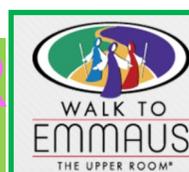
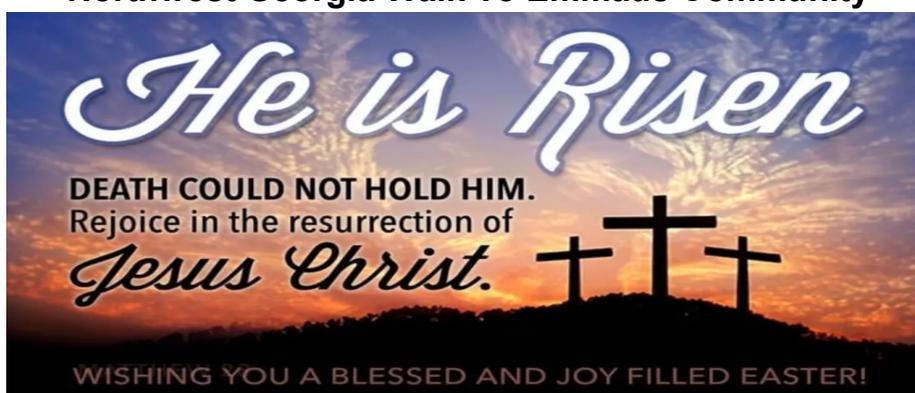


# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## NORTHWEST GA WALK TO EMMAUS



### Northwest Georgia Walk To Emmaus Community



#### **MESSAGE FROM THE UPPER ROOM**

Dear Emmaus Ministries Community Leaders,  
 I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, praying and trusting that you and all those around you are keeping as best as can be.  
 We have entered the Holy Week. During these few days, we will be retracing Jesus' steps from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His Crucifixion and, as we do so, we will also be reflecting on the impact on humanity of His death on the cross and resurrection 3 days later.  
 For some reason or the other, this year's reflection takes place in a very unusual context. Indeed, the present situation in which our world finds itself is one that we wish never existed. How could it be different when around us we see and hear of crippled businesses, closed schools, empty streets, fragile economies, overwhelmed medical systems, not to mention an incredible death toll. Truly, as we enter Holy Week, there is little visibility on the future, and there is a whole lot of anxiety and fear in and around us.  
 Yet, as a people whose lives have been – and continue to be - transformed by our encounter and subsequent journey with Jesus, we are called to press forward, trusting that the events of the Holy Week were not in vain, and that beyond the present veil, there will be life to be lived.  
 Thus, as we look forward with much hope, and continue to prepare for the ministry to which we have been called, we are wanting to offer you a few ways in which we can strengthen each other in the faith, and renew the church of Christ for its ongoing mission to the world:

- Continue to encourage each other. Use the available electronic means to spend meaningful time together:
  - In Reunion Groups
  - In Gathering
- Continue to position your community for its work: Consider having e-conversations and trainings within your community on specific topics. If your community has not yet designated a trainer, our office is offering its assistance with training.
- Continue to prepare to empower leaders for the strengthening of local churches by becoming familiar with and updating your community's information in the new 'Ministry Manager' (if your community is not yet in 'Ministry Manager', please reach out to us at [mmsupport@upperroom.org](mailto:mmsupport@upperroom.org))
- In appendix, you will find a list of Upper Room responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Feel free to curate and tailor it to the needs of your community members.

More than ever, we can say with the hymn writer  
*Many things about tomorrow  
 I don't seem to understand  
 But I know who holds tomorrow  
 And I know who holds my hand*

but, with this hope, we continue to step forward.  
 Thank you for all you are doing to keep hope alive, and continued blessings on you and all those around you. Jesus lives!  
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<i>Stephane Brooks</i>	<i>Hess Hall</i>
Spiritual Director	Associate Director
Emmaus Ministries	Emmaus Ministries

#### **2020 GATHERINGS**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| April ~ cancelled          | September ~ Hollydale UMC |
| May 16 ~ Old Camp          | October ~ Bowdon UMC      |
| June 20 ~ Bremen 1st Pres. | November ~ TBD            |
| July ~ TBD                 | December ~ TBD            |
| August ~                   |                           |

\*We are making month to month decisions regarding gatherings. We greatly miss

# LET'S MEET THE NORTHWEST EMMAUS BOARD MEMBERS

**Board Member:** Daphne Lyle

**Board Position:** Registrar

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**Northwest GA Walk #57**

**What is one of your favorite memories/of going on or serving on a walk?**

My favorite memory on my walk would be candlelight! One of my other most fond memories has to be when I gave the Fourth Day Talk.

