

# Chatter Matters

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A new year is always exciting, a fresh start, a new beginning, which means change. Change is a word we say we want, but when change begins, we usually want to hold onto the “old way” of doing things. 2007 will be a year of change for our Dayspring Emmaus Community. Those of us who have been around for a while will remember when we had to change the tune to the Blessings Before and After Meals due to copyright problems. Additional copyright problems lead the International Emmaus Office to come up with new blessings, new words, and new music. To listen log onto [www.upperroom.org/emmaus](http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus), scroll to the bottom of the page; double click on Listen to MP3s of New Blessings. See below the words to the Blessing Before Meals and the Blessing After Meals, words and music written by Gary Mattingly:

## Blessing Before Meals

Gathered at this table Holy Spirit come!  
Fill us with Your presence, bind our hearts as one.  
Bless this time together; Jesus, give us peace.  
Come, Lord, be with us, join us as we meet.  
Come, Lord, be with us, bless this food we eat.

## Blessing After Meals

As we leave this table, fed by Your own hand,  
Holy Spirit, fill us, 'til we meet again.  
Jesus, as we leave her, let us walk Your way,  
sharing God's blessing, as we do and say,  
sharing forever Your love here today.

The following article was taken from The Walk to Emmaus Newsletter Volume 14, Issue 30. Even though in the Dayspring Community we may not ask the question why can't we do it like Cursillo, the question is asked why can't we do it like Chrysalis/Journey etc. I hope this article helps answer these questions.

## “Why Can't We Do it Like Cursillo?”

*by Aubrey Sloan, Central Coast California (reprinted with permission from Jean Johnson Green with the International Walk to Emmaus Office)*

**W**e understand your question. Many others have said the same thing. Emmaus shares fundamental aspects with the Cursillo tradition. There are, however, many variations within the Cursillo Movement itself. Sometimes people ask, “Why doesn't Emmaus do it the way it was done in Cursillo?” without realizing that Cursillo weekends vary from state to state and from country to country. While the fundamental structure is held in common, particulars in Cursillo often differ. As an international program, the Emmaus Office is trying to develop a standard program that prevents Emmaus from being remade after the likeness of the various leaders. When we rework the Emmaus Model, adding this part and removing that part, we increasingly diminish its potential for working as a whole toward communicating the Christian message on many levels. Most additions and changes in the model accommodate the team members, not the pilgrims (e.g., footwashing, Mañanitas, etc.) The Walk does not need to include every meaningful religious experience or reflect every Cursillo variation, and it cannot address every need in life.

Also, changes by independent-minded team members set a dangerous precedent. While their innovations may “work”, future teams may want to claim their right to be creative as well and to try out their own ideas.

Changes become tradition overnight because new pilgrims believe their experience represent the way Emmaus should be. Traditions build upon traditions. The Emmaus manual serves as the plumb line that prevents traditions from developing and keeps each Walk centered on the prescribed program.

While this was a little long I hope it helps you understand why we are asking you to do Walks in line with the Emmaus Model. Remember too that the pilgrims don't know the difference. Other communities have run a weekend per the Emmaus Model and the pilgrims had a great experience.

Pastor Rick Warren summed it up very nicely in the first sentence of his book *The Purpose Driven Life*:  
“*It's not about you.*”

Any comments or questions about this article or any other concerns related to Dayspring Community send to Debra Taylor at [degar@windstream.net](mailto:degar@windstream.net).

## **Community Prayer Concerns**

Terry Nesmith	Our country and its leaders
Doug Watson	Kevin Anderson
Our Churches	Kerry Sharpe
Leigh-Ann White (Walk 51)	Sonny Mason
Tyler Sanders	Erin Haskins
Sara Mathis	Ivagene Archambeault
Emmaus Walks 58 & 59	Upcoming Journey Walks
Chrysalis Walk	Christopher Schmidt

Send prayer concerns and answered prayers to Debra Taylor at [degar@windstream.net](mailto:degar@windstream.net).

As a community we need to pray about the need for more pilgrims, caterpillars , etc for our Emmaus Programs.

## **Chrysalis**

Welcome to new the Butterflies of the Georgia Coastal Chrysalis Girls Flight #53. There will be a hoot scheduled after the flights scheduled in June. For more information please call Carroll Gay at 478-982-1054.

## **Journey**

The dates for the upcoming Journey weekends are girls February 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, boys February 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at Tattnal Campground. For more information contact Wayne Brannen at 912-748-6152. Applications are available on our website.

## **Dayspring Board**

We have six new Board Members: Warren Ball, Doty Dunn, Claude Howard, Evelyn Hubbard, Gary Page, and Bill Smith. The new Board Chair is John Archer; Sam Wilder is the new Community Spiritual Director.

## **Dayspring Board Members**

John Archer, Board Chair	912-564-9180	Laura Marsh, Secret Angels	912-865-5589
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Carroll Gay, Chrysalis Board Rep 478-982-1054

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Jim Stephens, Vice Chair	912-489-3140	Jody Sweeney, Secret Angel	912-264-3272

## **Calendar of Events**

January 26<sup>th</sup> Gathering @ Pittman Park UMC 7:30pm

January 27<sup>th</sup> Conference Team Meeting for Walks #58 and #59 8:30 1<sup>st</sup> UMC  
Statesboro 8:30am

February 1<sup>st</sup> Dayspring Board Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Statesboro 6:30 pm

February 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Girls Journey

February 10<sup>th</sup> All team meeting for Walks #58 & #59 1<sup>st</sup> UMC 8:30am

February 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Boys Journey

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Gathering @ Brooklet UMC 7:30pm

March 10<sup>th</sup> All team meeting for Walks #58 & #59 Tattnal Campground  
8:30am

March 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Dayspring Emmaus Men's Walk #58

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Dayspring Emmaus Women's Walk #59

March 30<sup>th</sup> PIO Party at Tattnal Campground 7:30pm

Remember the need for agape, baked as well as table agape. Give baked agape to the kitchen workers at send off. When making table agape, please make 70 items for each Walk (total 140) so there is enough for everybody in the conference room and in case of a miscount. Mark the containers to indicate Men's or Women's Walk. Also it is helpful if they are bagged into 6 bags of 8 items (for 6 tables) and remainder in bags with number indicated.

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