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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JANUARY

**NEW AND
IMPROVED
Community
Email
Signup -
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Athens Area Gathering

Friday, January 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm
Jones Chapel United Methodist Church
Corner of HWY29 and Jones Chapel Road
Danielsville, Georgia

DIRECTIONS: From Athens, go north on HWY 29 through Danielsville. Go north out of Danielsville towards Royston about 5.7 miles to Jones Chapel Road. The church is on the left.
CHURCH PHONE NUMBER: 706.795.3734

BRING YOUR WORSHIP BOOKS !

As the Emmaus Board, we have been looking at ways to make what we do as your Board to be more efficient with the funds that we have. One of the ways we have decided to start is to make this newsletter available online for everyone with the least amount of confusion as possible for everyone.

Let me give you a little bit of background on why we are implementing this for everyone. As we started out with our first Walks and Flights the amount of money that was being spent was not that large and that was the best way to get the information to everyone, but as the Walks and Flights have grown and more and more people have been on the Walks and Flights the cost has continued to grow. At the present time we are spending upward of \$6000.00 a year on the newsletter publication and its distribution. As times have changed and technology has advanced, there are better and more efficient ways to distribute the newsletter to everyone and in a timelier manner and more efficiently.

We can not sign you up for the online newsletter, you will have to do this for yourself. This only takes a few minutes to sign up and get your newsletter online, but remember, we can not do it for you. We also know that everyone does not have email and some people probably never will and we know that. We will still mail the newsletter to those who do not have email, but we are hoping that that will be very few. The online price is FREE and we are mailing out about 1300+ newsletters a month. You can see the potential savings that the Community could have. Just go the website at; <http://www.fourthdays.org> and sign up today at the New Prayer Chain Email Delivery link or simply send an email to community@fourthdays.org with the word "Subscribe" in the subject line.

Remember that we can not do it without you.

Thanks, Lamar Wages - Communications, Literature, Newsletter

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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Gathering at Jones Chapel: A Homecoming

In April of 1993, the first Athens Area Walk to Emmaus was held. The pilgrims and sponsors gathered for Send Off at Jones Chapel UMC, usually after barbecue across the road at Zeb's. The pilgrims left on a rickety bus for an unknown destination through back roads to the Mennonite Campground. This tradition continued for many walks. Gathering at Jones Chapel is a homecoming for those of us who went to Send Off there. Come and remember or hear the stories. Invite others to attend.

A small group of people in our area who had attended the Walk to Emmaus came together to form this community. The community continues through sponsorship and serving on teams for the walks. Someone came up to my husband once and said, "Pat, you are my Emmaus grandfather because you sponsored my sponsor." Almost all of us can trace our sponsor back to those who formed the community and sponsored those who went on those first walks.

Emmaus continues through prayerful sponsorship, and service on an Emmaus team. When the community is large, people often think that someone else will "do it", but it is our responsibility to be open to God's call. Who are you lead to invite to an Emmaus Walk? Who needs a second or third invitation?

Teams are formed through a selection process from the applications submitted. People with experience and those new to Emmaus are needed for the teams. No position is more important than any other, and it takes people in all positions for the weekend to happen. Will you make time to serve on the walk this spring? Team and pilgrim applications are available www.fourthdays.org

Another form of service to the community is serving on the Athens Area Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors whose members serve a three-year term. We extend our appreciation for their servant leadership to those rotating off the board: Kent Lawrence who led our community last year as Community Chairperson, David Moore who was our Community Spiritual Director, Deb Williams who headed Team Selection and served as Vice-Chairperson, Jim Woods who conducted the Gatherings, and Tommy Kennedy and Wayne Douglas who served as Assistant Spiritual Directors. Those elected to the Board are David Bowen and Laurel Gentleman as Assistant Spiritual Directors and Kelly Lacey, Don Hamilton, and Charlie Wurst as lay persons. Beth LaRocca-Pitts was elected Community Spiritual Director and I will serve as Chairperson of the Board for 2007. The February DeColores will have the updated information on the board and positions.

It is humbling to serve God through Emmaus. Remember that "Christ is counting on you" and that we are counting on Christ as we serve.

In Christ's love,
Dianne Morrison
dianne.morrison@gmail.com

Dear Brothers & Sisters of the Athens Emmaus Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform those who may not know how your church might host a monthly gathering. These regular gatherings are a great opportunity to find out how God is working in our community and our individual lives through prayer, worship and fellowship.

1. Contact the Board for available dates.
2. Check your church calendar for open 2nd Friday nights.
3. Get permission from your pastor to use the church facilities and invite him or her to serve communion. Will your fellowship hall accommodate 80-120 people?
3. Arrange music. If you have a praise band or musicians in your church even if they have not been on the walk their servant hood is welcome.
4. Arrange for child care. The Emmaus community will pay what ever your nursery or child care workers are normally paid.
5. Provide elements, chalices and plates for communion.
6. Arrange for a 4th Day speaker from your church Emmaus community.

