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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Chrysalis Follow-up HOOT

The Follow-up HOOT will be at Toccoa First United Methodist Church on August 2, 2008. All Chrysalis community members are invited. The fun starts at 6:00 pm.

407 East Tugalo Street
Toccoa, GA

DIRECTIONS: From Athens: (1 hour 15 minutes driving time.)
Take Highway 106 all the way (through Ila and Carnesville) to Toccoa. Cross Highway 123 (first traffic light), go two blocks and turn right on Tugalo Street. The church is five blocks on left.
OR: Take Highway 441 to I-85. Go north to Exit 57 (Highway 106); go left to Toccoa.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 706-886-9446

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August Emmaus Gathering

August Gathering is at Commerce First United Methodist Church at 6:30 August 8, 2008.

Covered Dish.

First United Methodist Church
54 Cherry St
Commerce, GA 30529

DIRECTIONS: From Athens, take Hwy 441 north toward Commerce. You will see a Chevrolet dealer on the left as you come into Commerce. Before you cross the railroad tracks, turn left. The church is approximately 1.5 miles on the right.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: (706) 335-4018

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS !

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Upcoming Gatherings for 2008*Second Friday of Month*

September 12: Central Presbyterian, Athens, 7:30
 October: Walks--no Gathering
 November 14: Follow-Up Gathering (Everyone Invited)
 Athens First United Methodist, 6:30
 December: No Gathering

All gatherings, unless noted, start at 7:30 pm. If you have any questions about Gatherings, or would like to offer your church for a future Gathering, contact Don Hamilton at donh55@gmail.com .

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Community Prayer Chain

Please be sure to sign up for the community prayer chain so that you can stay informed of what is going on and be lifted up in prayer. To sign up, simply send an email.

To: community@fourthdays.org

Subject: Subscribe

You will receive an email notification once you have been added.

DeColores,
Dennis Smock

Blessing Pilgrims With Agape ... Start Now!

Do you remember all the different forms of agape that you were blessed with on your walk? Following is a list of such agape along with the Emmaus guidelines.

Pilgrims are supported by several forms of agape given by the local and international Emmaus communities as signs of God's loving presence.

General Agape may include letters addressed to the pilgrims as a group from other Emmaus and Cursillo communities and from individual members or groups within communities or banners made on the pilgrims' behalf. General agape is first introduced on Friday afternoon after the Justifying Grace talk.

Table Agape is the endless variety of gifts that appears on the dining tables at each person's place throughout the weekend. Some table agape may come from other communities, but most of it will come from the members and Reunion Groups of the local Emmaus community. Table agape is a wonderful sign of God's inexhaustible love for each one of the pilgrims. Table agape is an expression of unconditional love; therefore personal names are NOT attached, although Reunion Group or church names are acceptable.

Snack Agape is the fruit, cookies, and refreshments that are made available throughout the weekend for the pilgrims beginning with the send-off on Thursday evening.

Personal Agape comes in the form of personal letters to the pilgrims written by family members, friends and members of the Emmaus community. Personal agape letters are powerful evidence to each pilgrim that he or she is personally loved by those who know the pilgrim best and has the greatest impact of the Walk to Emmaus. East sponsor quietly collects at least eight-twelve letters for his or her pilgrim and makes sure they are at the campsite by Saturday night. A meaningful time for team members to write the pilgrims is after the Walk as it lets the pilgrims know that the friendships they developed did not stop at the end of the three days, and it supports them in their Fourth Day.

Personal agape should NOT include personal gift items or bouquets of flowers that are given to one pilgrim and not to all. Such agape will be returned to the sponsor for delivery after the walk.

Karlene Lawrence
Agape Chairperson

FALL WALKS - PRAYER VIGIL SIGNUP

We had such a great response for signing up for the Chrysalis prayer vigil online that I took the liberty of creating sign-ups for the upcoming Fall Walks. They can be seen at: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

In order to sign up, click on the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Fall Walks. Find the time slot that you want and click sign-up, this will lead you to a new page. You will need to enter in your name, email, location, and country. Email is required so that you can receive a reminder of when you have signed up to pray.

Again, that site is: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

Sign up early and often.

The Walk to
Emmaus



The sponsor's role in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis

The Walk to Emmaus has a different way of recruiting participants than is customary in most church programs. People who have been on the Walk invite other people to attend and become their sponsors. Sponsors determine who among the active members of a church would be interested in attending a Walk, would benefit from it, and would extend those benefits to the congregation.

The sponsor's initial role is to explain to a potential pilgrim the purpose and format of the Walk so that he or she can make an informed decision about attending. The sponsor supports the pilgrim before the Walk and afterwards as the pilgrim integrates the Walk to Emmaus into his or her life.

The sponsor helps to involve the pilgrim in a Fourth Day Reunion Group, takes him or her to a Community Reunion Gathering, and guides him or her in the process of returning to the congregation. The Walk to Emmaus is an intense experience, and the pilgrim makes a commitment to be fully involved in the experience; the sponsor is expected to help with the pilgrim's concerns at home, such as child care or church responsibilities. In some communities, the sponsor also pays the pilgrim's expenses.

Sponsorship is perhaps the major reason for the Walk's success. It has done more than anything to create informed participation. Pilgrims know what they are doing, and pastors and denominational leaders can support the Walk with confidence. Because of their sponsors, pilgrims are able to sustain discipleship after the weekend.

*Reprinted from **Coming Down from the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation** by Lawrence Martin*

Team Training for Fall Walks

We pray that you are enjoying a blessed summer as you relax and spend time with family and friends. Please include in your thoughts and prayers our Fall Walks #32 and #33. Prayers are being offered daily for those God would call to serve as team members and sponsors and for those He will call to attend as pilgrims. Be praying for God to show you who He wishes you to sponsor and go ahead and get your pilgrims registered! What a blessing it will be to share God's love with a new group of pilgrims side by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ!

With the Love of the Lord,
 Jenny Richardson & Steve Ebbert

Training dates - August 23 - BOARD TRAINING, hopefully everyone will attend this one

September 13

September 27

All are at TuckstonFUMC



KAIROS

Ladies interested in working a team for Kairos Prison Ministry at Lee Arrendale State Prison in early November. The team is now being formed. Any one (ladies) interested in being a part of this team should contact Kathy Tasker at ktasker@bellsouth.net or 770-725-6537 for more information.



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He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35)

Be Still . . .
Devotionals for Daily Living

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
 (Psalms 51:10 (KJV))

Is that your desire? Do you wish for God to create a clean heart within you? Do you long for the things that are of God, or do you only pay "lip service" to God and do whatever you want to the rest of the time.

Acknowledging God does not make you righteous. Acknowledging that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God does not make you a Christian. Satan and his legions acknowledge both of these facts, yet, they continue to do whatever they desire in their sinful, arrogant and prideful hearts. You could even say that they have dirty hearts, for they do exactly opposite of what God desires. Their spirits are evil and bad.

Take a look at yourself. Do you follow after God in all things? Do you desire what God desires? What is the condition of your heart and spirit?

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**Upcoming Emmaus Walk
 and Chrysalis Flight Dates**

Fall 2008 - Emmaus

Men's #32 October 16-19
 Women's #33 October 23-26

Spring 2009 - Emmaus

Men's #33 March 19-22
 Women's #34 March 26-29

Summer 2009 - Chrysalis

Boy's June 11-14
 Girl's June 18-21

Fall 2009 - Emmaus

Men's #34 October 15-18
 Women's #35 October 22-25

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