



Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus

October, 2008

### **A Word from Linda:**

Philippians 3:10 “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death”

This verse is the key scripture for the women’s walk this fall. God put it plainly on Judi’s heart and has been feeding it to my soul. Do I want to know Christ? You bet I do! Understanding who he is and his will for my life that I might trust Him with all I am and have. That’s the aim of my life.

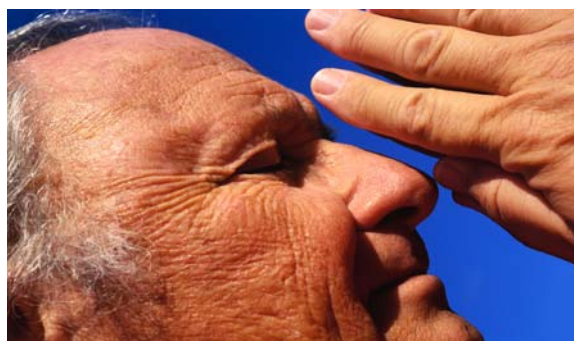
Do I want to know the power of his resurrection? Absolutely! To know that God can take all the dead places in my life and turn them into spiritual waterfalls of grace to others as I let his life flow through me.

Do I want to share in his sufferings? Well, to be honest I would like to by pass that one! But Paul says that is part and parcel of the package and to do that I will have to become like Christ in his death who emptied himself for us. What then does that suffering mean?

It does not mean having to sleep on a top bunk! It doesn’t mean observing times of silence. It might mean prioritizing my life differently. It might mean trusting God to provide that I might sponsor someone on a walk, or give towards Emmaus Scholarships. It might mean going to a gathering some distance from where I live to support the life of the community and reaping the joy of my contacts with other Christians. It might mean committing to all team meetings instead of the one I must attend to give my talk that the team might be able to work together as one body on a walk. It might be to remember when we were told, “Christ is counting on you” that we replied “And I am counting on Christ.”

Feeling separated from God? Perhaps we are taking and not giving grace to others. This scripture challenges and convicts me. Maybe it does you too.

In Christ,  
Linda





**Sponsors This is just a reminder:**

Pilgrims need to be dropped off no earlier than 6:30 for send off; the pilgrims will check in and then go into the kitchen for a snack type meal. If you come to send-off feel free to stay for the meal, everyone is invited to stay. After the pilgrims are dismissed the sponsors and anyone else who feels lead please go back into the Chrysalis room for Sponsors hour. We will pray for each Pilgrim and take communion in their name.

Candlelight will start at 9:00pm and we will gather in the kitchen. There will be people there to give directions on what to do if you have not participated in candlelight in a while. We are also in need of Janitors for Jesus; if you can't serve on the team please come and help us clean up on Sunday. By Sunday the team will be tired and the extra help will be greatly appreciated.

The walk dates are for the Men: Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 2 and the Ladies are Nov. 6 -9.



**PICTURE TAKEN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 OF BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM.**

**NOTES FROM PAT**

would like to introduce your newly elected board members for the class of 2011...Sharon Gladstone, Evelyn Waters, Gary Henkel, Donald Stevens and our clergy representative is Tommy Holder. Please be in prayer for these new board members and the entire board as they begin a new year. I would like to thank Marcia Dillard, Donna Lucas, Janice Russell, and Phil Cole for their dedication and leadership to this community as they complete their term on the board.

As I write this it is hard to believe a new set of walks will begin this Thursday. Please remember Candlelight and come out to show the new pilgrims GODS LOVE.

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Pat

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### 2008 Gathering Schedule

6:00pm Graze (pot-Luck)

7:00PM Praise & Worship

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

### 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.

January 17th New Covenant

February 21st Southern Hills

March 21st McEachern UMC

April 18th open

May 30th Villa Rica 1st UMC (this is the fourth Saturday due to Memorial Day.

This will also be Gathering and Follow-Up together)

June 20th Hiram UMC

July 18th open

August 15th Old Camp UMC

September 19th open

October 17th open

November 21st open (this will also be a Gathering/Follow-Up combo)

December no meeting due to Holidays

Contact Donna Grenier with any questions about Gatherings

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## BOARD ELECTIONS

Thanks to all the good men and women willing to serve on the Board of Directors. We appreciate your willingness to serve, and especially the willingness to sacrifice your time and give of your talents for the good of us all. We are humbled to have you as brothers and sisters.

The really important election is over, you know, ours!, and the results are as follows; Tommy Holder will serve as our Clergy representative for the next 3 years. Our laity reps will be Gary Henkle and Donald Stevens, from the men, and Sharon Gladstone and Evelyn Waters from the women. Congratulations to you all and thank you again from all of us for what you do to represent us.

Phil Cole, Chair, Nominating committee

### Hebrews 4:12

*The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

### Thoughts on today's verse

How often do you let God do major surgery on your spirit as his Spirit uses the Word to encourage, judge, motivate, convict, instruct, and inspire? With such a great tool so readily at hand for most of us, let's not let a day go by that we don't let God use his word on hearts.

### Prayer:

Almighty God, your will is my heart's desire. But I realize that I need to be fed more consistently by your Word revealed in Scripture. Give me strength and consistency in my walk with you through your Word. Through your Spirit, inspire me to change what needs to be changed and to be blessed and encouraged in the areas that I need it most. I turn to you and trust in your Word to point me in the way of life. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.'

Remember to vote November 4

