

“For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

Luke 22:27

Being a servant leader. That is what we say Emmaus is all about: training, becoming, living as a servant leader to our Lord. But have we forgotten our calling? I ask this as I reflect on the Community revival we held in July. For those of us who attended it, it was a terrific time. We learned so much, enjoyed the fellowship, became bonded by the secret mantra of “power, power, enter or power, power, stop, play” ! (Don’t ask!) But if Emmaus is all about servanthood there should have been a lot more of us there. We had a terrific Gathering to follow and those of you who missed the Mission band from Hope church, and insightful 4th day talk from Melissa and a heart felt witness of the effectiveness of reunion groups from Lisa really missed it!

I know, I know, it was the last weekend before school starts and the finals for family reunions, vacations, church revivals and all that sort of thing, but those agenda’s did not affect all of us or every Gathering. I am concerned about the vision and mission of Emmaus, because I have noticed during the Gatherings of this last year, except for the continuing presences of the Beachams, Halbrooks and the Gladstones, a conspicuous absence (among many others of course) of former lay directors. Am I wrong? Do people only come to Gatherings in order to put brownie points on the charts towards their progress towards being lay director? And once having achieved that honor do we put them on the shelves and remember them and their contributions as we go on to the next candidates? I don’t think so because I know community supporters who have no wish to ever be lay directors and they still attend Gatherings. Or is there a possibility that with the emphasis on incorporating as many future lay directors in as many positions as possible on each walk that the community has made former lay directors feel unwanted, unneeded and unnecessary? If so, much evaluation is needed here. Or do we only regard service on a team as worthy of notice, and attending a Gathering or hosting at a church not also a witness for Christ? How active are we in recruiting pilgrims for our walks? I remember when we had waiting lists for pilgrims to attend.

Paul made it abundantly clear that in the body of Christ there is a place and a purpose for everyone: “For as in one body we have many members and not all members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually are members one of another.” (Romans 12:4) “But God has so arranged the body....the members may have the same care for one another.” (1 Corinthians 12:24/26) Can you walk if you have no feet? Do you feel awkward if your right ear and left eyebrow are missing? How do you write a letter if your thumb isn’t there? Servants need each other to do the work of the body of Christ. Pray about it and share your insights with me.

In Christ,

Well summer has come and gone. Now we are getting ready for school to start up again. Football and basketball are on the horizon - BUT there are several other important events coming up for our Emmaus community: team meetings for Fall Walks begin in August, elections of new community board members and the Fall Walks in October, the Follow Up meeting....

I have a question for YOU: have you been in prayer for the Fall Walks, election of board members, and Pilgrims to sponsor? These are very important events in the growth and development of your community for the advancement of HIS KINGDOM. Sponsorship begins with PRAYER. Individual names should be placed on your heart and from that point forward our Savior will guide you to the individual you should sponsor as a Pilgrim.

If you can not work the Fall Walks you can always participate in the 72 hour prayer vigil, candle-light, and provide agape. I look forward to seeing you and continue to keep this community in your PRAYERS!

De Colores BROTHERS and SISTERS,

Pat

We Gather Together....

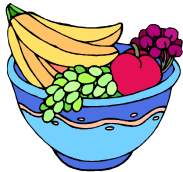


Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us!!

Aug. 18, New Covenant UMC, Douglasville

Sept. 15, Faith UMC, Cartersville

Oct. 20, Bright Star UMC, Douglasville



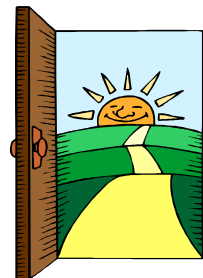
Remember - we PRAISE at 6:00 pm and GRAZE at 7:00 pm!



Directions to New Covenant UMC

From Marietta: Take I-20 West to Hwy. 5. Go south on Hwy. 5 approximately 8 miles. The church is located on the left, one mile south of Dog River.

From Carrollton: Go east on Hwy. 166. Turn north onto Hwy. 5 and go approximately 2 miles. The church will be on the right.





Chrysalis News:

I can't believe the summer is already over and that it's time to start thinking about summer 2008! **The Boys Chrysalis flight will be July 17 - 20, 2008** and the **Girls will be July 24 - 27, 2008**. It is very exciting to announce that Becky Davis becky@daviscore.com, 706-777-3364, has agreed to be the girls' lay director for Chrysalis Flight 14 Journey 8. Please be in prayer for Becky as she has started praying about the team God would have. Want to work? Give Becky a call or email her and let her know! And, as always, be in prayer about whom God would have you sponsor! We are still in search of a boys' Lay Director so continue to keep that in your prayers, as well. We also have open board positions. If you are interested in serving God in this way please let me know.

Chrysalis and Emmaus sponsored a revival the last weekend of July. It began with 12 of us. On Saturday one had to leave but God sent another so 12 was our number! The Gathering was powerful and afterwards, several people shared with me that it was one of the best they had been to in awhile! The Lord was present in that place! I would just like to share with you some of the comments I got back from the weekend:

"The weekend was SO restful...an amazing getaway with God...and I loved how it was not structured so me and momma got some good talk time in and I got to read and we just relaxed and all spent time together. I do wish we would have had more corporate worship with our 12 though. The Gathering was absolutely perfect there...I felt the power and presence of God so much as we sang that I literally cried. Let's do more Gatherings there!

Thank you for hosting this!!! Love, Kelsey

"It was informative and refreshing; the Gathering was the best one I have ever attended in our community."

"I enjoyed it. I would have appreciated if there was going to be discussions of the work areas that handouts or PowerPoint presentations were used to understand the area so that I could take them home and remember what I had learned. I especially enjoyed learning from Larry the logistics of the microphone system, the computer hook ups, the DVD and chapel light systems. That was fascinating. The food was excellent and the fellowship was wonderful. Adding in a "heads" meeting was a masterstroke. Finishing with a great Gathering was icing on the cake." Linda

"I thought the weekend went well. I thought the Gathering was fantastic, the best one in a very long time!!! Thank You," Sandra

"I thought the Revival weekend went well." Pat

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As you can see, the weekend went well and is something we can certainly try again. I would like to just say thanks to all those who helped with this, whether you were there or not I personally felt your prayers and support. Thank you from the Chrysalis and Emmaus Board!

Emmaus News:

It is that time of year again when are in need of your Agape items for the upcoming Walks. If you have anything you would like to donate but can't get it to the camp just let me know and I'll be happy to pick it up. We need: handmade items, candy, chocolate, brownies, cakes, cookies, sugar free stuff, and bottled water (smaller bottles work best).

Books for the book table are needed to replenish the table from the last set of weekends. Bring new or slightly used books to any Gathering, upcoming team meeting or give me a call and I'll arrange to pick them up from you.



Emmaus/Chrysalis items for sale: **Cookbooks:** Contact me (Judi Rainey) at 678-416-9440 or email me at jamship@yahoo.com if you want one. Cost of the cookbooks are \$10 and \$3.50 for shipping and handling. Cookbooks will also be available at upcoming Gatherings.

T-Shirts: Interested? You'll find order forms at the Gatherings or email/call me and I will send you one. You will soon have **sweatshirts** and **denim shirts** available as well as **long sleeve t-shirts**. We have a new shirt that is 100% cotton in different colors and even one that is just for you ladies so please email if you are interested.

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At His Feet

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another
 John 13:35

Take time each day to show HIS love to as many people as you can~