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February 2024 Chatter Matters

THE WALK TO EMMAUS VISION:

Renewing Christian Disciples,
Strengthening Local Churches

<http://www.dayspringwalktoemmaus.com/>

February Gathering

WHEN:

February 17, 2024

WHERE:

Rehoboth Missionary Baptist
Church

MEAL TIME:

6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP TIME:

8:00 p.m. @ Campground



Meet Our New Board Members

Diane Freeman,
Gatherings

In our church families, there are many obstacles to overcome. What do you find is the best and first strategy for overcoming any obstacle?

There are certainly obstacles to overcome in our



church families This is not new but does seem heightened at this time. Open communication is an absolute for overcoming obstacles and this communication must be bathed in prayer! Before, during and after communication there must be PRAYER.

One of the talks of the Emmaus weekend is “Changing Our World.” How do you find that you are changing your world?

Since retiring my World has gotten smaller but my opportunities are still there for sharing Christ daily. I know that to change my world I must start with myself. I do have more time for study and prayer with my new daily normal. I find that if I pray and study God sends me the prayers and messages to share with those I encounter and those who ask for prayer. Though I do not encounter hundreds of children on a given day any longer I do have the opportunity to pray for many more!

What is your favorite hymn or praise song? Why?

My favorite hymn is also sometimes a praise song. It is Well sung by Kristen DiMarco or our own Becca Heath. The first time I remember letting the words of the hymn really penetrate my heart was when Cleve sang it at Gloria Dubberly's son Justin's funeral. Gloria's ability to hear those words in the hardest days of her life spoke to me. Later when my mom was dying and I couldn't get to the hospital in time my dear childhood friend Susan went to her bedside in my place. Unprompted by anything but the Holy Spirit, she spoke the words to this song over my mom in her last earthy moments. Cleve sang the hymn at her funeral. Three short weeks later we also lost Cleve's mother and he sang the hymn for his family.. Listen to the Kristen DiMarco praise version sometime. Becca sang it at Journey last year and it became my favorite praise song along with my favorite hymn.



Rev. Dr. Rick Mitchell, Clergy

Tell us a little bit about yourself in 10 words of less.

I am a retired UM Pastor, married for 30 years to Deb.

Where is your favorite place to pray and why?

A chair in my bedroom because this is my “prayer place.”

In our daily lives, many responsibilities and people demand our time. How do you find the balance between what God wants with what the world wants of you?

Through staying centered through scripture and prayer.



Pam Baggett, Reunion Groups

In our church families, there are many obstacles to overcome. What do you find is the best and first strategy for overcoming any obstacle?

The best and first strategy to overcome any obstacle is to pray about it. We tend to try and handle obstacles on our own, seeking help from friends or family, and/or taking it to Facebook to get the vast wisdom of ALL your "friends". When we find this doesn't work, then we take it to God. That is where we should have started. Any obstacle can be overcome when we give it to God.

One of the talks of the Emmaus weekend is "Changing Our World." How do you find that you are changing your world?

I try to remember that everyone is dealing with something in their life (either going into, through, or coming out of a storm). Kindness and a smile can work magic. I love others like Jesus loves us. Sometimes that is hard but I know that is what the Bible instructs us to do. I strive to help others in need and love on people because I know it makes a difference in my little corner of the world.

What is your favorite hymn or praise song? Why?

Love, Mercy, and Grace - it's an old one and one that holds special memories in my heart. I grew up listening to and singing this song in church. I requested it every chance I got. I don't hear it much anymore but I still love it. It has a strong message - the world needs more love, mercy, and grace.



Velvet Stanfield, Worship Chair

If you were to have a conversation with a person from the Bible other than Jesus, who would it be and what would you discuss or ask?

If I could talk to anyone from the Bible besides Jesus, I would want to speak with Noah's wife! I would ask how she felt when he told her he was going to build a Big Boat! I admire her for being a supportive wife when everyone thought he was Crazy! I would love to hear her stories of how it was living with all the animals in a boat for so

long! She was a mother and wife living on a boat with all the animals that God instructed them to safe! I admire her for her servanthood!

What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

This verse gives me assurance that no matter what my circumstances may be, God will provide my needs! I am assured he will take care of me.

What was your hardest adjustment after returning home from your Walk to Emmaus? How did you adjust?

My hardest adjustment after my Walk to Emmaus was being patient. I was so excited to share the Walk with my friends and I wanted to Work the next Walk so bad! I wanted to work in the kitchen so I could be the rooster! I had to slow down and recognize that not all my friends were ready to attend the Walk to Emmaus. I did serve in the kitchen and I was the rooster on the next Walk! God has been so good to me and has blessed me more than I deserve.



We are trying to update our reunion groups for our new pilgrims and the community. Please send your reunion group information to [Pam Baggett](#).



Chatter Matters

The Chatter Matters is a monthly newsletter produced by the Dayspring community. It will contain the latest information on our community, Emmaus Walk, Journey, and Chrysalis news, testimonials, notes from the Board of Directors, monthly events, and other updates. To save funds, we send the bulk of the newsletters electronically using email. In

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Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of Emmaus. Many communities take sponsorship for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Yet sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. It is more than just "signing up people". The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the church affected by the movement.

First, good sponsorship is your first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really starts with how we handle sponsorship.

Second, good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include the sponsor's personal preparations for the weekend, presence at Send off, Candlelight and Closing, follow-up after the weekend, and prayer during the entire process.

Third, good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community.

For more information on sponsorship, please visit the link below:

[Sponsorship Information](#)

2024 Calendar of Events

	Date	Time	Event/Location
F e b	Feb 1	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	Feb 9-11		Journey Girls Walk
	Feb 10	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	Feb 16-18		Journey Boys Walk
	Feb 17	6:30 PM	Gathering
		8:00 PM	Candlelight
29-Feb	6:30 PM	Board Meeting	
M a r c h	Mar 2		Setup Day @ Campground
	Mar 7-10		Men's Spring Walk #118
	Mar 7	6:45 PM	Send-Off
	Mar 9	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	Mar 10	4:00 PM	Closing
	Mar 14-17		Women's Spring Walk #119
	Mar 14	6:45 PM	Send-Off
	Mar 16	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	Mar 17	4:00 PM	Closing
Mar 22	7:00 PM	PIO Party @ Tatnall Campground	
APR	Apr 4	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	Apr 27	6:00 PM	Gathering: TBA
MAY	May 2	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	May 25	6:00 PM	Gathering: TBA
J u n e	June 6	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	June 13-16		Girl's Chrysalis
	June 15	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	June 20-23		Boy's Chrysalis
	June 22	6:30 PM	Meal @ Rehoboth Missionary Baptist
8:00 PM		Worship/Candlelight @ Tatnall Campground	

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