

Chatter Matters

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Dayspring Community

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Remember July 1st is the deadline for pilgrim applications for the September Walks. You can obtain the applications by at logging onto the Dayspring Community website, go to the community tab and click on the forms button (they are also attached to the end of this Chatter Matters). The Board has decided to make funds available for partial payment to anyone who is working or to any potential pilgrim who is having a financial hardship that would prevent him or her from being able to work or attend as a pilgrim. Contact Bruce Yawn at 912-764-2415.

The South Georgia Conference United Methodist Church Board of Ordained Ministry is sponsoring an event at Epworth By The Sea on January 4-8, 2008 for persons in the 11th grade and up who may be interested in various forms of full time ministry. The event is called: IS GOD CALLING YOU? "A Ministry Exploration Event". Hopefully the only cost to the students will be their travel to Epworth; food and lodging will be free. This is for persons of all denominations even though it will lean toward the United Methodist Church. The topics will encompass "Recognizing The Call", "Honest Questions, Clear Answers", "Real People, Real Ministries", and "Next Steps". Eventually more information and brochures/registration forms will be available online at www.sgaumc.org and www.epworthbythesea.org <<http://www.epworthbythesea.org/>>.

The following article is a re-print from the North Georgia Walk To Emmaus newsletter. Mark Nickelson of Golden Isles thought it would be of interest to the local Emmaus community.

My friend Dave leaves his house on any given Saturday. It's about 5:45 in the morning, the morning sky is still dark and the neighborhood is quiet. Slipping into his truck he turns the key and the diesel engine kicks to life. Coasting down the hill of his driveway, Dave idles out of the subdivision so as to not wake his neighbors. He drives the 18 miles, picking up a coffee along the way.

Charlie and Wayne live a bit closer. Both of them have sports cars and have been suspected of enjoying the winding, empty roads a little bit too much that early in the morning. I can't tell you for sure though, some things we just don't talk about. Either way, they are there.

As for Rick and I, we each slip quietly out of our respective houses, hop in our cars, and maybe listen to a Christian station, and contemplate our week as we drive to our meeting. If it's a nice morning, I may push my motorcycle out of the garage and coast it down the street before firing it up for the enjoyable morning ride. Regardless of how we get there, we do. We have arrived every week at or about 6:30 a.m., following this same routine, or some similar form of it, for the past 11 years. We are brothers of different mothers as some say; we are bound by our love for Christ, and our love for each other. We have shared loss together, victories together, family growth and troubles together, and work together. We hold each other up in prayer when health issues threaten, despite our individual helplessness. And, we share in the excitement of planning a retirement, while silently grieving the loss to our fellowship we know it will bring.

We also celebrate our families together. Getting together periodically as a large group for dinner and fellowship, we enjoy our mutual friendships and the extended family we have become. Occasionally, my brothers and I take off on retreat. We have spent weekends in the mountains, and time canoeing in the Okefenokee Swamp. For some reason, on these trips, our wives just give each other a wink and tell us to go it on our own. I guess they have their reasons. We celebrate life together. We are bound together. We are a reunion group together.

The reunion group (or Group Reunion as it is called in some areas) is a critical cornerstone of the Emmaus movement. After our family, it is a critical support element on which we build our future. Each reunion group follows a simple plan of reporting in on your individual walk with Christ, your discipleship, your study, and other areas of concern. Each group finds its own equilibrium that works for them, a convenient time and place to meet, a manageable size, and a routine that can be counted on. It takes work, week after week, year after year. At first it may feel awkward and regimented, but given time, most groups mature and grow close.

Jesus had a group as well, and as important, the Disciples had Jesus and each other. We can read about how they studied and worked together, following Jesus while living and learning his teachings. We also know that the disciples relied on each other and leaned on each other as well. We can read about how they clung together during the dark times of Christ's crucifixion, and are rewarded three days later when Christ returned to them. So let me ask you this, when Christ is hard to find in your life, who do you cling too? Who do you celebrate with? And, who holds you accountable? Do you have a reunion group? If you don't participate in a reunion group today, you are missing out. Please excuse my bluntness on that, but you are missing a dimension of your walk that will benefit you far more than the time it takes each week to attend.

