

Chatter Matters

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Happy New Year, it does not seem that long ago that the world was wondering what was going to happen when 2000 turned over and here we are in what seems the blink of an eye eight years later.

This New Year brings the team meetings for Walks #62 (Don Marsh, Lay Director - April 3rd-6th) and #63 (Phyllis Smith, Lay Director - April 10th-13th). The deadline for pilgrim applications for the upcoming walks was moved back to February 1, 2008, since the walks are later in the year. Pilgrim selection will be completed at the next board meeting, Thursday February 7th.

A new appendage to Chatter Matters in 2008 will be articles from Scoofer Jordan who the Dayspring Community's Upper Room Emmaus Southeast Regional Representative. Below are his contributions for the December and January since Chatter Matters was not published in December..

THE HIDDEN PEARL OF EMMAUS

There is at least one aspect of Walk to Emmaus that is often overlooked or misunderstood. This is one of the most rewarding parts of not only Emmaus but also other events in life that we can ever experience. It is called Anonymous Servanthood.

What this term means to you may very well be different from my own definition, but if performed as a true act of agape, our blessings will be very much the same. I chose to use the term "true agape" because that is exactly what anonymous servanthood is. Have you ever thought about what you do on an Emmaus weekend and why you do it? 1 Corinthians 10:31 tells us whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, give God the glory. This means everything we do whether in the conference room or working as a Support Servant behind-the-scenes, our efforts are to bring glory to God, not a special focus on ourselves. None of us would set out to do this intentionally, but it happens. The reason for this little note of wisdom is to alert you to this fact: sometimes we all like a round of applause, a drum roll, a 21 gun salute, the sound of our voice, or our names in print. When it does happen, be sure you do all you can to redirect the credit to God. He is the only one worthy of praise!

John 3:30 says it all! I must decrease so He can increase. My anonymous service can only be a form of true agape if it remains unconditional; unconditional because it is supposed to be a gift of love from God. Once I put my name and/or face on the gift, it becomes conditional, and I will most likely receive the praise thereby usurping God's glory.

Think about it!

WISDOM FOR FUTURE ENLIGHTENMENT

Have you ever examined what we do on an Emmaus Walk and why we do it? How many times have you heard, “what we do, we do for the pilgrims”? This is easy to say, but can become very difficult to remain faithful to. I have often said to folks, “This is a wonderful movement, except for the people”. Many of you know me well enough that I am at the top of that list of “people”. Because of our humanness, we are weak and seek much in life that is self-serving. We really don’t mean to be this way, but truthfully we are.

The originators of the Walk To Emmaus worked diligently to structure each part in such a way that each added to the previous part and enhanced the whole. In every case the objective was to bring the pilgrim closer to Jesus, all the while glorifying God. With prayerful discernment, wisdom, and inspiration from the Holy Spirit, our movement was birthed; not only in fact, but also with written guidelines to help us learn in the present, teach for the future, and maintain the quality assurance necessary for consistency through the years.

So what is my responsibility in all of this? Why am I required to dot “i’s” and cross”t’s” to the tune of a handbook full of “rules”? Recently a short list of Core Elements was established so every community could know exactly which elements of the walk were to be performed without compromise. What would Emmaus look like in a few years if every community did what was right in their own eyes? We have wonderful creative people all through Emmaus that can develop innovative new ways to put on walks, but again, where will we be in a short period of time?

I bought into this program just as it was intended many years ago. This is why I do what I do. I believe Emmaus is worthy of more than I am capable of in training communities to simply accept what the originators set down for us over 30 years ago. What right do I have to impose my changes on the Walk format? After all, this is a copyrighted program of the Upper Room, not one owned by my community or yours.

As I have signed my Letter of Agreement in past years, I was very much aware of the covenantal relationship with the Upper Room. I also was very much aware of the personal conviction I was under if I signed it and had no intentions of doing what the agreement said.

How about you and your community, are you on track with the core elements or maybe doing things the way you always have done them, regardless of their correctness?

If there is anything I can help you with, please let me know for I am both

Your servant and his,
Scoofer

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

I received the following prayer request:

Will you please join us in prayer, during Epiphany #2, as we carry the message of God's love to teenage boys, ages 14-18 at the Al Price State Correctional Facility in Beaumont, Texas.

I do not need a particular time, just that you are committing to pray for God to prepare and change hearts that have been damaged by all the world has to offer young people. We ask that you pray, anytime, beginning 12 noon on Thursday, January 31 through Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

I only need your First Name and either the City and/or Country you are from. This information will be put on a prayer chain and these teenagers will see how people from all over the world care enough to take them before the Throne of God in prayer. Many have never even heard that God loves them. It's that love that draws these young men to turn their lives around and have hope that they can change their future.

Bless you for being Christ's hands and heart during the upcoming Epiphany #2. In Calvary's love, Mary & A.C. Weitzel in Texas, USA mary-plug@juno.com.

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Chrysalis

Fellow Dayspring Family I do wish that the Dayspring Community could really understand what a great thing the Chrysalis Flights are for our young people ages 15-19. I sponsored my first young man in the summer of 1997. Now he is a Youth Pastor in Texas. Since then I have worked many of these flights and have sponsored and worked with many of these youths and watched them grow up and become preachers, missionaries and full-time workers for our Lord. They are at the age when they need all the spiritual help they can get. So please won't you get busy and find some young people in your churches or communities and help them out.

Girls flight January 17-20, 2008--Valerie Hinsley-Lay Director
Boys flight January 24-27, 2008--Jason Simmons-Lay Director
These flights will be held at the Tattnell Campground, Bellville, GA

All because of Jesus
Bill Hayes

Journey

If anyone is interested in serving in the kitchen for the upcoming guy's journey please contact either Susan Helmey at susanhelmey@gmail.com or Tammy Purnell at tbpurnell@planters.net. The weekend dates are Feb 14-17. There is also a need for agape and angel servants.

As always, we would always love baked agape for the weekend and if anyone needs craft agape ideas, they can call me at 912-754-3512 or jincyhinely@windstream.net

Applications for participants and servants can be downloaded from the website www.dayspringwalk.org go to the community tab and click on the forms button.

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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 and I'll connect you to the correct person.

Needs List

Silent Angel Fund

Carroll Gay reports only six people from the Dayspring Community are working the Chrysalis and Journey flights. Wanted more Dayspring Emmaus workers, people to attend send off, candlelight, and closing.

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 12th Walk #62 & # 63 Conference Room Team Meeting
- Jan. 17th-20th Chrysalis Girls Flight
- Jan. 19th Journey Team Meeting
- Jan. 24th-27th Chrysalis Boys Flight
- Jan. 26th Gathering, 1st UMC Sylvania at 6:30
- Feb. 2nd Journey Team Meeting
- Feb. 2nd Walk #62 & # 63 Conference Room Team Meeting
- Feb. 7th Dayspring Board Meeting, 1st UMC Statesboro at 6:30
- Feb. 7th-10th Girls Journey Flight
- Feb. 14th-17th Boys Journey Flight
- Feb 23rd Gathering, Millen United Methodist @ 6:30
- March 8th Walk #62 & # 63 All Team Meeting
- March 15th Gathering, Harmony UMC in Mendes @ 6:30 (**Note change is date due to Easter**)
- March 29th Walk #62 & # 63 All Team Meeting

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