



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

February, 2008

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.”***

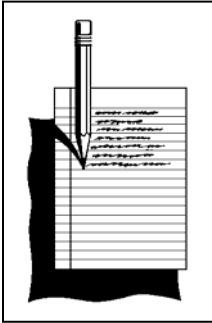
I arrived at the Camp for the last walk and realized that I had left my hair dryer, hair gel, and hair spray at home. No problem, I decided, I could probably borrow some from one of my roommates. But I had forgotten that I had the Sanctifying Grace talk which would be given on Sunday morning and my “roommates” would have returned to their local churches to conduct morning worship. By the time I realized my dilemma the day and time had arrived and although I was dressed and my talk was ready, I felt anything but prepared.

As I entered the prayer chapel one of my sisters offered to lend me some of her supply. Happily I took off for the closest ladies room and fixed some of my vanity problems and started a return to the prayer chapel. It was Sunday morning and the dorm servants were starting their clean up. One was vacuuming the hall to the kitchen. Over the noise of the vacuum cleaner she could not hear me tottering down the hall in my high heeled boots. As I came near the cord, she reached to get the kitchen door and the cord lifted several inches off the floor; and I, never a paragon of grace, caught the cord with the toe of my boot and went spread eagle onto the rough carpet. Thanks to the lace on my slip, the carpet burn tore off the top layer of the skin on my knees and warmed up the soles of my hands and jammed my shoulder as I braced for the fall. It was not a pretty sight.

Praise God my sisters got antibiotic ointment, bandages, and prayers to salve my hurt body and sore ego and I was able to deliver my talk and get on with the weekend. God has such a sense of humor! Here I was to deliver the Sanctifying Grace talk and I had become the perfect role model for my own advice. If I had spent just a few more minutes preparing myself for the weekend when I was home, I would have been spared an uncomfortable downfall, and prevented unnecessary chaos for the prayer servants, and felt better about myself, my calling, my gifts and my readiness to be obedient.

As we start this New Year of 2008 remember whose we are and that to grow more in the likeness of our Lord we need to spend more time with him in prayer, Bible study, communion, witness and worship. Short cuts simply don’t work and sometimes, they hurt more than just us! Let us make the Lord and His priorities first and see how he will use us.

In Christ,  
Linda

**NOTES FROM PAT**

Happy New Year to you all! The New Year is off to an exciting start! Team meetings have begun for the spring walks and NOW is the time to choose whom God wants you to sponsor. God has put together the teams, the fields are being prepared, and it is up to us to bring the pilgrims in for the harvest! Don't put it off, ask God today who He wants you to sponsor. There is still time if you would like to work the walks, let Richard or Sandra know.

Another exciting development is the purchase and delivery of the long awaited PHONETREE!!! It should be up and running by the first of the month.

Finally, our website is updated so don't hesitate to check it out for the locations of the upcoming gatherings and for your board members names and contact information and finally for the contact information of the spring lay directors.

Pat Stevens, Emmaus Chair

### 2008 Gathering Schedule

We graze at 6:00PM and Praise at 7:00PM

February 16 - Faith UMC - Cartersville

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March 29 - Villa Rica UMC

This is a combined Follow-up and Gathering

April 19 - Bowdon UMC

May 17 - Acworth UMC

June 21 - Hiram UMC

July 19 - Southern Hills Christian Church - Carrollton

August 16 - Old Camp UMC - Carrollton

September 20 - TBA

October 18 - TBA

November 15 - Host: Love EMC @ Kennesaw UMC

### FOLLOW UP

I feel so blessed being given the task of Follow Up meetings for our community. I also ask for your prayers that these tasks be completed with as little disruption as possible.

In our last newsletter, our Gathering chairperson, Donna Grenier, told you that the Follow-up meeting AND March Gathering will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Villa Rica, on March 29. If you are interested in helping with this event please let me know. If you have not heard why these events are on the same day, it is due to the dates of the Spring Walks and Easter. Follow-up and the Gathering are combined to eliminate conflicts on your calendar, as we celebrate Our Risen Lord. A letter with the exact times and directions to Villa Rica UMC will be placed in the Pilgrim Agape bags. These instructions will be available for the sponsors, community and brought to their attention at closing.

I look forward to seeing all of the Community at our Gatherings. Come worship and praise Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ, Calvin Waddell

Follow up Chair



### AGAPE

It that time of year and again we are in need of your Agape items for the upcoming Spring Walks. It can be homemade items, candy, chocolate, brownies, cakes, cookies, sugar free items, and bottled water (the 8 Oz. bottles work best). We can make use of everything so be thinking about what you would like to bring.

The coke machine in the Servant's Den is no longer at the camp so we are in need of either 2 liter bottles or 12 oz. cans of soft drinks for both weekends.

Also, instead of the board providing the meal on Thursday night at send-off, we are going to have pot luck, so bring your favorite dish on Thursday evening as we send off the Pilgrims.

Books for the book table are also needed to replenish the table from the last set of weekends. If you would like to donate new or slightly used books for the book table you can bring them to any gathering, team meeting, or feel free to contact me and I'll make arrangements to pick them up.

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 News

## Mark Your Calendars

Girls Chrysalis Flight – June 26-29, 2008    Becky Davis, Lay Director  
 Boys Chrysalis Flight - July 17-20, 2008    Larry Mahle, Lay Director

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Larry Mahle    [ljmahle@bellsouth.net](mailto:ljmahle@bellsouth.net) or 770-489-2998

Please be in prayer for Becky and Larry as they pray about the team that God would have for the summer. If you love youth and love to see amazing changes call Becky or Larry and let them know you would like to work the weekend. Be in prayer for the Caterpillars that God would have you sponsor.

There are also open Chrysalis Board positions. If you are interested in serving God in this way, please let me know. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

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