**What is your favorite family vacation?**

Any vacation with my kids and my parents. We love Gulf Shores and Helen!

**What is your favorite thing about your career/being a parent?**

My favorite thing about being a parent is the unconditional love we have for one another. I love watching them grow and witnessing them experience so many firsts.

**If you could choose to do anything to do for a day, what would it be?**

I would visit my loved ones in Heaven.

**Who is your favorite author?**

Currently I would have to say Susie Larson. I still have a love for my favorite childhood author Barbara Park. (Junie B Jones)

**What are your hobbies?**

I don't really have any hobbies but I am going to need to find one soon because this social distancing is getting to me! Lol

**What is your favorite family recipe?**

From my dad's mom it would be Coca Cola Salad. From my mom's mom it had to be Mac & Cheese.

**What is your favorite family tradition?**

Thanksgiving Dinner and Black Friday Shopping

**What's the craziest thing you have done in the name of love?**

Enable an addict

**Are you an introvert or an extrovert?**

Definitely an introvert which is tough being on the board.

**Do you prefer to be indoors or outdoors?**

It depends on the time of the year. In the Winter I want to be inside. In the Summer as long as I am near a pool or other body of water, I want to be outside. I also love the Fall outdoors. With Spring comes pollen so inside it is!

## NORTHWEST GA BOARD MEMBERS

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## FALL WALKS

**Men's Walk #61**  
Sept. 24-2, 2020  
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## FALL WALKS

**Women's Walk #64**  
Oct. 1-4, 2020  
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\*Please contact the lay directors if you are interested in working the walks.



## UPCOMING FLIGHTS

Young ladies – July 9-12, 2020

Young men – July 23-26, 2020

## Message from the Upper Room

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I trust that by God's grace you and your loved ones are keeping as well as can be.

Here in Nashville, all non-essential businesses are closed for the next 14 days (at least), and we are all working remotely.

Needless say that this new development comes with many changes. I have had to reorganize my workspace at home. We've had to bring our eldest daughter back home from college. Both of them are now online with their schooling. We are in each other's face a bit more often. And, because of the weather, being outdoor is not much of an option.

Its not all gloomy though. I am able to spend much more time delving into God's word, and working on my imperfect self. As a family, we are having some very meaningful discussions and doing things that are otherwise unthought of. Yesterday, I had a very long multiplex whatsapp conversation with my siblings in the Caribbean. Over the last days I've connected with nieces and nephews, cousins ... around the world. Last week, we had several rather relaxed meetings with Emmaus Regional Leaders around the world. I mention all this to say that with the present health crisis comes a number of opportunities to reflect on the meaning of life, to work on neglected bridges/relationships, to be neighbors in new ways, to step back and reconsider some practices ...

The present pandemic is turning our world(s) upside down. Life as we know it might never be the same again but, new things are already happening. God is doing something new.

In Psalm 30:11, we read "You (God) have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent." These words are a reminder to us that we can indeed trust that God is in the business of putting a new spin on situations. Consequently, may we pay attention to God's presence in and around us. May we pay attention to God's invitations to us and, in trust, respond to those promptings, even those that are leading us away from the beaten paths.

Something new is happening. May, with God's help, we be able to settle down and be attentive.

Much grace and peace to each and everyone of you. And, please stay safe!

Stephane  
Rev. Stephane Brooks  
Spiritual Director of Emmaus Ministries  
The Upper Room  
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### What Is Sponsorship & Why Sponsor Pilgrims

- \*A commitment to invite, guide & support
- \*Represents God working person to person
- \*To recruit strong church leaders ... to strengthen the local church
- \*To create a strong Emmaus/Chrysalis community
- \*First act of agape before a weekend begins
- \*Foundation for a healthy, effective movement fulfilling its purpose

### STAY CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

- \* Visit our website [www.nwgewte.com](http://www.nwgewte.com) to find applications, upcoming walk information, Gathering directions, and other community info.
- \* Like us on Facebook: "Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus"