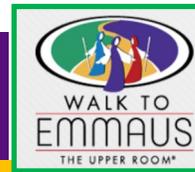


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MAY NEWSLETTER

NORTHWEST GA WALK TO EMMAUS
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WE MISS YOU!

We miss you so much that we are planning a special live gathering on Saturday, the 16th. We know it's too early to see each other in person so we are going to be gathering together via our new NWGWTE Youtube channel. The link for the youtube channel will be posted on our facebook page. Go ahead, click on the link and subscribe to our new page so you will be ready to go on the 16th. The gathering will be in an abbreviated format. It will begin at 7:00pm and last about 30-45 minutes. This will be our first attempt so we ask for your understanding as we might experience some technical difficulties, but we are confident that you will be blessed. We are so excited and hope you will join us on the 16th at 7:00pm on our NWGWTE Youtube Channel for our May gathering.

GATHERINGS

June ~ Online / Youtube Channel

July ~ TBD

August ~ TBD

September ~ Hollydale UMC

October ~ Bowdon UMC

November ~ TBD

* Potluck Dinner @ 6:00

* Praise & Worship @ 7:00

* Board meets @ 4:00 - Community is welcome

* Childcare provided

Dear NWGWTE Friends & Family,

As we continue to navigate through this season we are all in, we must not forget how unique God created each one of us individually, and to be mindful of others, their situation and their needs. Some may be able to handle this situation with ease but most of us are struggling in some way. The struggles vary from employment, financial distress, health concerns, isolation from family and friends as well as not being able to isolate periodically from family to have some personal quiet time, and the unknown of what the future will bring. It is in times like these that we are reminded that we rely on God more than we tend to acknowledge. It is in times like these that we are also reminded that even though these are difficult days God continues to be with us, He has never left us. In this time there are also opportunities for us to rely on God, be proactive in prayer, and hold on to the truth that He is in control and is not going to leave us. He is with us in each of our situations wherever we are. Remember, you are not alone. You have a community of friends and family who are here for you whatever the need may be.

As we continue to navigate through these 4th days I encourage you to spend some of this extra 'free' time in prayer for others, I encourage you to reach out to others that God lays on your heart, and I encourage you to look for God throughout your day because He is with us. He is in the details and He will see us through this.

DeColores,
Fran Davis
NGWTE Community Lay Director



CHRYSALIS

Emmaus on Steroids

The Chrysalis Community is doing well providing for our young people. You may already know that 38 new caterpillars entered King's Retreat for the last Chrysalis Girls' and Boys' flights and departed at the end of their weekends as butterflies.

Chrysalis is for students 10th – 12th grade, and young adults ages 18 to 24. The individual should be active in church and ready for a faith building experience. The next Chrysalis Flights will be held in July. Do you know a young person who fits this description? If so, you should consider sponsoring and giving him/her the blessing of a Chrysalis experience. Here is a list of the upcoming flights for 2020:

All summer flights scheduled in July for Chrysalis have been cancelled. We continue to keep you informed as to the next set of flights for Chrysalis.

The flights are all held at King's Retreat, and the fee of a flight is \$110 for caterpillars and youth team members, and \$130 for adult team members. The cost includes the fee for the weekend and a T-shirt. Anyone interested in serving on a flight may contact the Lay Director for the flight.

RUSH (ReUniting Servants Hearts is the Chrysalis version of Gatherings. The next RUSH is schedule to occur in early August. The date and location will be announced in the coming months. Please feel free to attend with your young people. Even if they have not attended a flight, they will be welcomed to attend RUSH. Stay tuned for more information. To God be the Glory!

De Colores
Fly with Christ,
Flora Lowe-Rockett
NWG Chrysalis Representative



The King's Retreat Trustee Board did not meet due to the Pandemic. But here is a report from Northwest Georgia representative on what was discussed the last time we met. Also included is information received through email to the Committee Members.

At this time, all reservations from March 12th to June 14th have been cancelled. The ***Work Days – June 20th and 27th*** are still scheduled until further notice. Please consider helping on one of the days. The Superintendent is still going out to King's Retreat a couple times a week for a few minutes just to check the facility out. She is making sure there are no utility problems, the place remains closed, and locked up with no problems.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Davis and
Flora Lowe-Rockett
NWG King's Retreat Trustees

GET EXCITED!
(BUT DON'T ANTICIPATE)

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.

LITERATURE & SUPPLIES REQUEST

We need your help. We seem to be missing some team manuals from men and women. If you served on any of the past two men/women's walks will you please check to see if you have a team manual at your home. If you do find one please reach out to Janice Russell or Bonnie Standridge and we will make arrangements to get the manual. We are updating the manuals for the upcoming walks and need to locate these.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE 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"

Subscribe to our new NWGWTE Youtube channel

LET'S MEET OUR NORTHWEST BOARD

My name is Katie Fowler. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Matthew. We have two children, Marianne & Audrie. We are active members at Villa Rica 1st UMC. It is my privilege to serve on your NWGWTE Board.

