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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

ATHENS AREA WALK TO EMMAUS

SPONSORSHIP AND TEAM APPLICATION DATES

Spring 2012 - Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Dates

- Men's Weekend – April 12 – 15, 2012
- Women's Weekend – April 19 – 22, 2012

Sponsorship / Pilgrim Applications

- January 12, 2012 – Pilgrim Sponsorship Application Deadline

We must receive enough pilgrim applications to meet the minimum amount to host a walk by Jan. 12, 2012.

Team Dates

- January 2, 2012 – Requested Team Application Date
- January 12, 2012 – Team Selection

Team Training Dates

- o February 11 – Tuckston UMC
- o February 18th – Tuckston UMC
- o March 3rd – Tuckston UMC
- o March 24th – Tuckston UMC

Pilgrim and Team applications are available at www.fourthdays.org

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



January Gathering

Put it on your calendar! After a couple of plan changes, we have settled on a date for our next gathering. It will be Tuesday, January 10 at Grace Fellowship church, 1120 Malcom Bridge Road Bogart, GA. If you're not familiar with the location, it is just off of Highway 53 between Watkinsville and Winder and is near Hodges Mill Rd. We decided to give Tuesday night a try since it has seemed to work well for our recent follow-up gatherings. The meeting will start with a covered dish dinner at 6:00 followed by the program at 7:00. Hopefully you are talking to prospective pilgrims for the spring walks. Just as a reminder, this gathering is 2 days before the deadline for determining whether we will hold a walk this spring, so get those applications in.

Agape Update

Thank you all so much for the beautiful and generous agape you made for the men and women who attended the fall walks. I am in the process of going through all the leftovers, and will be sending them to Nashville to be used for International Walks, so your agape will keep on blessing new pilgrims around the world. The spring walks are in April, and it's not too soon to think about agape for these new pilgrims. Some of the community are already working on prayer shawls for the spring walks. They need lots of donations of yarn, and some of you who knit to help make the shawls. Email Karlene at karlene.lawrence@gmail.com for information. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving as we all pause and give thanks to God for all his blessings this year and always.

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Martha Crisler, Board Agape Chair

Preparing The Way For The Spring Walks

I never realized, even after serving on the board for four years, how much prayer is needed to prepare for an upcoming walk. The first two people who signed up to work the women's walk, in April, were Martha and Mary and they both want to work in the prayer chapel. How cool is that, Martha and Mary? I feel so blessed that God has already brought forth these two prayer servants to being praying for the spring walk.

It is not too early to send in your team and pilgrim applications. I am praying that people will not wait until the last minute to pray about working and sponsoring pilgrims. Our prayer life can sometimes be affected with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. I am thankful to have a reunion group and a prayer partner to keep me accountable with my prayer life.

I ask you to join me in prayer over the next few months that God will bring forth the team and the pilgrims for the men's and women's spring walks.

I am truly humbled to serve as Lay Director for the spring women's walk. It has already been an amazing journey to see God at work as He prepares for this amazing event.

Blessings,
Karlene Lawrence



Want to give a gift that keeps on giving? Give the gift of an Emmaus Walk. You and the Pilgrim will be blessed forever !!

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring for the Spring Walks and get your applications to me **NO LATER** than **January 13th**. We need **20 pilgrims** for the walks to move forward. This is dependant on you and your call to sponsorship. Pay it forward and give someone else the gift that was given to you. What a great Christmas gift !! You can print the application off of the **Fourthdays.org** website. Click on the **AAWTEIMS** link and you will find the apps. I can also send you one if you need me to. Just let me know.

Christ is counting on you !!
Lori Price
Registration Chair

Back to the Future.....Sort of

This issue of the AAWTE newsletter takes us back to the future. For years, the newsletter was delivered by the US Postal Service to members of the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus. With the advent of technology, that practice was discontinued in favor of email which was faster and cheaper. The board of directors has become increasingly aware that not all members receive email due to filters that are put in place by internet service providers. Therefore, we will begin sending out a newsletter by USPS quarterly. We will also continue sending the email newsletters. This should help improve communication within the community and encourage participation in the activities of the community by reaching as many members as possible. As always, members of the community are encouraged to contact board members with any concerns or ideas that they may like to share. The printed newsletters will have a calendar that members of the community can keep as a reference during the year in addition to short, informative articles written by board members. Again, if you have any suggestions, please contact a board member so we can do our best to serve you best in the following year.

Henry Norman
Vice- Chair AAWTE

Prayer Opportunities

I wanted to bring to your attention the online site that we used to schedule our prayer vigil for the last walks. This site not only made it easier for our community to sign up for the vigils, but we had people signing up from all over the world, as far away as Australia. I wanted to mention this and encourage you to take a look at this web site

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

There you will find walks from communities all over the world and just about any weekend. I know I appreciated the prayers of folks from other states and other countries for our walk, and I would like to encourage you to sign up for a slot on one of their weekends.

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John Worley



Call to Discipleship

For many months now I have been struggling with my growing concern for individuals that I love dearly that are caught up in the trials and tribulations of the weak economy and or serious health issues. I have tried, with very limited success, to help fix a loved one's financial problem. It is only now, in my failure and the news that my family member has cancer that I am once again reminded that I am not in control.

Yes, God has blessed me with a certain amount of resources. I accept that I am supposed to utilize those resources to serve others for God's glory. But, we are never supposed to stray too far away from our Lord and Savior at any time. We sometimes pray for God to help us come up with a solution instead of presenting Christ as the solution. We are called to "take Christ to the party". Christ is the solution.

Each week as I approach the time I spend with my Reunion Group I seem to on constant alert to recognize my calls to discipleship. Many times I fail to act on these calls. Sometimes I get a second chance to address the opportunity. Praise God! In any event, I look forward to sharing my blessings and struggles with my reunion group. With God's help, they bring clarity to many situations.

God Bless,
Jim Timberlake
Board Representative- Reunion Groups





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

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Be Still . . . Devotionals for Daily Living

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."
(Luke 17:6 (NIV))

This is the time of year when it is easy to have faith. Christmas brings it out in many people, even those who are not true believers. This is the time of year when we, as believers, must present our faith to the world in such a manor that it is obvious that true faith makes us different from the rest of the world. We must believe with all of our heart, body, mind and spirit that what Jesus said will happen. It is this faith that we present to the world that will bring people to Jesus.

Do you have faith as small as a mustard seed? A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, yet, it grows into a big tree. Jesus is saying that He can use our faith, no matter how small, to accomplish His work.

Has your faith grown to be as big as a mustard seed yet?

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