If you don't have musicians or a member who is lead to give the 4th Day talk contact the Board and we can help.

All we need are Emmaus community members to step forward to this level of servant hood.

Spring Agape

It is never too early to be thinking of your agape for the next set of walks. There are many things you can do. We need 75 pieces of agape per walk for the conference room, kitchen and cabins. We need snack agape to serve the pilgrims as desserts and conference room snacks. If you bring food, please bring enough to serve the entire group. Agape received during the weekends is such a blessing to each pilgrim. Thank you for all you will do! If you have questions, contact Jenny Richardson at andy8@charter.net or (706)769-0359.

NEW AND IMPROVED Community Email Sign-up

I have located a better way to send out the emails to the community. **In fact, as a way to control costs on the newsletter mailing each month, the board is considering ONLY delivering this newsletter by email through these lists.** Please take the time to sign up for one or both email lists so that you can stay in touch with the community.

The process has gotten a lot easier. Simply send an email to the following address(es) from the email address that you wish to receive the emails on. All you will need to do is place the word "**Subscribe**" in the subject line and then send the email. The rest is automatic.

**Athens Area Walk to
Emmaus and Chrysalis
Community Email Chain
(Prayers & News)**
community@fourthdays.org

**Be Still... Devotionals for
Daily Living**
bestill@dailylivingministries.org

De Colores,
Dennis Smock

**Dear Chrysalis & Emmaus
community,**



I am truly humbled as I come into this new year and transition into a new position on this Chrysalis board, as chairperson. We have a strong and faithful 15-member board, including 3 new members and I am beyond excited to see what awesome things God has in store for us in 2007.

We face a new challenge ahead of us in that we are preparing for 2 flights in succession this summer, and seek the support of this Chrysalis & Emmaus community as we find ourselves in need of two times the number of team members, caterpillars, sponsors and agape in June. Team selection is February 4... please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve on a team. Also, please be in prayer if you have a teenager in your life that you feel is ready for a Chrysalis flight.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to serve this community that has been such an incredible blessing in my life since my own Chrysalis flight. Please feel free to contact me or any member of our board of directors for any need.

De Colores,
Miranda Richards, Chrysalis Board
Chairperson

Chrysalis Update

This summer, the Athens Area Chrysalis Board will be sponsoring **TWO** consecutive Chrysalis Flights. The boy's Flight will be June 7-10, 2007, and the girl's Flight will be the following weekend - June 14-17, 2007. This means that we will need twice as much of everything. We will need **TWO** full teams, **TWO** full Flights of Caterpillars, **TWO** sets of Agape, and **TWO** CandleLights that we must be willing to attend.

The first step is answering God's call to be a part of one, or, for the truly brave, both teams. Please pray about your involvement in this ministry and how you can serve.

Team selection is scheduled for February 4, 2007.

It will be here before you know it. Go online and download the Team Application, pray about your involvement, fill out the application and send it to the address on the application.

<http://www.fourthdays.org/forms/chrysalis/ChrysalisTeamApp.pdf>

The next thing that we will need to do is to pray about the young men and young ladies whom God is calling to attend. If you are being led to sponsor someone, go ahead and get the ball rolling by praying. Then you can download the Caterpillar application and get your Caterpillar signed up.

<http://www.fourthdays.org/forms/chrysalis/CaterpillarApp.pdf>

De Colores and Fly with Christ !

Jennifer Wood, Girl's Lay Director
Dennis Smock, Boy's Lay Director



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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**

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD.
 "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
 though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."
 (Isaiah 1:18 (NIV))

There is something about snow that reminds us of purity. Looking out over the surrounding area after a snowfall, you become amazed at the freshness and the newness of everything. The virgin snow is pure and without blemish, just as humanity was in the beginning. Then, we start to see footprints and the effects of the sun and we see little patches of brown starting to show through.

It only takes a little blemish to start the process of degeneration. Soon, everything is muddy and brown and how we long for the purity of the way it used to be. This is the same in our lives. We cannot do anything about the snow, but we can do something about our lives.

After many years of living in this sinful world, our countenance is very muddy, but God has promised us that we will be made white as snow. He has sent us a Savior in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Through God's grace and mercy, He is willing to exchange our muddy, sinful nature for a pure, snowy countenance in which all things have been forgiven. All it takes is a simple, heartfelt longing and an acceptance of this God given grace and mercy.

The purity of the snow is only temporary. God gives a purity that lasts an eternity.

**Upcoming Emmaus Walk
 and Chrysalis Flight Dates**



- Spring 2007 - Emmaus**
 Men's #29 April 12-15
 Women's #30 April 19-22
- Summer 2007 - Chrysalis**
 Boys - June 7-10
 Girls - June 14-17
- Fall 2007 - Emmaus**
 Men's #30 Oct 11-14
 Women's #31 Oct 18-21