



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

January 2009

A Word from Linda:

I had an interesting experience with my computer! My anti-spyware update had wiped out my ability to access my Norton Antivirus software and the red shield was almost pulsing on the desk bar. Nothing I tried worked so I pushed the support button. Thank goodness it did. The prompt told me there were 39 persons in front of me asking for help. Slowly the numbers dropped and they logged me in. They told me up front that if we were disconnected to return to support and they would ask if I wanted to be reconnected and if I said “yes” they would reestablish the connection where we had left off.

They then proceeded to ask questions and ask me to perform procedures none of which worked. “Are you willing to give us access to your computer that we might take care of the problem from out remote location?” What else could I say but “Yes”. I did what they told me to do and the most amazing things happened. I sat there with my hands in my lap watching my cursor bounce around on my desk top, pulling up menus, exiting out of programs, typing our instructions to the utility manager, and then...nothing! I waited for about ten minutes and nothing happened and the computer was obviously not fixed! So I went back to support, and clicked that I wanted to be reconnected, and there were 22 persons ahead of me waiting for help. When the number dropped to 18 my cursor sprang up and closed that window, did a few more flourishes and asked me to restart the computer. When it was up and running they told me it was fixed and I could disconnect. And it WAS fixed!

Then God spoke to me and asked me when I was going to give him (whom I knew) as much access to my life to fix all my broken areas as I gave to technicians (that I didn't know at all) into all the hidden files in my computer! Did I trust him to close all those windows, write new programs, eliminate fatal errors and reboot my life? He reminded me of the times I thought we were disconnected and He reminded me that He was still here.

As we enter 2009, I will pass those same questions on to you. Then I will challenge you to find others you know who need to know that master technician better and give them the gift of Emmaus this next year. Won't it be fun for all of us to share our new creations in Christ?

In Christ,

Linda



MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Karen McEntyre, Kitchen

Happy New Year Brothers and Sisters! I am so thankful to be a part of the Northwest Georgia Emmaus Community. I attended Women’s Walk #38 in the spring of 2005. I am humbled to be that I was asked to serve on the NWGWTE Board as a kitchen representative. I am certain that God will use my experience in the community and the lessons I learned as the head kitchen on Walk #45 as tools to help me excel in this role.

Right after Walk #45 I began brainstorming with Jan Lemke-Springmier on ways to improve the function of the kitchen for future teams. We have some great ideas that we feel will help simplify things for the head kitchen and their teams; especially for the first time heads.

I am excited to be able to give my heart, mind, hands, and feet to the community to fulfill the Lord’s call! I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Gary Henkel, Team Selection

I would be glad to introduce myself as a new member of the Emmaus Board...Oh, so you are Terri Henkel’s husband...Gary. That is correct I am the preacher’s spouse-a role that I continue to be disciplined in. I guess turn-about is fair play. For years while serving in the Navy, Terri was the “Chief’s” spouse. Retiring in 1998, which is a misnomer, from the Navy I am currently employed as a manager at a brick manufacturing plant in Coosa, GA. I attended NWGWTE # 27, where I sat at the table of Mark. Terri and I serve at Villa Rica 1st UMC. I am humbled & truly blessed to serve as a new board member of such a Christ centered and powerful ministry. I look forward to getting closer to my Lord and Savior through servant hood. DeColores, Gary

Sharon Gladstone, Board Secretary and Communications

I attended Blue Lake WTE #52, where I sat at the table of Sarah. That was in the fall of 1991! My husband and I worship at Old Camp UMC in Carrollton. Blue Lake WTE is in south Alabama, but we lived in Ft. Walton Beach, FL at the time. Now we are in Carrollton and privileged to be part of the Northwest GA community for the past 14 years. I feel as though I know so many of you, and now I come to you in this role, as the Board Secretary and head of Communications. I look forward to “communicating” with all of you through this Newsletter and other venues. If you have anything to share with our Community, please contact me and we will get the word out.

