



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

September/October, 2009

A Word from Linda

“The word that God puts in my mouth that is what I must say.” Numbers 22:38

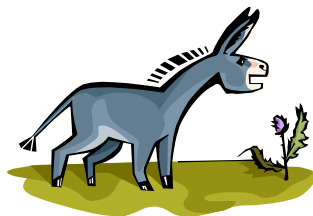
Years ago a young man in a church Darryl and I attended surrendered to God’s call to ministry after reading the story of Balak and Balaam. In this tale found in the Old Testament Book of Numbers Balak is challenged by the power of the Israelite people and lives in dread of them overtaking his land. So he comes to Balaam, a diviner, to curse God’s people and stop their progress. The only problem is that Balaam is a servant of God and cannot, therefore go against God’s will for his people.

Every time Balaam tries to curse God’s people he cannot because God has blessed them. In addition, God prevents him from going forward by blocking his way with an avenging angel. Balaam tries to force the donkey forward to his own destruction but the donkey balks and Balaam hits the donkey in frustration. The donkey then talks to Balaam and God enables Balaam to see the fate that had awaited him if his beast had followed Balaam’s orders instead of God. The young man in our church had sensed God’s call on his life and responded by saying “If God can speak through an ass he can certainly talk through me.” AMEN!!!

Some Emmaus persons are blessed with unique servant abilities but when asked to serve on a weekend say, “Oh, I could never do that!” Do they not remember that the weekend is covered in prayer and God answers prayer? Do they not remember feeling the power of God’s Holy Spirit surrounding them? Have they have forgotten the miracles that God did in their lives and those of the table mates also? Do they not remember that because of God’s blessing he has put a call on their lives to bless others and therefore “no weapon forged against you can prevail” (Isaiah 54:17a.) We go into these weekends not in our own strength but in God’s. We surrender ourselves into God’s hands that he might do mighty things through us, because these weekends are a part of his will for his people to further the Kingdom of God.

Don’t let the serpent in the Garden of Eden seduce you into thinking your gift, in God’s hands, is not sufficient for use on an Emmaus weekend. Pray for the courage to respond to the call and be the blessing God needs. Do make an ass of yourself and gain the opportunity to discover God’s blessing. Paul invited us to become a fool for Christ.

In Christ,
Linda
In Christ, Linda



Hello Emmaus Community,
It's that time again. The walks are approaching soon, so let's please work hard on getting those Pilgrims in here. On a NOTE of AGAPE: We will be using a lot of stamps again this year, so anyone who is interested in donating some stamps as Agape, feel free. You can either mail them to me or hand deliver. If everyone in our Emmaus Community gave one (1) stamp each, I would have more than enough. The stamps are purchased out of our budget, but let's see if we can save that money for a scholarship. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call me.

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AGAPE love!!!! For every walk we need small bottles of water, 2 liter drinks, oven agape, handmade agape and books for the book table. You can even bring gently used books. You can bring them to gatherings or even team meetings and give to me, Debbie. I am asking that everyone bring at least one oven agape. For the men's walks, that means lots of brownies!

The most important agape there is, is prayer agape. Prayer is the foundation of Emmaus. Please sign up on the prayer charts during our gatherings or team meetings. See below on how to sign up for online prayer vigil.

Thanks for being an awesome, giving community and I truly enjoy serving with you all!

Debbie Beck – 404-259-9004 debbie-beck@att.net



The men's #46 and women's #47 North West Georgia Walk to Emmaus has been entered on a weekend prayer vigil community registration. Anyone can access this site at www.3dayol.org. I encourage everyone to visit this site. When you go to this site, on the left side, find the button for "Prayer Vigil". Then find the name of our community. Go to the time you want to sign up. Remember, this site is not intended to replace the 72 hour Prayer Vigil we as a community sign up for during the men and women's weekend. It is however; intended for other communities who wish to join us in praying for the pilgrims to sign up and lets us know who they are and where they are from. During your visit to this site I encourage you to look up any other community you may wish to join with in praying for their pilgrims during their weekend. You will be pleasantly surprised at how many communities in the United States and other countries are represented. Just before the weekend of each walk a copy of the Prayer Vigil will be forwarded for use at King's Retreat.



GATHERINGS 2009

When is your church going to host a gathering?

I am praying for people to step up to have a Gathering at your church. It doesn't have to be a church with hundreds of Emmaus people, just a couple of loving souls to host. And remember you have a working Board to help out where needed. Thank you!

