

# CHATTER MATTERS

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## LET ME BE AN ANSWER

“If she gives me a drink and offers to get some water for my camels, I’ll know she is the one you have chosen.” Even before I had finished praying, Rebekah came by with a water jar on her shoulder. When she had filled the jar, I asked her for drink, she quickly lowered the jar from her shoulder and said, “Have a drink. Then I’ll get water for your Camels.” Genesis 24:44-46

Eliezer rode steadily toward the city gates of Haran. He was on an important mission. He was being sent to find a wife for Isaac, his master Abraham’s son. She couldn’t be from Canaan, only from Haran. Eliezer promised he’d find the right one, but he would need God’s help. His aging master trusted him, but this wasn’t going to be easy. He would be freed of his oath if a suitable wife refused to come, but he hoped for success. Thankfully, Haran has possibilities. It was still home to some of Abraham’s people. He drew his camels up near the well to rest. It was evening. The women would soon come to draw water. He hoped that among these he would find Isaac’s bride. Before any arrived, he knelt and prayed fervently, and specifically, that in response to his request for water to quench his thirst, the right one would say, “Please drink, and let me water you camels.” Before he completed his lengthy prayer, a beautiful maiden came through the gate toward the well, balancing her water jar on her shoulder. Eliezer ran to meet her and asked for a drink. She immediately served him, and then offered to draw water for the camels as well. Was this the one? Eliezer watched her in silence. As she finished watering the camels, he lavished her with gifts of gold—a nose ring and two bracelets. Then he asked who she was. Rebekah from the house of Nahor. Nahor was Abraham’s brother! Eliezer fell down and praised God for his faithfulness in answering his prayer. Rebekah offered her family’s home and barns to Eliezer and his camels. That evening as they were about to eat, he told them how God had blessed his master. He had become great in the country of Canaan. The servant then explained his mission, and how Rebekah has specifically answered his prayer. He hoped they would allow her to go with him. They consented, and Eliezer offered gifts to Rebekah and her family, in the morning he requested that she go with him right away, so they called her into the room. “Rebekah, will you go with Eliezer to be Isaac’s wife? “I will go,” Rebekah replied with confidence. Soon after, Eliezer left with Rebekah and her nurse. God, in his love and care, answered Eliezer’s prayer in the smallest detail. Rebekah watched as Eliezer bent his head to worship God for his answer to prayer, but it wasn’t until later that she discovered she was the answer. A closed look reveals that Rebekah responded to God in a way that made her available to move right

into the middle of his plans. As is true for most who are answers to prayers, at first Rebekah was not aware of Eliezer's specific appeal to God. Her humble response to his request for water showed her willingness to be kind, and to serve others. In fact, she quickly served him, it did not matter who he might be. Further, she showed all this kindness before she knew his mission, or his relationship to her relative Abraham. Eventually, in her home, Eliezer explained the entire story, including the prayer. Rebekah learned that she had responded exactly as he had prayed. Then she was given the chance to say no to Eliezer's request to go with him right away. She said, "I will go." One action after another, and then three simple words, all showed the kind of heart ready to be an answer to prayer. You, too, can be an answer to someone's prayer. Rebekah's response to Abraham's servant had to have sprung from a habit of loving and serving others. She didn't hesitate. Her lifestyle, and her caring heart, put her in a good place to naturally be an answer to prayer. You can begin by emulating God's character and his ways toward you. Look at how he's available to you: He is patient, personal, and always there. He is also kind and loving. It doesn't matter who you are, he cares deeply about what is important to you. Make these your ways of responding to others, and you're sure to be an answer to someone's prayer. But it takes far more than good character. At the time Rebekah said, "I will go," she has learned a little more about what God was asking of her. With her words, she responded to God as much as, if not more than, she did to Eliezer. A lifestyle that emulated God's character, plus an understanding of what God ask of you, and a readiness to respond to him, all work together to put you in the best place to be an answer to other's prayers—even those you may not know about. You can be an answer to the prayers you pray for others. In *Handle with Prayer*, author and pastor Charles Stanley said: "When praying for others, we must be willing to be part of the answer if necessary. If we aren't willing to be used to answer our own prayers, we aren't cooperating with God. As a result, He won't cooperate with us; He won't answer our prayers. Why? Because these are prayers of isolation and separation. We are saying, "God I don't want to get mixed up in anyone's problems. You take care of that."

What strength has God given you to help others? How might they be used as an answer to someone's prayer?

When your loving actions become habits, you are readily available to be a part of God's plans. Do you have a friend who has a need? How might you show love toward her today?

I wanted to share this story with the community, after my husband and many friends were involved with the Sugar Refinery disaster. We did not know what to do; we all stood together that night and prayed. All we could ask for was help. Well our help came in the form of the Red Cross and The Salvation Army. If you have never been helped by these groups, let me tell you what an answer to prayers they are. I thank God every day for sending these people to us. I hope this story gives all of us the strength to be available to be an answer to someone's prayer. God is good let him work through you.

## **IMPOTANT DATES**

May Gathering: Saturday, May 24, 2008  
Nevils United Methodist Church.  
6:30pm  
Covered Dish

June Gathering: Saturday, June 28, 2008  
6:30pm  
To be announced  
Covered Dish

July Gathering: Saturday, July 26, 2008  
First Presbyterian Church  
Statesboro  
6:30pm  
Covered Dish

Board Training: Training for Board members will take place at the June 5, 2008 board meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

#### **INFORMATION FROM BORAD MEETING**

Christy Bandy was named as the Community Spiritual Director. Reports on the last walks were that all went well. Keep the up coming walk in your prayers, #64 and #65.

