

# Chatter Matters

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The time is quickly coming upon us for Dayspring Walks #62 and #63. Therefore, I am going to share, for some of us this is not new information, information regarding sponsorship from The Upper Room/Walk to Emmaus publications. The two sources consulted are The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed (designated EH) and The Emmaus Library Sponsorship (designated SB).

## **Why should I limit the number of agape letters I collect to 8 to 12?**

Limiting the number of personal agape letters to maximum of 12 is based on several established principles (SB36). The pilgrims have a limited time to read these letters. Too many letters detract from the pilgrim's experience (SB26). Furthermore, 50 letters for one pilgrim can present an obstacle to the message of grace for the lonely pilgrim who receives only 5 letters and does not understand why (EH91). Limiting the number to 12 helps put all pilgrims at ease; no one has to wonder why he or she did not receive as many letters as other received (SB26). The qualities of the personal agape letters are more important than the quantity and are intended to be written by those close to the pilgrim (EH91). Make sure the pilgrim receives letters from family members and close friends at that special time on the weekend (SB27). Finally, the maximum number of 12 also relieves the sponsor of finding large number of people to write letters (SB26).

## **Why should I not deliver a personal gift to a pilgrim on the Walk when we all want to shower him or her with our love?**

The giving of gifts to and the provision of special surprises for your pilgrim is not part of the model of The Walk to Emmaus (SB27). The message of Emmaus is that God loves each person with the same love; God does not have favorites (SB27). A sponsor who gives a gift to one pilgrim and not to others short-circuits this message of God's equal love (SB27). Such efforts, though well intentioned, result in a problem for other pilgrims; they wonder why they did not receive such gifts (SB27).

## **Why do I personally need to transport my pilgrim to and from the Walk and attend all of the events when the shared love of others helping with this task should do? Could I get friends to help do some of these things for me?**

Attending send off with your pilgrim, Candlelight and Closing are other examples of your personal sacrifice to support your pilgrim and to support the Emmaus functions (SB20). Your presence reinforces your commitment to your pilgrim and encourages them (SB20). The personal character of sponsorship underlines God's personal care and commitment to each pilgrim (CH13). The fact that the Emmaus experience passes from person to person reflects the relational nature of God and the manner in which God reaches out to people through people (EH13).

## Community Prayer Concerns

Dinah Yarborough	Kevin Anderson	Judy Blanton
Latisha	Kerry Sharpe	Judy McCorkle
Leigh-Ann White	Sonny Mason	Sara Mathis
Tyler Sanders	Erin Haskins	Ivagene Archambeault
Layra McKinley	Bill Tyson	Dorothy Body
Christopher Schmidt	Polly Merritt	Rosalie Parody
Ricky McIntyre	Sam Brannen	Jerry Hendrix
Beau Howard	Walt Aldred	Beth Weber
Shirley Coleman	Charles Smaok	Kimberly Johnson
Julie Golden	Steve Newton	Jimmy Blich
Lucy Bowers	Bob Workel	Raul Buevas
Erin Haskins	Kevin Anderson	Amy Bruce
Kristi Pope	Gloria Cotton	Billy Tyson
J. C. Finch	Terry Cross	Kevin Barton
Erin Crosby	Kathleen Sasser	Harold Joyner
Garrett Griffis	Mark Brannen	Charles Howard
Sarah Gresham	Benning Rushing	Rev. Stanley Grubaugh
Sue Hall	Jill Tweedey	Cindy Hogan
Jeff Crosby	Nancy Wright	Michal Gorforth
Linda Dillirgham	Charles Webb	Flossie Johnson
Robert Lamb	Cecile Howard	Karen Prevatt
Michael Odonnell	Ricky Lane Family	

Dixie Crystal Plant employees/families - Justin Purnell  
Families of Melissa Eustice and Jessica Fulmer and their friends at Kappa Delta, and Jamie Carter the sole survivor of the motor vehicle accident

Send prayer concerns and answered prayers to Debra Taylor at [degar@windstream.net](mailto:degar@windstream.net). Please send updates on these prayer concerns so they can be shared with the community.

The following is from Mary and A.C. Weitzel who requested prayer for the Epiphany in Texas. Many of our community responded via email regarding prayer support.

Subject: Hands and Hearts and Prays joined around the world during Epiphany #2

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in the midst of them."

This past weekend, we witnessed what can happen when people joined to pray for our incarcerated teenagers. The prayer chain helped these teenagers to know that they were literally enclosed in your prayers all weekend.

The poster our guys drew after the talk "You Are Not Alone", showed people holding hands all around the world. Outside of that circle, they drew a prayer chain. Our prayer chain was made up of 5,497 links, representing people praying from 35 states here in America and 22 countries around the world. Your prayers and your love helped them experience true AGAPE love.

There were several teenagers who accepted Jesus as their Savior and several more who rededicated their lives to Christ. I know one young man who was sure he did NOT believe in God at the beginning, at least was willing to consider all the truths he heard during Epiphany. To share Jesus is our mission and then let the Holy Spirit take over. Each of you was a part of doing that through your prayers and other agape. Thank you so very, very much. I'd like to close with a poem that I feel we all experienced this weekend.

Believers, you and me,  
 You bought another Believer and then there were three.  
 We started our chain, our circle of Believers,  
 And like that circle there is no beginning, there is no end.

From our hearts to each of you,  
 Mary & AC Weitzel in Texas, USA

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### **Journey**

The Dayspring Community welcomes the Catapillars from Journey #15 to our community.

Beth McCarthy	Casey Duffie	Lacey Toothman
Chelsey Pay	Nicole Wrobel	Michelle Martin
Lindsey Painter	Whitney Maxwell	Kristen Spier
Candise Olbrysh	Chrisie Peacock	Jennie Speer

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## **Needs List**

There is a need for a scholarship fund for both Dayspring Emmaus and Journey. The **Silent Angel Fund** has been designated specifically for the needs of pilgrims or workers who could not work or attend a weekend due to financial hardship. If you would like to donate monies for this fund, please mark your check appropriately.

If anyone knows of a need for the Dayspring Community campground or for gatherings please let me know [degar@windstream.net](mailto:degar@windstream.net) and I'll connect you to the correct person.

## **Dates to Remember**

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| Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Gathering, Millen United Methodist @ 6:30  |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Walk #62 & # 63 All Team Meeting   |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> | Gathering, Harmony UMC in Mendes @ 6:30 ( <b>Note change is date due to Easter</b> ) |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | Walk #62 & # 63 All Team Meeting   |
| April                  | Pio Party  |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Nevils UMC @ 6:30  |

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