If you are a member of a reunion group today, share your story! Reunion groups are confidential, so don't share specific items discussed, but send me a story about your group in general, and we'll share it with others on these pages. Your story may be just the thing to spark an idea in someone else.

God Bless, Ray Bridenbaugh Community Lay Director, NGWTE

(if you have a story about your reunion group send it to the degar@windstream.net it will be included in Chatter Matters .)

Please send any comments, any questions, an article, testimony or any other concerns related to Dayspring Community email to Debra Taylor at degar@windstream.net.

Elizabeth Houston has been in contact with Jana Kirzova in Czech Republic. Very soon they will have their first walk. The CZ walk still has places to fill in the prayer vigil.

Helen Cashon's response:

“As Elizabeth says, there are a number of slots still open on the Prayer Vigil for the first Walk in the Czech Republic. The link to the Prayer Vigil for the Men's Walk is below. The Women's Walk is not until November. I have a note on calendar to send out a reminder about that Prayer Vigil in November. Note that the dates of the Walks - in their time zone - is May 24. By a chart I have, I believe they are 18 hours ahead of us. Our outgoing Dayspring Agape letters have already been sent to someone (from Texas I believe) who will be going there to help them.

Czech Men's Walk - May 24 - 27

<http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=1766&commid=1338>

De Colores,

Helen

According to the Time Zones of the World website there is +6hrs difference between us and the Czech Republic.

Community Prayer Concerns

Dinah Yarborough	Kevin Anderson	Sarah & Frank Crane
Our Churches	Kerry Sharpe	Donald Toole
Leigh-Ann White (Walk 51)	Sonny Mason	Nanette Lawton's family
Tyler Sanders	Erin Haskins	Charles Deal's family
Sara Mathis	Ivagene Archambeault	Bob Jacobs' family
Emmaus Walks #60 & #61	Hudson Cason	Layra McKinley
Christopher Schmidt	United States of America	Rosalie Parody
Ricky McIntyre	Sam Brannen	Bill Tyson
Judy McCorkle	Jerry Hendrix	Terry Cross
Savannah Ivey, her parents, Rusty and Lily Ivey		

Send prayer concerns and answered prayers to Debra Taylor at degar@windstream.net.

Journey

The Journey Board has decided to set aside a line item in their treasury and actively request money for scholarships. "We don't want a young person to not be able to experience Journey because of money when there are so many of us adults who should be willing to share." For more information contact Michelle Patterson at fmpatterson@planters.net or Carroll Gay at gaycarolyn@hotmail.com

Applications to work a Journey can be obtained from our website, go to the community tab and click on the forms button.

Chrysalis

Chrysalis is the version of Walk to Emmaus designed for teenagers age 15-18. The next Chrysalis Flights for Coastal Georgia are scheduled for June of this year. The location of the Flights will be Tattnall County Camp Ground.

The online prayer Vigil has been posted for these Flights and is available for you to sign up. Sign up now to get your preferred time slots.

Girls Chrysalis flight #54, Lay Director; Shae Zeigler, June 14-16. [Girls #54 Prayer Vigil](#)

Boys Chrysalis Flight #55, Lay Director; Rocky Reed, June 21-24 [Boys Flight #55 Prayer Vigil](#)

The Chrysalis board request that the Emmaus- Chrysalis community please begin to make plans now to provide the Agape items for these flights. With flights during the very busy summer these items get over looked. Please makes plans today.

For any more information you can call Bill Hayes at 478-237-0772.

Another change John Archer, and his wife Joan, has answered a call from God to relocate to Tifton, GA. They will be leaving our area the first week in June. The Dayspring Emmaus Community will miss you both. Bruce Yawn has accepted to finish the year as the Board Chair.

