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March 2024 Chatter Matters

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Renewing Christian Disciples,
Strengthening Local Churches

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

March Gathering

WHEN:

March 22, 2024

WHERE:

Tattnall Campground

MEETING TIME:

7:00 p.m.



Walk's #118 & #119

Message from our Lay Directors



If I were in charge of Walk 118 it would be an absolute failure. We could just cancel it now and save ourselves some misery. Fortunately, I am not in charge. I am a very small part in the great machine God has put in place for the benefit of these 24 pilgrims, their sponsors, their churches, the 58 “official” servants, the many people on the prayer vigil, and the many others who are pitching in. All those people and many people we do not even know will be blessed by this walk. My great comfort is that such a project is too valuable for God to let me mess it up.

Jesus assured us “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” With that assurance and with 117 earlier walks to prove it, we know beyond a doubt that He will be in the midst of us at the Tattnall Campground this weekend. All we have to do is pay attention and follow his lead.

Please include in your prayers, not only those participating in this walk, but those who wanted to participate but, because of circumstances, were not able to. Many problems have come up in the last few weeks. But for every problem, a solution has quickly followed. People have been willing to fill every gap. I have no doubt that we have not seen the end of the problems. I also have no doubt that we have not seen the end of the solutions.

Jesus also told us “whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Pulling off a successful walk is nothing compared to moving a mountain into the sea. I’m praying for this walk to succeed. You, please do too. And believe it will happen.

George Rountree



What has the Walk to Emmaus meant to me, and what do I plan to do about it?

Those questions I have heard so many times since my pilgrimage in March 2015. Maybe this will put my answers in perspective for you.

I remember being given the assignment to answer those two questions in front of the Dayspring community 9 years ago. Little did I know then, the plans our God had for me. *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.*

What an amazing journey this has been. I have worked most of the walks since my Walk, as well as serving on the Dayspring Emmaus Board. I would not have imagined the amazing blessings God provides when we serve on a walk either in the background or the conference room. The excitement, renewal and bonding with new and old friends who share a love for Christ is a continuing reminder of God's grace. Each Walk is a new opportunity to show the Pilgrims the face of Jesus as we love and serve them.

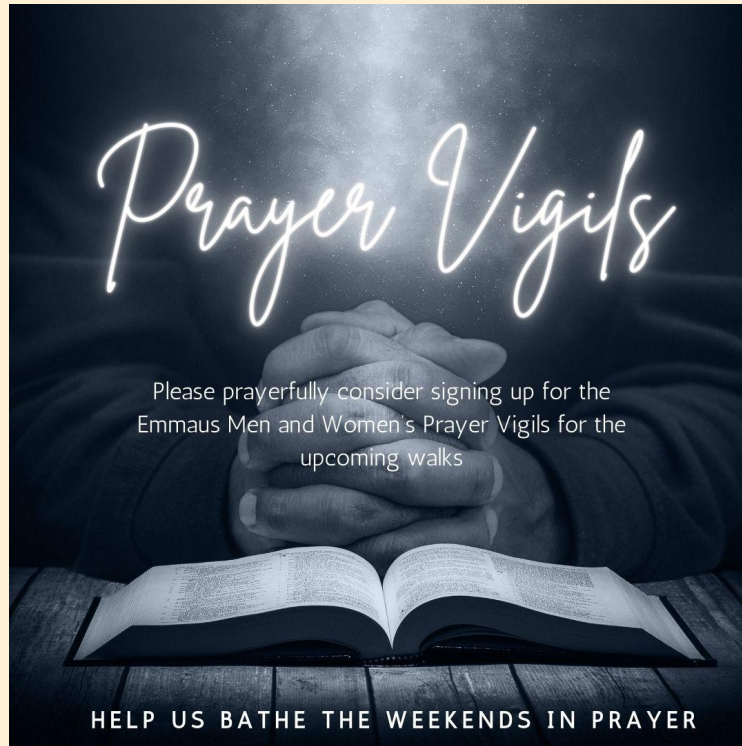
God has taught me so much over these past five years while serving on the back table: patience, perseverance, and trust. *At the right time, I, the LORD will make it happen. Isaiah 60:22* I am so humbled and excited to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #119. As a pilgrim I was the recipient of so much love and kindness. As a servant in several different roles I have been amazed at the different perspectives from which we are able to view the Emmaus Walk process. And, As Lay Director I am blessed to see the process come full circle in providing a path for believers to renew or deepen their walk with Christ. The blessings continue in the excitement of welcoming new members into our Emmaus Community on Sunday afternoon at the closing ceremony.

We have an amazing team of servants for Walk 119, both in the background and in the conference room. The team's willingness and excitement to serve is so appreciated and provides yet another example of the central focus of the Emmaus Community family who love Christ and love sharing His love with others. At this point, we are all excited to meet and get to know our special pilgrims who will attend Walk #119. Your prayers for this team and the pilgrims are so appreciated. Knowing you are out there praying before and during the Walks is a strong foundation for the weekend. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ, the pilgrims and the Dayspring Emmaus Community. As we often say, we know and trust that God will show up and

show out on that special place we call Tattnall Campground. With much love to each of you.

Decolores,

Gayle McKenzie
DWTE#91



Men's Walk Prayer Vigil

Women's Walk Prayer Vigil



Volunteers Needed:

To help with the children's activities during the Pio Party.

If interested, please reach out to [Dianne Freeman](#)



IMPORTANT

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 this case, BE SURE TO add dayspringwalktoemmaus@gmail.com to your list of personal contacts. This should prevent the newsletters from going to your spam or junk folder.

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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
M a r c h	<i>Mar 2</i>		Setup Day @ Campground
	<i>Mar 7-10</i>		Men's Spring Walk #118
	<i>Mar 7</i>	6:45 PM	Send-Off
	<i>Mar 9</i>	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	<i>Mar 10</i>	4:00 PM	Closing
	<i>Mar 14-17</i>		Women's Spring Walk #119
	<i>Mar 14</i>	6:45 PM	Send-Off
	<i>Mar 16</i>	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	<i>Mar 17</i>	4:00 PM	Closing
<i>Mar 22</i>	7:00 PM	PIO Party @ Tatnall Campground	
APR	<i>Apr 4</i>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	<i>Apr 27</i>	6:00 PM	Gathering: Statesboro Worship
MAY	<i>May 2</i>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	<i>May 25</i>	6:00 PM	Gathering: Nevils Crossroad Church
J u n e	<i>June 6</i>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	<i>June 13-16</i>		Girl's Chrysalis
	<i>June 15</i>	8:00 PM	Candlelight
	<i>June 20-23</i>		Boy's Chrysalis
	<i>June 22</i>	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Meal @ Rehoboth Missionary Baptist Worship/Candlelight @ Tatnall Campground
J U L Y	<i>July 1</i>		Pilgrim App for Fall Walks DUE
	<i>July 11</i>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	<i>July 18</i>	7:30 PM	Gathering: Tatnall Campmeeting Service
AUG	<i>Aug 1</i>	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
	<i>Aug 26</i>	6:00 PM	Gathering: Jesus Saves

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