



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus	March, 2008
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1 Peter 2:9 ***“But you are chosen race, a holy priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”***

Silent Night, Holy Night

It was just a Christmas card sent from an ex-parishioner who now lived in another state. But it was a musical Christmas card the envelope and its contents had been severely damaged in transit. It did not play a tune, and I wanted to know and to hear what song it was. (Sometimes the back of the card reveals this information. This card did not.) It took a while for me to find a way to assemble enough of the confusion of parts to hear the beautiful refrains of “Silent Night, Holy Night.” It was lovely and melodic.

Now, you might think that this is the end of the story. It is not! It is only the beginning. Having found its voice, the card would proceed to play on its own. I would awake in the night to hear a noise and it was the card singing. Finally I separated the elements in the card to get on with life. A few days later, a funeral type weird noise asserted itself. It was the card trying to play. Darryl did some disassembly. Later the card was still trying to play its tune.

Friends, if a simple human-made, damaged greeting card, without a brain or purpose, is going to live out what it was created to do; why can’t we as the chosen people of God not reflect and sing out what God has done for us? Some of the last Emmaus gatherings have been like that hymn—a silent night (because there were so few attendees), but a holy night (for the richness of Godly sharing and worship.) Emmaus gives us the opportunity to be the people of God ***and*** to reflect and share God’s praise. Surely we can do this!

In Christ,  
Linda

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As you have probably noticed when you went to the website, you see a name associated with “Communications”. That would be me, Phil Cole, in charge. If any of you have tidbits you would like to see included in the newsletter, please forward those to me, either through the attached link, [pcole@carlblack.com](mailto:pcole@carlblack.com), or go to the website and link to me there. I look forward to hearing from you with comments, suggestions, and help. Thanks and DeColores, Phil Cole, Communications Chair

**NOTES FROM PAT**

It is hard to believe but the spring walks are just around the corner. There is still time to sponsor a pilgrim. Has God laid someone on your heart that He wants to go on this walk? If so, step out and ask, who knows you may be the catalyst that brings someone closer to Christ.

There is still a need for more help on the walks. If you can help in any way, contact Richard Higgins or Sandra Stevens. What great agape it would be if you could come on Sunday and help the team clean up so that they can leave and get home earlier. Don't forget candlelight and closing. We want to bless the socks off these new pilgrims and pour God's love out all over them. Even if you can't work, support the teams and the pilgrims with your prayers, letters, and agape.

I am asking the community to pray without ceasing for this set of walks. The devil has been busy and would love to destroy these walks and this community. If we stand together in purpose and in prayer, that will not happen. May our prayer cord be so strong that the devil will tuck tail and run!!!

Pat Stevens, Emmaus Chair

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## 2008 Gathering Schedule

March 29 - Villa Rica UMC

This is a combined Follow-up and Gathering

Follow-up - 5:00PM

Graze - 6:00PM

Praise - 7:00PM

April 19 - Bowdon UMC

May 17 - Powder Springs

June 21 - Hiram UMC

July 19 - TBA

August 16 - Old Camp UMC - Carrollton

September 20 - TBA

October 18 - Wesley Chapel - Villa Rica

November 15 - Host: Love EMC @ Kennesaw UMC

## FOLLOW UP

Come One, Come ALL! Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 29, 2008. Villa Rica UMC will be hosting the Northwest Georgia Emmaus Community Follow-Up meeting and monthly Gathering. **Follow-Up Meeting** starts at 5:00PM. Babysitting will be provided after 4:45PM. Sponsors, please make plans to bring our new community members to the Follow-Up meeting. The rest of the community looks forward to meeting ALL of THEM at the **Grazing and Gathering at 6:00PM**. Again, all the new members need to do is come to eat and worship with us.