Dayspring Board Members

Bruce Yawn, Board Chair	912-764-2415	Laura Marsh, Secret Angels	912-865-5589
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Molly Bickerton,	912-489-5157	Lennie McGowan, Registrar	912-653-2400
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Calendar of Events

May 26 th	Gathering Swainsboro United Methodist Church 6:30
June 7 th	Board Meeting, 1 st UMC Statesboro 6:30
June 14 th -16 th	Girls Chrysalis Flight #54 Tattnall Campground
June 21-24 th	Boys Chrysalis Flight #55 Tattnall Campground
June 26 th	1 st team meeting for Walks #60 & #61 At 1 st UMC of Statesboro 8:30 – 3:00
July 1 st	Pilgrim applications due
July 5 th	Board Meeting, 1 st UMC Statesboro 6:30
July 28 th	Gathering First Presbyterian Church Statesboro 6:30
Sept 1 st -3 rd	Emmaus by the Sea (application attached)

DAYSRING EMMAUS REVISED Dec 2003

Application due:
For Spring Walks: January 1
For Fall Walks: July 1

Dayspring Emmaus Community
Pilgrim Application (rev. 10/5/04)

“The DaySpring from on high hath visited us.” Luke 1:78 (KJV)

Men’s Walk _____ OR Women’s Walk _____

Spring Walk Year _____ OR Fall Walk Year _____

Have you applied before? _____ If yes, how many times?

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE: Fill in all spaces below and return to your sponsor at least 8 weeks before the date of the walk. ALL INFORMATION IS NECESSARY for your proper placement on a Walk to Emmaus; your application will be returned if incomplete. Letters letting you know if you have been selected will be mailed to you and your sponsor 6 weeks prior to the walk. The fee to attend is \$90.00. No money is to be sent with the application, but will be due upon responding to an acceptance.

Candidate’s Name _____

Address _____ City, St., Zip _____

Name preferred on name tag: _____ Age: _____ Number of Children: _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Circle Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated Date of divorce/separation: _____

If married, name of spouse: _____ Will spouse attend this walk? Yes No

If spouse not attending, please explain _____

Has spouse attended a prior walk: Yes No If yes, date and place attended: _____

Your occupation _____ Employer _____

Your Church’s Name _____ Denomination _____

Church Address _____

Church Phone Number _____ Are you a member of this Church? _____

Describe your involvement in your church _____

If Clergy, describe your current position and duties: _____

Are you on a special diet? _____ If yes, describe: _____

Are you on any medication? _____ If yes, describe: _____

If you have any health problems or physical disabilities that may affect your attendance on the Walk, please explain:

Has your sponsor explained to you the Walk to Emmaus and follow up activities such as reunion groups and monthly gatherings?
Yes No

State briefly why you wish to attend the Walk to Emmaus : _____

Candidate’s Signature _____

Date _____

This side of application to be completed by Sponsor and returned to Registrar.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SPONSOR: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 8 WEEKS BEFORE THE WALK. Mail the completed application to Registrar, P.O. Box 1312, Statesboro, GA 30459. The application will be returned to you if not complete, which includes a signed Sponsor's Covenant acknowledging your responsibilities as sponsor. You will receive a letter letting you know if your candidate was accepted 6 weeks before the walk.

Sponsor's Name _____ Email: _____

Address: (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Sponsor Attended (circle): Walk to Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo Tres Dias Kairos Journey

Community Name _____ Walk # _____ Year You Attended _____

Are you active (check)? In a Reunion Group _____ Gatherings _____ Walk Activities/Committees _____ Agape _____

Have you attended a Dayspring Sponsorship Training Session (circle): Yes No

Are you a Conference Room team member on the Walk this candidate would attend (circle): Yes No

Support team member? Yes No

If your candidate has a physical or mental disability or currently is under any emotional strain that would in any way impair or impact the candidate or other pilgrims, please describe:

Why are you sponsoring this Candidate? _____

Does your Candidate need any special accommodations? _____

Have you explained the Walk to Emmaus, Reunion Groups, Pio Party and Monthly Gatherings to your pilgrim? Yes No

Sponsor's Signature _____ Co-sponsor's Signature (if applicable) _____

In case of need, the following person will act as my alternate and will be responsible for all notifications to and contact with the candidate, spouse of the candidate and the Walk Lay Director.

