



De Colores

The Athens Area Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis Newsletter

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Chrysalis HOOT

Saturday, August 14, 2010 @ 6:00 PM
Commerce First Methodist Church
54 Cherry St. • Commerce, GA 30529
Office: (706) 335-4018

Google Directions

The follow-up HOOT will be held in Commerce at the Emmaus Gathering. Food, fellowship and fun. Come and see old and new friends.

Fly with Christ !

Athens Area August Gathering Info

Summer has just about wound down and school is starting back up for many. Our community has had our summer month off for fun and relaxation but Gods work continues. Our Chrysalis community held their Boys walk this June in Hartwell. Their follow-up Hoot will be combined with our August Gathering in Commerce at the First Methodist Church on SATURDAY, August 14 beginning at 6:00. We will have a covered dish supper for everyone as we have in recent months and then break apart for part of the program. After our community development time, announcements and Reunion Group time we will rejoin with the Chrysalis community for our Fourth Day talk which will be given by an Emmaus Family this month.

Remember, anyone is welcome at our Gatherings. We don't have any secrets, just a few small surprises from time to time. This would be an excellent opportunity to invite a prospective Pilgrim to join us to get an idea of what Emmaus can mean to your family.

Child care will be provided for those needing it for the meeting time following supper. We plan to wrap the evening up around 8:00.

Please make your plans to attend this special Gathering on August 14 at 6:00 in Commerce.

Visit us on-line at www.fourthdays.org for all of your team applications, Pilgrim and Caterpillar applications, and back-issues of De Colores

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The Walk to
Emmaus



Upcoming Gatherings

Our September Gathering will be at Central Presbyterian Church on Alps Rd. in Athens on Friday, September 10th starting at 6:15. We plan to have a covered dish supper this month also. Child care will be provided for the program and worship portion of the evening as well.

The October Gatherings will be at the Mennonite Camp for the Men's Candlelight on Saturday, Oct. 16th and for the Women's Candlelight on Saturday, Oct. 23rd starting with praise and worship at 8:00. The Follow-up Gathering for the Fall walks will be at Athens First UMC downtown on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. We will start at 6:00 with a covered dish dinner. (Fried chicken will be provided). Our program and worship will begin around 7:00 with child care being provided. We plan to wrap up around 8:30.

September 10th – Central Presbyterian – Athens
 October – Candlelight for Men's and Women's Walks – Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 at 9:00 in Hartwell.
 November 12th – TBD
 December – No Gathering

Upcoming Emmaus Walk and Chrysalis Flight Dates

Fall 2010 - Emmaus

Men's #35 October 14-17
 Women's #36 October 21-24

Easter April 24, 2011

Spring 2011 - Emmaus

Men's #36 March 17-20
 Women's #37 March 24-27

Summer 2011 - Chrysalis

TBD - Boys
 TBD - Girls

Fall 2011 - Emmaus

Men's #37 October 13-15
 Women's #38 October 20-23

Men's Lay Director Update

The end of summer is a busy time for many of us. School is starting back up, vacations are pretty much over for a while, and hopefully many of us are starting to settle back into a routine. Planning has been going on for several months now for the upcoming Fall Walks as well. The teams have been assembled and letters have been sent out with all sorts of information about training days and duties. I remember my walk several years ago and now marvel at all the planning and preparation that went in to those three days. I continue to be humbled by the duties and energy others have taken upon themselves or given to assist me in planning and preparing for this walk so far. Thank you for your prayers as well.

Please continue to hold these walks up in your prayers and pray for those who would be Sponsors as well as Pilgrims. We have room for several men on the Fall Walk as we are less than half full at this time. If you have been considering being a Sponsor or talking with someone about attending an Emmaus walk perhaps now is the time to take action. I have found that God will close doors many times when I think something seems right but isn't in His timing. I have also found doors opened I never expected to see AFTER I have taken the initiative to move in a certain direction – usually in response to a still small voice or maybe just a strong feeling and sometimes without knowing exactly why. God is faithful to His promises. We just need to listen when He speaks and be obedient.

DeColores, Alan B. Cannon
 Lay Director – Men's Walk #35

Agape Reminder

Yes, it's me again, reminding all of you that we need Agape for the fall walks.

I have the Agape Sign-up Board, which includes some ideas if you haven't come up with that special agape idea yet. I will have it at the first training on Aug. 7th, and at the gatherings this month, and in September. Remember we need 65 pieces for the Conference Room and Dining Room, and 50 pieces for Pillow agape. Also, be thinking about creating an Agape Poster from your Reunion Group.