Sharon Gladstone, sgladstone@bellsouth.net



Board Members for 2009

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| Chair: Ed Beacham | Set –Up/Tear Down – Billy Halbrooks |
| Vice-Chair– Steve Standridge | Send Off/Candlelight – Steve Standridge |
| Secretary – Sharon Gladstone | Communications – Sharon Gladstone |
| Treasurer – Jan Lempke-Springmeir | Kitchen – Karen McEntyre |
| Registrar – Evenlyn Waters | Follow-Up – Calvin Waddell |
| Gatherings – Donna Grenier | Agape/Training – Debbie Beck |
| Literature/Supplies – Donald Stevens | Team Selection – Gary Henkel |
| Clergy – Linda Hessel, Jim Aiken, Julie Fuller Donna Lucas, Tommy Holder, Frank Boone | |

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE TO GET THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THESE YOUR SERVANTS WWW.NWGWTE.NET

GATHERINGS 2009

When is your church going to host a gathering?

Please contact Donna Grenier as soon as possible, as assignments are 1st come, 1st served.

January 17th New Covenant 5960 GA5, Douglasville, 30135

[Direction to New Covenant](#)

February 21st Southern Hills

March 21st McEachern UMC

April 18th open

May 30th Villa Rica 1st UMC (this is the fourth Saturday due to Memorial Day.

This will also be Gathering and Follow-Up together)

June 20th Hiram UMC

July 18th open

August 15th Old Camp UMC

September 19th open

October 17th open

November 7th open (this will also be a Gathering/Follow-Up combo)

December - no meeting due to Holidays

Contact Donna Grenier with any questions about Gatherings

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Letter from Nathan Lippert and Leigh Halbrooks

We have been blessed with serving the NorthWest Georgia Emmaus Community as your Lay Directors for the Spring Walks.

We are writing today to request that you prayerfully consider *re-presenting* Christ as a Servant on the Walk. The weekends of the walk will be

Men's - April 30 – May 3, 2009.

Women's – May 14-17, 2009

The dates of the team meeting(s) are March 14& 28 and April 11 & 25 at Acworth UMC, 4340 Collins Circle

For our newer Sisters and Brothers, revisiting King's Retreat as a Servant has been the greatest blessings for us and we encourage you to search your heart in anticipation of the call. Please contact us if you are willing to be a servant.

DeColores!

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Father in heaven, thank You that You are Sovereign. Thank You that You know each precious person reading this newsletter. You planned for them to meet You here today. You created their heart. You know their every need, their deepest desires, and their open wounds. Lord, I ask that in this new year, You would fall afresh on them.

Father, You are Holy and call us to be Holy. Yet, we confess that so often our hearts wander from You, our speech does not glorify You, and our actions do not honor You. Soften our hearts to receive the words Your sweet Spirit has to speak to us. Clothe us with humility. Take away our desire to always be right and have our own way. Help us to seek Your Word in all that we say and do. Help us to submit to Your Word; allow it to penetrate those deep places in our hearts that resist change. If necessary, put us through the refiner's fire to burn off those things that keep us from walking in step with Your character.

Give us hearts that love and seek after Truth above all else. Give us wisdom and discernment to reject the lies of this world and the evil one. Guide us into all Truth. Guard our hearts and keep our eyes fixed on You. Grow in us those things that will make us more like You. As we study Your Word, fill us and saturate us with You!

Today, Father, we surrender our thoughts, our speech, and our hearts. Thank You that You are Faithful and True. We trust You will do a mighty work in us and through us this year and carry it on to completion until the day we step into eternity with You. Help us to trust in You with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. Help us to acknowledge You in all our ways so that we can hear Your voice as You say, "This is the way, walk in it."

Lord, we love You and thank You that You love us. May our lives be a living testimony of You. We ask this in the powerful and mighty name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who will do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine. In Jesus' Name, Amen.