



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

June, 2008

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16

NOTES FROM PAT

My wife has just finished reading another book and when she was sharing with me about the book I just felt God lay it on my heart that there might be people in our community right now, that need to hear a little of what the author has to say. The book is “Look AT IT This Way,” by Jan Silvius. We all face situations in life that we have to deal with. How we deal with situations depends on how we look at them. In the introduction to this book Jan Silvius states, “Life has a way of catching us off guard. Few of us ever plan ahead for rough times...whether they are just little irritations or life-leveling hardships. But by making positive choices today, we can effectively prepare ourselves for the big and small trials that lie ahead. Ms. Silvius challenges us to look at situations in this manner:

1. Take one event at a time and remember that it is only one event and not a lifetime of events.
2. Remind yourself that what might have been does not exist
3. Just because “They” said it does not make it true.
4. If something doesn’t work....change it.
5. Fretting only destroys you. (Fretting is worrying with a lot of underlying anger.)
6. Don’t tell everything you know.
7. Feeling guilty doesn’t mean you are.
8. There is a God and you are not Him.
9. Attitude is everything.
10. **You can’t lose when you are connected to God.**

So what does this have to do with Emmaus? Everything! Just like life, there will be situations that arise in our community that we will have to deal with. Decide now how you will face each situation’ use the thoughts above to help you form a positive outlook for every situation that you face. Last of all remember to look around and see all the good things that are in your life and give thanks to God above for each and every one of them.

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Pat Stevens, Emmaus Chair

Contact Information for Fall Walks

Men's Walk #44 Wade Conklin 478-951-3468
October 30th -November 2nd, 2008

Women's Walk #45 Judi Rainey 678-416-9440 jamship@yahoo.com
November 6th-November 9th, 2008

Team meeting dates and location:
Lithia Springs UMC 8:00am - 3:00PM
September 6th, September 27th, October 4th, October 25th

2008 Gathering Schedule

6:00pm Graze (pot-Luck)

7:00PM Praise & Worship

June 21 - Hiram UMC

July 19 - Lost Mountain Church of God

August 16 - Old Camp UMC - Carrollton

September 20 - Lithia Springs UMC

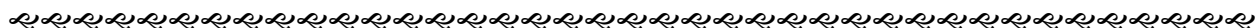
October 18 - Wesley Chapel - Villa Rica

November 15 - Host: Love EMC @ Kennesaw UMC
Combination Follow-Up and Gathering

Contact Donna Grenier with any questions about Gatherings

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To follow up on my offering from the April Newsletter, my research has given me some surprising facts and figures to ponder (in reference to the article about mailing a newsletter). It seems that the cost to print, collate, staple, address, and stamp a single newsletter is \$1.44 per copy! Surprised? Me too. That means we would have to spend \$360.00 per printing for a mailed copy of a newsletter. Is this possible? Not under the circumstances we are currently in, due to the fact we don't have funds designated for such. Then it must be decided how frequently to do this. How many people really want this? I don't have an answer, and neither did your board of directors when they were given this information at the last meeting, but they did want me to assure you that this would be given consideration, and we will let you know what our suggestions will be.

That all being offered as givens, we need to keep a few things in mind. One item to consider is the fact that we all don't use email and that our newsletter is available for free on our website. I am aware of this fact, but also know that technology will continue to change and advance whether we participate or not. Eventually we need to look at the long term effects of our resistance and weigh the rewards/consequences against each other. Rabbit ears will be of no use for your television come 2/19/2009. I wasn't asked if this would be agreeable or not, it's just gonna happen, like it or not. Gas is about \$4.00 per gallon, but I still drive a huge truck and will continue to. We have to look at the effects we have on ourselves as well as others and do what we feel is the best. Many things are out of our hands and we have to decide to adapt, or resist, but everything won't always agree with our decisions, and we have to be prepared for that.

I hope no one is offended, but everyone must make choices that they feel are right, and be prepared to accept what those choices bring. God will take care of the rest, and keep you safe, no matter what choices you make.

Phil Cole
Communication Chairperson

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I just want to say what a joy it has been to serve as Agape & training chair. Thank you all for all the agape on the last walk! It was amazing!

I have a request as of right now. We are running low on the travel sizes (shampoo, cond. etc.) at the camp, so if anyone can bring those type of items, we would greatly appreciate it! You can bring items to the Gatherings, or Kings Retreat.

Also, for a special agape for Women’s Walk #45, please bring boxes Puffs tissues to Gatherings and give them to Donna Grenier. Thanks.

In Christ, Debbie Beck 📞404-259-9004

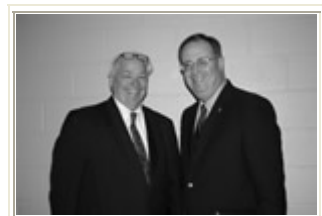
Agape/training Chair☕



North Georgia Annual Conference features business, worship, awards
By [Alice M. Smith](#)
Wesleyan Christian Advocate

Davis, Pennebaker honored
Bishop Lindsey Davis was surprised with the clergy Denman Award at the North Georgia Annual Conference in recognition of the conference’s annual strong membership gains and its leadership in the denomination in church growth. “I never imagined this,” he said. “I am deeply humbled.”

The laity Denman Award was presented to George Pennebaker, a member of Villa Rica First UMC and an attorney who works in prison ministry and presents his clients with a Bible if they don’t have one. He is a leader in his local church, and is active in other religious groups, including Walk to Emmaus. “God says he will confound the wise with the foolish, and I must be the most foolish person around,” he told the conference.



The Denman Award is presented annually to two individuals who have made exceptional contributions

George Pennebaker, left, a member of Villa Rica UMC, and Bishop Lindsey Davis were recipients of the Denman Award in recognition of their work in evangelism.

April 2008

The King's Corner

The Trustees need your help!!

In 2007, the King's Retreat was used a total of 33 weekends out of the year. In 2008, we will only have a total of 27 weekends at the Camp. Since the majority of the income we receive to pay all of the expenses of the King's Retreat comes from the rent the Trustees receive from the groups using the facility, this will be a very tight budget year for us. The English speaking Catholic Cursillo community has decided to use the Abbey in Conyers for their retreats and that takes away 4 weekends from us. NGWTE has also decided to reduce their Women's Walks by 2 weekends.

To offset these losses, **we would like to rent our facilities to any Church or Christian group who would like to have a meeting at the King's Retreat.** Rentals can be as short as a day and as long as a week. We have several weekends open this summer and a few in the fall. If you would like more information, please email billwaldrep@bellsouth.net.



Mark Your Calendar! *King's Retreat Work Day Scheduled*

The King's Retreat Board of Trustees and the North Georgia WTE Co-Board will have a workday at King's Retreat on Saturday, July 12 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided (can you say "Mike Vaughn barbeque?!") to all those willing servants who will be sweatin' in the Georgia summer. Because of the camp's schedule, this ended up being the best weekend to shape up the Holy Ground that we all hold so dear.

Right now, we are looking for monetary gifts to help purchase supplies and materials to have available that day. If you are a contractor or have access to building and maintenance items that you can donate, please email Margaret Neal at magmom7@bellsouth.net. As we finish determining the needs, we will post a list in the Loveletter. So, stay tuned!

***Donations for the King's Retreat may be made by sending your check to:
Mr. Bob Flood, Trustees' Treasurer, 5200 Dallas Hwy. Suite 200-223, Powder Springs,
GA. 30127. Contact Bob at bob.flood@att.com with any questions.***