Your Brother in Christ, Calvin Waddell  
Follow up Chair

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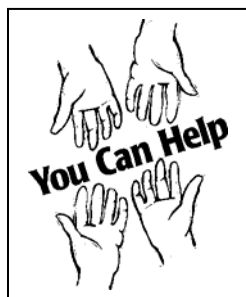
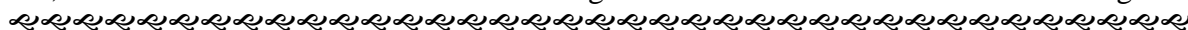
## Directions:

**From the east:** Take closest interstate to I-20, exit 26 (Liberty Rd/Mirror Lake Blvd.) Turn north to U.S. 78. At first traffic light, turn right onto GA61/Main Street. Turn immediately left after crossing railroad tracks. Turn Right on North Ave. Villa Rica church straight ahead.

**From Cartersville:** Take GA 61 south to Villa Rica. GA61 turns left in town as it joins Main St. Go to North Ave., turn left. Villa Rica church straight ahead.

**From Acworth:** GA176 to Lost Mountain. Turn right onto Dallas Hwy/GA120. Turn right on US278/Jimmy Smith Parkway. Turn left at GA61 South. GA61 turns left at stop sign in Villa Rica as it joins Main St. Turn left at North Ave. Villa Rica church straight ahead.

**From Carrollton:** GA166 to GA61 to Villa Rica. Turn right onto S. Carroll Rd. before you reach Villa Rica. At the traffic light and US78, as you cross over the railroad tracks and veer left, S. Carroll Rd. becomes Main St. Turn right at North Ave. Villa Rica church straight ahead.

**AGAPE**

If you are planning to send agape for the spring walks, this is what you need to prepare:

Conference Room only – 60 items

Conference room and Support team – 120 items

We have some nice DeColores shirts for sale. If you are interested in a shirt, please let Judi Rainey know (678-416-9440 or [jamship@yahoo.com](mailto:jamship@yahoo.com)). We also have cookbooks, hats, T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale as well.

Debbie Beck, Agape/Training Chair

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## Chrysalis....Why?

The Northwest Georgia Chrysalis community and Board of Directors have struggled over the last several months trying to keep the Chrysalis movement going and getting people to step up and work the teams and have a Chrysalis event. To be honest, a few people have worked very hard to keep it on track and we as the Emmaus/Chrysalis community have let the young people down, both those already in our church and community and those who want to join. Chrysalis is not conducted by individuals, but by a TEAM of people who have a shared love of the Lord and are becoming a community. We don't want to come across as slapping any wrist, and certainly don't want to step on anyone's toes. But remember....it takes a village....**and we need your help.**

Chrysalis is a wonderful experience for young people and adults who have a love for the Lord and want to share that with others. The Chrysalis movement's purpose is not simply to carry out a three-day event, but also to develop Christian maturity and leadership in our young people. The team moves from being stranger to being friends in Christ, people who know and care about each other. Team participation is a tremendous opportunity for helping young people grow as Christians and as spiritual leaders and is the primary way people learn what Chrysalis is about. Through the hands-on experience of team meetings, the wisdom of the Chrysalis movement can be effectively passed on to new members of the community and new leaders can be born. Team meetings are occasions for encouraging team members to put their spiritual lives in order, to remember who and whose they are, and to reflect upon God's call to this ministry. It's an opportunity to renew their practice of piety, study, and action. Chrysalis team members become a genuine team through the process of team formation and team meetings that involve adults, youth, and clergy. Throughout the process, team members prepare and grow together to become God's instruments for the Chrysalis event, to become "Jesus with skin on" for the caterpillars. **We need your help....**

The goal is to put together a team of young people and adults who guide the caterpillars through the three-day Chrysalis experience. We want a strong, balanced team that will involve as many youth and adults as possible that will cultivate new leadership for future Chrysalis events and leaders for our churches. Of course there is a commitment of participation in the team meetings, the weekend flight/journey, and the follow-up. But, this commitment will be one of rewards beyond your imagination. The spirit and faith that these young people possess is amazing and God speaks through them in so many wonderful ways. You won't be the same after you have worked a Chrysalis because God will show you a different side of Himself on the weekend. **We need your help...**

*Think about it...Pray about it... and then Pray some more!*