#### **PRAYER REQUEST**

Family of Susan Craig  
Lee Echols  
Sugar Refinery Families  
Our Country  
Our Churches

Thessa & Chuck Martin  
Eva Hall

If you have a prayer request you would like listed, please feel free to email me at [dixie1382@planters.net](mailto:dixie1382@planters.net) or call me at 912-313-8374.

**If you have any information, a story, blessing or any thing you would like to share, please get it to me, I would love to include it in the Chatter Matter.**

Find attached the information and application for **Emmaus/Chrysalis By The Sea** August 30, 2008 to September 1, 2008 at Epworth By The Sea. St. Simons Island, Georgia.

# Emmaus/Chrysalis By The Sea

*Sponsored by:*

*THE REGIONAL WALK TO EMMAUS COMMUNITIES*

*You and your entire family are cordially invited...*

## *A Regional Emmaus/Chrysalis Gathering...*

*For Christian Fellowship  
To share Holy Communion  
Praise our Lord and Savior*

*Music, prayers, worship, great food and fellowship*

*August 30-September 1, 2008  
Epworth By The Sea  
St. Simons Island, GA*

God is providing a wonderful opportunity for the Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities to gather for Praise and Worship, spiritual renewal, fellowship with family and friends in Christ and the opportunity to enhance our ministry through the Walk to Emmaus!

**Featuring...** \*Special Praise and Worship Music

*\*4th Day Talks*

Child care: 5 years and under during sessions

# **EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS BY THE SEA**

## **Room Registration Form** **August 30-September 1, 2008**

**Online registration available on Epworth website: [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org)  
Or fill out completely and mail or FAX to:**

Epworth By The Sea Att: Kelly Maloy  
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/s as desired on name tag/s \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Day phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults in Room \_\_\_\_\_  
No/Ages Children in Room \_\_\_\_\_  
# That have been through Chrysalis or Journey? \_\_\_\_\_  
Number children 5 years and under for child care during session \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payment required: please send full payment no later than Aug. 16, 2008

\*Inquire about extra days before or after the Emmaus By The Sea event.

\*Make check payable to Epworth By The Sea or we can charge the full amount to

MasterCard or Visa.

\*Name as it is on the card \_\_\_\_\_

\*Card Type/No. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

\*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.

\_\_\_\_Check here to affirm that I am authorized to make these credit card charges.

Amount to charge: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 912 638 8688

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Email: [kmaloy@epworthbythesea.org](mailto:kmaloy@epworthbythesea.org)

## EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS BY THE SEA

### Accommodation Options

\*The following rates are **per person** for 2 nights, six meals and taxes.  
(Beginning with dinner, Sat., Aug. 30, 2008)

Turner Lodge	_____ \$153.98 per person staying	double
	_____ \$217.60 per person staying	single
Robertson Inn	_____ \$135.80 per person staying	double
	_____ \$199.42 per person staying	single
Pitts/Booth/Jones	_____ \$119.90 per person staying	double
	_____ \$176.70 per person staying	single
Reynolds	_____ \$110.80 per person staying	double
	_____ \$163.08 per person staying	single
Youth Cabins	_____ \$84.56 per person (linens included)	

#### Special rates for children...

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. 16, 2008. After Aug. 16, \$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.**

**\*NOTE: 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Epworth By The Sea**

**Attention: Kelly Maloy P. O. Box 20407 St. Simons Island GA 31522 Phone: 912.638.8688 Fax: 912.634.0642**

**Email: [kmaloy@epworthbythesea.org](mailto:kmaloy@epworthbythesea.org)**

**\*Confirmation of your reservation will be mailed to you.\***

**No phone reservations accepted. No pets or alcohol. Check in: 4:00 p.m. – Check out: 11:30 a.m. Sometimes great opportunities are missed when too many people wait until the last minute to register. We cancel undersubscribed events so please register early. We don't want to cancel what you want!!**

**\*This form is for Epworth By The Sea ONLY\***

# EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS BY THE SEA

## Agenda

**Saturday, August 30, 2008**

- 3-5:00 p.m. Registration Walker Lobby  
5-6:30 Dinner Dining Rooms  
7-8:30 Gathering Strickland or Nalls Auditorium  
Skit on Sponsorship, Praise and Worship, 4th Day Talk  
Keynote Speaker: Regional Spiritual Director : Garry Speich  
8:30 Ice Cream Social Dining Rooms

**Sunday, August 31, 2008**

- 6:30 a.m. Private Prayers Epworth Grounds  
7-8:30 Breakfast Dining Rooms  
9-10:30 Gathering Strickland or Nalls Auditorium  
Skit on Team Selection, Praise and Worship, 4th Day Talk  
Keynote speaker: Mr. Greg Engroff: International Lay Director  
10:30-noon Break-Out Groups  
\*Sponsorship \* Spiritual Growth in the Fourth Day  
\*Clergy Qualifications \*Chrysalis: Who, What and Why?  
\*Leading Worship Music \* Team Selection/Team Formation  
12-1:00 p.m. Lunch Dining Rooms  
Afternoon is free...  
5:00-6:15 Dinner Dining Rooms  
6:30-9:00 Gathering Strickland or Nalls Auditorium  
Leaders Forum: You Ask the Questions  
Praise and Worship, Chrysalis 4th Day Talk  
Keynote speaker: Former Regional Chrysalis Director: Nancy LaSuer  
Clown Communion  
Candlelight  
8:45 Ice Cream Social Dining Rooms  
**Monday, Sept. 1, 2008**  
7-9:00 a.m. Breakfast Dining Rooms  
9-10:30 Break-Out Groups  
10:45-11:45 Gathering Strickland or Nalls Auditorium  
4th Day Talk  
Praise & Worship, Communion & Farewell  
Noon Lunch LABOR DAY PICNIC on the grounds

**May God grant you travelling mercies**

**Dayspring Emmaus Community  
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