Alternate Sponsor's Name _____ Email: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Name, number and date of Alternate Sponsor's Walk _____

Alternate's Signature _____

Pastor's Affirmation:

As the Pastor of this candidate, I verify that this candidate is a member of my church in good standing and my belief that both this candidate and our church will benefit from the candidate's participation in this activity.

Pastor's Signature _____ Print Name: _____ Date _____

PLEASE ATTACH SPONSOR'S COVENANT TO COMPLETE APPLICATION

Sponsor's Covenant

I wish to sponsor _____ (name) as a pilgrim on the next Dayspring Walk to Emmaus. As a sponsor, I hereby agree to enter a covenant relationship with the Dayspring Walk to Emmaus community.

I. As part of this covenant, I believe the following to be true about this pilgrim:

- a. This pilgrim is a member of a church and an active Christian whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments for Christ.
- b. This pilgrim is committed to living a life that is pleasing to God, and wants to grow and increase his or her knowledge and understanding of God and God's will.
- c. This pilgrim's theology and/or practices are compatible with the traditional theology and practices represented by the Walk to Emmaus
- d. This pilgrim is psychologically stable and is not involved or has not recently been involved in any situation of emotional distress which could interfere with the pilgrim giving his or her full attention to the message and experience of the Walk to Emmaus.
- e. This person does not have characteristics or traits of personality which would distract other pilgrims who want to enhance their spiritual growth during the weekend.

II. As part of this covenant, I make the following assurances about myself as a sponsor:

- a. My decision to sponsor this pilgrim comes from a concentrated time in prayer to discern who God wants me to sponsor.
- b. I understand the ultimate reason for recruiting someone to attend the Walk is to deepen that person's existing relationship with Christ and to create an enthusiastic disciple to work in God's kingdom. I understand that looking upon Emmaus as a hospital where every human ill can be cured will have a weakening effect on the entire community. My motivation in sponsoring this pilgrim is not "to get all my friends to go," to get this pilgrim "straightened out," to change this person, or to make a new Christian.

III. In fulfilling my duties as sponsor, I pledge the following:

- a. To continue in prayer for this pilgrim.
- b. To give my undivided personal attention to my pilgrim, including transporting the pilgrim to and from the weekend, and attending key events such as Send-off, Candlelight and Closing.
- c. To fully support the pilgrim's family and/or meet other needs in the pilgrim's home and personal life, such as feeding pets or watering plants, during the three days.
- d. To collect at least eight (8) but no more than twelve (12) personal agape letters from close friends and family members. I will work quietly behind the scenes to obtain these letters so the pilgrim is unaware of what is happening. I will hold back any extra letters above twelve (12) and present them as a fourth-day surprise to my pilgrim after the weekend.
- e. To sponsor only one person per Walk, and to avoid working as a Conference Room team member on this pilgrim's walk or engaging in other activities that would dilute the effort required of a sponsor.
- f. I will not make efforts nor will I ask team members to deliver personal gifts to this pilgrim during the three days.

To these beliefs, assurances and pledges, I offer my covenant as sponsor.

Date: _____ Name: _____

“Emmaus By The Sea”

Agenda, Second Annual
Regional Emmaus Gathering
September 1-3, 2007

Epworth By The Sea

St. Simons Island, Georgia

Saturday, September 1, 2007

3:00-5:00 p.m. Registration..... Walker Lobby

5:00-6:30 p.m. DinnerDining Rooms

7:00- 8:30 p.m. Gathering.....Nalls Auditorium

WelcomeDr. Charles Adams, Superintendent

Praise and Worship (20 minutes)

4th Day Talk (10 minutes)

Keynote Speaker – Victor Perez (40 minutes)

Holy Communion – John McGowan (15 minutes)

