and overwhelmed at this opportunity. Rick Moser who is the Lay Director for Men's Walk 61 (rm44rick@aol.com) and I covet your prayers. We would love the opportunity to serve alongside you, so please sign up and serve. If you cannot serve because you live too far away, or if for health reasons you cannot serve, I would love for you to be on my outside prayer team. Mark your calendars for September 24 – 27, 2020 (Men 61) and October 1 – 4, 2020 (Women 64).

DeColores,
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Attention New Community Members

You don't want to miss your follow-up training on Saturday, March 21 @ Acworth UMC. The training will begin at 5:15. It's very important that you attend this training as you're going to receive information on the different ways for you to get involved and stay plugged in to the Emmaus community such as; serving on future walks, sponsoring others to attend a walk and becoming a part of a reunion group. If you do not have a ride please let us know. My email and phone number will be listed below. We will get you there. Right after the follow-up training we will have a pot-luck dinner at 6:00, followed by praise and worship at 7:00. The community wants to give you one more act of agape as we will provide all the food and drinks for this gathering...you only need to bring your self. Childcare will be provided.

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CLERGY PERSPECTIVE

“We had a wonderful time of fellowship and theological discussions, prayers for one another, eating and laughing as Guardian Angels. I do want to point out how great our outside clergy was, not just as team clergy, but serving in the kitchen tirelessly. He ministered to the team just as the conference room clergy were ministering to the inside team and pilgrims.

The men’s walk was truly a blessing. We only had six pilgrims, but imagine the overwhelming love they felt as they realized **all this expressed agape love was for six men.** We had a variety of responses from the pilgrims. Some responded to God’s nudging very quickly, while others held up those walls around themselves as firmly as they could. However, those walls came tumbling down and it was beautiful to see. The team worked extremely hard with very limited numbers, but not once did a pilgrim know how understaffed we were. There were no turf wars or egos. Everyone seemed all in. I must speak out about the music team. I will acknowledge my biased position, but my accolades are not just for the musicians. The team supported the slightly more contemporary flavor of worship. It was a great blend of contemporary and traditional. They were flat out amazing and truly brought us to a place of authentic worship over and over again. Additionally, several team members who have been used to the “regular “ Emmaus music were overwhelmingly supportive and enveloped in the Spirit. One table leader told me, “Our music was cutting edge 30 years ago. This is wonderful. Bring them back again!”

I’ve been involved with 15 walks/flights over the last four years and every one of them has been amazing. But, honestly, I haven’t felt the kind of Spirit-led push that’s in our community, not just a walk-they are all Spirit led, but in the community itself. I know we’ve gone through a valley, but not anymore. God is moving, and we need to be ready to answer His call. Serving is like a sabbath to me. It’s a step away from work and focus on the spiritual formation of myself and those around me.

I was approached this Sunday at church by a man that joined over two years ago to tell me how much his life has changed. I asked if he would be interested in going on a retreat this Fall. He said, “Is it that Emmaus thing you talk about sometimes? Yes! I’d love to go”. Got me some kind of fired up. Got my first pilgrim for the next walk.

DeColores,
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The upcoming flights are:

Young ladies – July 9-12, 2020

Young men – July 23-26, 2020



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OUR WEBSITE IS GETTING AN UPDATE**

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would like to receive them you can email
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to be added to the NWGWTE email group.**

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