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

Graze (Covered Dish) – 6:00PM

Praise & Worship - 7:00PM

October 17th Whitesburg UMC – Whitesburg,

November 7th Refuge West Church, Marietta – Follow up and Gathering

December - no meeting due to Holidays

January – open

February 20 – Southern Hills Christian Church – Carrollton

March 20 – open – Follow up and Gathering

I want to thank all that have had a Gathering. In this time of struggling we still need the time to gather and remember **"WHO"** is really in charge.

Gathering Chairperson

Contact Donna Grenier with any questions about Gatherings

Donna Grenier, 770-505-7481 gardongre@aol.com

FALL WALKS

Men's Walk #46 October 22-25, 2009

Women's Walk #47 October 29-November 1, 2009

Contact info:

Men's – Guppy Gladstone 770-617-1625

guppy731@gmail.com

Women's – Marsi Arcaro 404-353-1960

marsiarcaro@comcast.net

Team Meeting Dates:

Oct 10 8:00AM – 4PM

All team meetings are at Lithia Springs UMC

If you want to work one of these walks, and have not received a call yet, pick up your phone, and call either Guppy or Marsi. There will be a place for you!

Dear Community, As we prepare for the upcoming Fall walks, we ask you to keep us in your prayers. Please pray for a hedge of protection around each team member, their families and each pilgrim God is sending us. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Finally, please try to attend candlelight. Thanks for your support, Marsi Arcaro & Guppy Gladstone

The Time is Short

From the NIV, the message is: *“What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short.”*
I Corinthians 7:29

There are approximately four (4) weeks before start of the fall weekends. Team meetings have begun, talks are being previewed and everything is being done to make ready for those weekends. In last month's newsletter message I quoted from the movie Field of Dreams. “If you build it, He will come,” was referring to the fact that we are expecting our Heavenly Father and His Son to come to the Kings Retreat when we build the teams and are ready for the weekend.

What if He comes and we have no pilgrims? We may be forgetting the most important part. Has the Lord put someone special on your heart? Now is the time to act. The scriptures say, “the harvest is many and the workers are few.” Don't wait for somebody to do something. Every one of us is ‘somebody.’ Take that step of faith, complete an application and invite that person to a life changing experience. They truly will never be the same. I'm not the same since my weekend and am sure that you are not either.

We are just beginning football season and stadiums will be packed with supporters doing ‘the wave.’ It's time for us as a community to do ‘the wave’ with sponsorship. We currently have seven (7) women and six (6) men confirmed for the weekends. There are an additional seven pilgrims that are unconfirmed which would give us twelve (12) women and eight (8) in total. So what does this mean? There are opening left for twenty four (24) women and twenty eight (28) for the weekends, so we have a lot of work left to do!

Three times during His final hours before the cross, Jesus said to Peter, “if you love me, feed my sheep.” I know that you love Him too. What better way to feed His sheep than at a seventy-two hour banquet? Remember that in His eyes, we all are somebody, so I know that somebody is going to claim the blessing that is on the table being set at the women's and men's fall weekends.

I look forward to seeing you at send off with a pilgrim, at candlelight serenade or at closing.

Your brother in Christ, Ed

NWGWTE Board Elections

The Northwest Georgia Emmaus community will hold their annual election for the Emmaus board at the next Gathering on October 17 at Whitesburg UMC in Whitesburg, GA. The following persons are the nominating committee. Please contact any one of these persons if you would like to nominate someone to be on the Emmaus board. The position is for a 3 year term. The board meets every other month before a gathering. We need to elect 2 men and 2 women for the open positions on the board.

Ed Beacham	404-520-0614	Billy Halbrooks	404-392-9927
Jan Lemke-Springmier	770-489-5852	Karen McEntyre	813-410-4047

These are the persons who have been nominated. You will be voting for 2 women and 2 men.

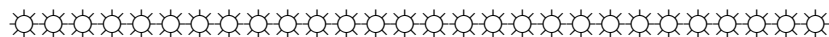
Women:

Vicky Bates
Coleen Knowles
Karen McEntyre
Sara Logan
Pam Landers

Men

Matthew Fowler
Roger Logan
Kyle Vultaggio

If you will not be able to attend the October 17 gathering, please send your proxy vote via email (so he can have it in writing) to Ed Beacham, ebeacham@comcast.net.



Ephesians 5:8

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Thoughts on today's verse

Before and after -- that's the story of grace. "I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see." If we could only fully grasp what we so easily sing then life would be filled with more grace and our churches with more confident servants of God.

Prayer:

Lord God Almighty, by your grace I know today that I stand before you welcomed into your presence and received as a beloved child. Thank you for rescuing me from all the traps of the darkness and bringing me into your light. Guide my heart and my feet so they will walk your path and show forth your light. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.