God bless you as you and your Reunion Groups as you work together to show agape love to the men and women who will be attending the walks. Thank you.

Martha Crisler, Agape Chairperson

Women's Lay Director Update

DON'T GIVE ME JESUS....

....if giving me Jesus means telling me about your beliefs, then walking away.

Don't give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means judging me by appearance, but never trying to see who I really am.

Don't give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means you're right no matter what, and I'm wrong no matter what.

DO GIVE ME JESUS.....

....if giving me Jesus means walking beside me just like Jesus walked beside lepers and losers.

Do give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means listening more than talking.

Do give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means laughing with me when I need to laugh, and crying with me when I need to cry.

Do give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means letting me know when my actions are harmful or destructive.

Do give me Jesus, if giving me Jesus means being my friend.

If you give me Jesus wrapped in your friendship, I may be more ready to listen to what you have to say.

-----Anonymous

Though the Walk to Emmaus, we have all had the gift of Jesus given to us in a special way, by special people, your sponsors. Now is the time for you to prayerfully consider sponsorship for the Fall Walks. The deadline is fast approaching, and there is a minimum number of pilgrims required for each walk to take place.

I urge you to print out an pilgrim application on the website, www.fourthdays.org, and mail it right away. You may also contact Registration Chair, Kathy Whitaker at 706-207-5596 or Board Chair, Karlene Lawrence at 706-549-6411 or karlene.lawrence@gmail.com to let them know that you are sponsoring pilgrims but have not completed the paperwork.

I pray that you will sponsor, as God leads you, and pass on the gift of Jesus in this unique and awesome way. Both teams are preparing to serve in October.

In Him,
Mary Brubaker, Lay Director
Women's Walk # 36

IT'S GETTING CLOSER!

The deadline for sponsoring a pilgrim has been extended to August 14 (due to my math error). Isn't God awesome? He knew we needed the extra week to meet our numbers. YEAH GOD.

The Board and Lay Directors have been working hard to make it possible to host these walks. The teams are full and are ready to prepare their hearts for service. However, we still need pilgrims for both the men's and women's walk.

Fred Watson, the southeast Emmaus rep attended our board meeting last Sunday. Fred was a tremendous asset to our meeting and helped the board with some pending decisions. He praised our community for allowing God to be the focal point of our walks.

If you are planning to sponsor someone on the fall walk, please get your application into Kathy Whitaker

ASAP. You can email Kathy at: kathywhitaker.rn@gmail.com to let her know you are planning on sponsoring someone.

These walks are God's walks. As the body of Christ we are charged with seeking the people that He wants on these walks. It is important that we ALL do our part. You were given this gift because your sponsor prayerfully chose and took the time for you.

When you received your cross you were told, "Christ is counting on you!" I ask you to prayerfully consider what Christ would have you do for these walks.

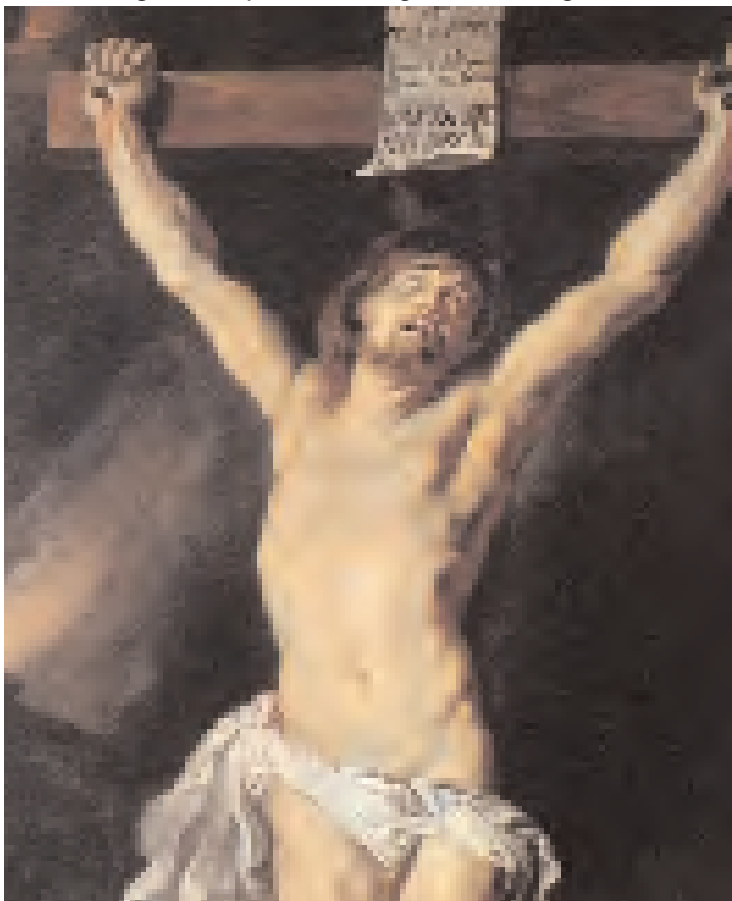
Please begin now to pray for these upcoming walks, sponsors and pilgrims. The prayer vigil will be available at the upcoming family gathering on Sat., August 14th. Please make sure you sign the prayer vigil.