What walk did you go on? NWG Chrysalis Flight #7, sat at the Table of BAND-AIDS (Believing And Never Doubting Apostles In Divine Service) - we get to name our Tables at Chrysalis, which is often awesome at the time - but 20+ years later you have second thoughts!! LOL

What is one of your favorite memories/parts of going on or working on a walk? I don't know that I have just ONE favorite part of weekends! I always have a new favorite after each weekend. I think though as I get older, it has to be every time I have the privilege to serve with my momma, Jackie Waldrop.

What job do you have on the board? My current position on the Board is the Secretary as well as Communication. I am in charge of taking minutes during our monthly Board meetings and then sharing them out with the Board. I also help with sending out the monthly newsletters to the community.

What is your favorite family vacation? If you haven't picked up on it yet, I'm super indecisive. As a result, I don't just have one favorite family vacation. I love taking yearly beach trips with just my girls and my momma. We have the BEST time, and this has become something we look forward to each summer.

I also LOVE when my husband and I take our girls to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. We get to unplug from technology (because the cell service is terrible) and enjoy each other and God's amazing creation. I definitely have come to look forward to this every year as well, and have been blessed to get to add other people to share in this trip with us over the years.

What is your favorite thing about your career/being a parent? I am an Adapted Curriculum Special Education Teacher in Carroll County. I teach students who have significant cognitive deficits that prevent them from being in traditional classrooms. I have been blessed to teach for 13 years - 10 in elementary and 3 in high school. Next year, I get the opportunity to move to a middle school. One of my favorite things about my career is that it's always changing, and it's totally unpredictable. But, my kiddos are awesome and are excited to learn!!

I am also blessed to be a momma to two amazing daughters, Marianne (11) and Audrie (9 & ½). My favorite thing about being a parent is getting to watch these two young ladies become their own people.

Who is your favorite author? I have several authors that I enjoy reading. In fact, my parents and my husband can all tell you stories of me reading hours past when I should have been asleep. I have always loved to read. Growing up, my favorite books were Nancy Drew mysteries. As an adult, my favorite mystery author is James Patterson. I also enjoy reading Max Lucado. Recently I have discovered Rachel Hollis and Annie F. Downs, both of which I have come to LOVE reading.

What are your hobbies? In my spare time (which I currently have more of than usual), I LOVE to read, crochet, paint and color. When my schedule is more normal, I don't have much spare time. But, I love to volunteer with my church in the food pantry, serve Wednesday Night Dinners, sing in the choir, and do anything else that is needed.

What's your favorite family recipe? I don't just have one favorite, because as you've discovered I'm very indecisive. But, several of my favorites go with the people who made them my favorites: My momma's alfredo, my mawmaw's meatloaf and lemon icebox pie, and my grandmother's pound cake and banana cake.

What's your favorite family tradition? I think one of my favorite family traditions is Black Friday shopping with my momma. It's not about saving money, and getting good deals (both of which are fantastic). It's more about just getting to be with my momma, who is one of my bestest friends and most favorite people on the planet. We have laughed until we cried together during our Black Friday outings. This past Black Friday was our 23rd Black Friday shopping adventure, and I pray we have many more opportunities to do this together.

Are you an introvert or an extrovert? I would definitely fall into the extrovert category. I LOVE meeting new people, and talking to strangers. If you've met me, you'll understand.

Do you prefer to be outdoors or indoors? I am very prone to bug bites, and hate to be hot. So, I definitely prefer the comfort of indoors. However, I am always good for a walk if it's not too hot and the mosquitoes

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters of the Northwest Georgia Emmaus community. I am Guppy Gladstone, your Board member who is charged with Follow-up responsibility. I would like to provide a brief refresher to you on what follow-up is all about.

Follow-up reinforces the need to become part of group reunion. A group reunion is an accountability group where you share your joys and failures experienced since your last meeting. I know from firsthand experience that being able to share with other that it strengthen your daily walk thru life. It also strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Remember that what is discussed in your group remains there.

After attending a walk, you can sponsor a pilgrim to go on a walk. Our first requirement for sponsoring a person is to pray, pray, and pray to see who the Lord want you to ask.

After that share with that person what Emmaus is about, please do not go over the details of the walk but explain that Emmaus is about building up and supporting church leaders. If your prospective pilgrim has questions answer them in a brief manner. You do not want to spoil the joy they will receive from the walk.

Sponsorship is like being a Godparent. A Godparent does not just stand with a person at the front of the church but helps him or her grow in the spiritual life.

Follow-up suggests that each community member should purchase an Emmaus Community Manual. This manual provide each member of the community with a working knowledge of Emmaus. It details each board position along with the basics of how a team is put together. It may be ordered on line from the Upper Room Website: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/1774/emmaus-ministries-community-manual.aspx>

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