8:30 p.m. Ice cream social.....Dining Rooms

Sunday, September 2, 2007

6:30 a.m. Private Prayers.....Epworth Grounds

7:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast.Dining Rooms

9:00-10:30 a.m. Gathering Together.....Nalls Auditorium

Praise and Worship (20 minutes)

4th Day Talk (10 Minutes)

Keynote Speaker.....Jean Johnson Green or new International Director

10:30-Noon Breakout groupsNalls Auditorium and classrooms

Chrysalis- Nancy LaSuer, Chrysalis Director

Music-Larry in Auditorium

Sponsorship- Barry Justice

Model Core Elements- Scoofer Jordan

Spiritual Growth – Victor Perez

Living in the 4th Day- Jean Johnson Green

Noon-1:00 p.m. LunchDining Rooms

1:00-2:00 p.m. Emmaus/Chrysalis Information Breakout Session:
Barry, Wayne, Scoofer, Jean, Nancy and Staff

Afternoon is free: Moore Museum 3-5:00 p.m., pool (see schedule on back), tennis courts, bike rental, basketball courts and sports fields available. St. Simons pier: trolley tour, miniature golf, shopping, beaches and art galleries.

5:30-6:45 p.m. Dinner.....Dining Rooms

7:00-8:30 p.m. Gathering.....Nalls Auditorium

Praise and Worship (20 minutes)
Chrysalis 4th Day Talk (10 minutes)
Keynote Speaker: Nancy LaSuer, Regional Chrysalis Director
Clown Holy Communion: Anita and John
Candlelight: Edie Payne

9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social.Dining Rooms

9:30 p.m. Free time

Monday, September 3, 2007

7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast.....Dining Rooms

9:00-10:30 a.m. Breakout groups. (Locations to be announced)
(Same as Sunday)

10:45-11:45 p.m. GatheringNalls Auditorium

Praise and Worship
4th Day Talk
Praise and Worship
Holy Communion
Closing and Farewell

Noon Labor Day PicnicEpworth Grounds

May God grant you traveling mercies!

Emmaus By The Sea

September 1-3, 2007

Room Registration Form

Online registration available on Epworth website: www.epworthbythesea.org

Please fill out form completely and mail or FAX to:

Epworth By The Sea

P. O. Box 20407

St. Simons Island, GA 31522 FAX: 912.634.0642

***NOTE: Motel units are available on a first-registered first-served basis.**

Confirmation of your reservation will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Day Phone _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

No. of Adults in Room _____

No/Ages Children in Room _____

Board Member () Yes () No

*Payment required. Please send full payment no later than Aug.18, 2007.

*Make check payable to Epworth By The Sea or charge full amount on MasterCard or Visa.

*Card Type/No. _____

*Exp. _____

*Amount enclosed by check or credit card \$ _____

*If using a credit card, your housing payment will be processed upon receipt of this housing reservation form.

Amount to charge: \$ _____ Check # _____

*The following rates are **per person** for 2 nights, six meals and taxes (Beginning with dinner, Sat., Sept. 1, 2007).

Reynolds _____ \$158.50 Per person staying single
 _____ \$108.52 Per person staying double

Pitts/Booth/Jones _____ \$172.14 Per person staying single
 _____ \$117.62 Per person staying double

Robertson Inn _____ \$194.86 Per person staying single
 _____ \$133.52 Per person staying double

Turner Lodge _____ \$213.04 Per person staying single
 _____ \$151.70 Per person staying double

Youth Cabins _____ \$79.10 Per person (linens included)

Children in the room with adults: () \$30.40 Per child ages 3-12

() \$72.18 Per teen

Epworth Cancellation Policy: Full refund prior to Aug. 18, 2007. After Aug. 18, \$20.00 forfeiture per reservation. Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival are subject to forfeiture of first night's charges.

Check in time: 4:00 p.m. Check out time: 11:30 a.m.

Registration Fee is in addition to the room cost. Please send registration fee along with room reservation.

\$15.00 per adult or \$25.00 per family

*Childcare during sessions.....Gholson Pre-School Building
Nursery for 3-12 years of age opens thirty minutes before and after sessions.

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