DeColores, Karlene Lawrence
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karlene.lawrence@gmail.com

The Emmaus Experience and the Difference that it has made in my spiritual journey:

In the spring of 2008, I was approached by my sponsor and invited to attend the Men's Athens Area Walk to Emmaus. Hi. My name is Mo Flexner and I attended the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus #31, where I sat at the table of Peter. Before my Emmaus experience, I set aside little or no time to pray for me, my family or others. How can we ever expect to grow closer to God if we don't take and make the time to get to know Him? Before my Emmaus experience, I never slowed down and actually tried to listen to what God was trying to tell me. My focus was on everything other than God...on myself my family, my job, my friends, my things...I had little or no spiritual discipline. Before my Emmaus experience, I had never really reflected on my sins, and never considered talking about them to others in a small group setting or better yet laying them before the Son and the Father to figure out the best way to let go of them and move on. Before my Emmaus experience, I made no deliberate attempts to read religious books or material in addition to the Bible. It's both sad and painful to admit, but my priorities before my Emmaus experience were myself, myself, myself, my job, my family, my friends and my church.

Since my walk in 2008, I am learning to set aside some quiet time in the morning and evenings for prayer and study (a work in progress). Psalm 46:10 states: "Be still and know that I am God." Whether I'm out on a bike ride, talking on the phone, sitting in a meeting or a church



pew, I am now trying to learn to take a deep breath and realize the constant power and presence of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Since my walk in 2008, I have taught a few Sunday School classes at church and am continuing to do so when asked, not because I feel like I have to, but because I want to... a pretty amazing transformation when you consider that I had not been attending church regularly for over three decades prior to my Emmaus experience!

Since my Walk to Emmaus, I've read several-life changing books, including Mere Christianity, Wild at Heart, When God Whispers Your Name, and Point Man, to name a few. There are several others that I am looking forward to reading this year based on the recommendations from friends at church and within the Emmaus community.

Having recently worked two Emmaus Men's walks since my walk has been an incredible blessing for me, and I never would have imagined it would be possible to be blessed more than I was during my walk. I would highly recommend to anyone that has yet to work a walk to pray and consider giving back to the Emmaus community which provides so much for so many deserving people...you will gain a perspective that will help you understand and appreciate all of the little things that go into a walk that make it so endearing and enduring. I am constantly reminding myself that "it's not about me" in the Fourth Day that lies ahead, but rather it's all about Him and the Emmaus Pilgrims that He wants us to serve. Until we meet again in the Hartwell Camp. Be blessed!!! DeColores

Reunion Groups:

As we approach the Fall Walk we are all trying to recognize individuals that might be spiritually ready to participate in the weekend. What a great opportunity to share a wonderful gift of agape with a special person. Take time to encourage someone that may have expressed an interest in the past. They may be ready to accept if invited.

Don't forget how important your Forth Day has been for you. It is not too early to start thinking about reunion group opportunities for your pilgrim. Remember, it is what you do with your Forth Day that affects your relationship with Christ. Be a part of your pilgrim's Forth Day. Be creative and make sure your pilgrim finds a reunion group.

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.



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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***

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Sing praises to the LORD, enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.
(Psalms 9:9-11 (NIV))

God is a God of hope, not despair. When we are faced with the troubles that the world brings upon us, look up. God gives us hope. Hope for tomorrow. Hope for justice. Hope for eternity. He is our refuge in times of trouble.

Yet, He is more than that. He is our rock, our foundation. Through Jesus Christ, He has given us hope of salvation for the world. He has given those who believe a knowledge of peace that those who don't believe do not have. If this is not a place of refuge, then we have no place to truly take refuge. God knows what we need and what we seek. It is a place of safety and hope. That place is provided through Jesus Christ.

Sing praises to God and tell everyone you know what God has done for you.

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