



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

August, 2009

## A Word from Linda

Psalm 31: 14-15a But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands....NRSV

It is 5:00 in the evening and my calico 10 year old pussy cat, Tiger Lily, is beginning her usual habit of reminding me that she is hungry and wants to be fed. It is always the same ritual. She is fed every morning and every evening at 6:00 sharp! Meowing, rubbing up against my legs, walking across the computer as I type this message, sitting on my arms so that I am unable to type, licking my face, staring at me with focused attention, jumping up and down off of surfaces, pacing back and forth back and forth, pushing small items like pens and pencils on to the floor, scratching on walls. Does she not realize that ever since she came to me as a kitten at 6 weeks of age that I have never failed to feed her? Does she not remember that never in her life has she starved at my hand? Will she not learn that AT THE RIGHT TIME I will come and take care of her need? Ah well? She is but a simple animal right?

But do we not do the same thing in our quest for needs from our Heavenly Father? Do we not at times act as if God is unaware of our circumstances, our needs, our wants, our hopes and orientations? Although God has never failed us in our lives, do we still fail to remember his faithfulness to us when we feel desperate for some “thing” to ease our present situation or feared for future?

That is one reason I am so thankful for our Emmaus experiences in which most of our pilgrims find that God is more than sufficient for our needs and we do not need to live in fear but in praise. In this last set of walks in the spring we as a community have learned the same thing. We came to you desperate and in fear that these walks would have to be canceled. We did not have enough pilgrims; we could not afford to do our ministry. We appealed to you and you were God’s answer to us. You supplied us with 19 men and 25 women. We put these walks in God’s hands and you answered in your time. Praise God and thank you! Keep up the good work!! O.K. Tiger Lily, it’s 6:00 and I will feed you. Praise God!

In Christ, Linda



Hello everyone!!

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!

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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](http://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.



Board Members for 2009

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| Chair: Ed Beacham  | Set -Up/Tear Down – Billy Halbrooks     |
| Vice-Chair– Steve Standridge                                   | Send Off/Candlelight – Steve Standridge |
| Secretary – Sharon Gladstone                                   | Communications – Sharon Gladstone       |
| Treasurer – Jan Lempke-Springmier                              | Kitchen – Karen McEntyre                |
| Registrar – Evelyn Waters                                      | Follow-Up – Calvin Waddell              |
| Gatherings – Donna Grenier                                     | Agape/Training – Debbie Beck            |
| Literature/Supplies – Donald Stevens                           | Team Selection – Gary Henkel            |
| Clergy – Linda Hessel, Julie Fuller, Tommy Holder, Frank Boone |   |

**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEB SITE TO GET THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THESE YOUR SERVANTS [WWW.NWGWTE.NET](http://WWW.NWGWTE.NET)**

## GATHERINGS 2009

When is your church going to host a gathering?

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

Graze (Covered Dish) – 6:00PM

Praise & Worship - 7:00PM

September 10th Bright Star UMC - Douglasville

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@aolcom](mailto:gardongre@aolcom)

### 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](mailto:guppy731@gmail.com)

Women's – Marsi Arcaro      404-353-1960

[marsiarcaro@comcast.net](mailto:marsiarcaro@comcast.net)

Team Meeting Dates:

Heads: August 29 9AM-12 noon

Teams: Sept 12 , Sept 26 and Oct 10 8:30AM – 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!



## NWGWTE Board Elections

This time last year we were constantly bombarded with news about the elections. We were urged to choose wisely in hopes of an even brighter future than yesterday. This fall and every fall we prayerfully nominate and elect new board members to complete our NW Georgia Emmaus Board for the following year.

The following is from our bylaws regarding the board and elections:

### **PURPOSE**

The object of the Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

The Community is affiliated with the International Emmaus Program of Upper Room Ministries, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Terms of Office**

Board members are elected by the Community members for three (3)-year terms in three (3) classes, each class having five members. Board members cannot be re-elected to consecutive terms, a term being three (3) years. Terms of office shall begin January 1 and shall terminate December 31, except for officers who shall serve until election of new officers in January.

### **Election of Board Members**

Board members are elected by the community and cannot succeed themselves unless filling a vacant term. No more than two elected members in a class can be from one local church and no more than one family member can serve on the board at one time.

The nominating committee submits nominees to elect five (5) board members. The slate must include sufficient nominees so two (2) male and (2) female laypersons and one clergy (male or female) are to be placed on the ballot.

The nominee's names will be provided to the Community in the newsletter. Voting will occur at the October gathering or by absentee ballot and updated on the floor at the October Gathering in Whitesburg on October 17, 2009

Absentee ballots must be received by the board before the date of the October gathering. Election is by majority vote of all the ballots cast.

Please contact the members of the nominating committee listed below, Their contact info (email & phone numbers) is available using our website: <http://www.nwgwte.net/>

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